

**STATE OF VERMONT**  
**FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUEST**  
**DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES, AGING AND INDEPENDENT LIVING**

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**Department Mission Statement**

The Department's mission is to make Vermont the best state in the nation in which to grow old or live with a disability, with dignity, respect and independence.

**Description of Appropriations, Divisions, & Programs**

*The Department has five major divisions that contribute to achieving the mission.*

\* **The Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired (DBVI)** assists Vermonters who are blind or have a visual impairment to enter or return to work, much the same as VR. It also provides some funding for independent living services, to help blind or visually impaired individuals to live in and contribute to their communities. The major programs in DBVI include: The core rehabilitation work, known as Section 110 services, and the Older Blind Program.

\* **Adult Services Division (ASD)** is responsible for long-term services and supports to older Vermonters, individuals with traumatic brain injuries and adults with physical disabilities. ASD works with private organizations to provide a broad array of long-term services and supports, including: residential support, community support, case management, family supports, respite, employment support, crisis services, clinical interventions, assistance with activities of daily living, assistive technology, guardianship services, nursing home level of care, rehabilitation services, support to live at home, information and referral, integrated health care and personal care. The Division supports older Vermonters and adults with physical disabilities to live as they choose, pursuing their goals and preferences within their chosen communities. ASD seeks to ensure their basic human and civil rights, health, well-being and safety, provides effective leadership for disability and aging policy and services in Vermont, and meets federal and state mandates by developing and managing public resources effectively.

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**\*Developmental Disabilities Services Division (DDSD)** is responsible for services to people with developmental disabilities and guardianship services to adults with developmental disabilities and older Vermonters. DDSD works with private organizations to provide a broad array of long-term services and supports, including service coordination, family supports, community supports, employment supports, guardianship services, residential support, crisis support, clinical intervention, respite and rehabilitation services. The Division supports older Vermonters and Vermonters with disabilities to live as they choose, pursuing their individual goals and preferences within their chosen community. DDSD seeks to ensure their basic human and civil rights, health, well-being and safety, provides effective leadership for disability and aging policy and services in Vermont, and meets federal and state mandates by developing and managing public resources effectively.

**\* The Division of Licensing and Protection (DLP)** performs a critical role in ensuring the quality of many health care services and protecting vulnerable adults from abuse, neglect and exploitation. Major programs in DLP include Survey and Certification which conducts inspections and surveys of all Medicare and Medicaid facilities and organizations including nursing home and home health agencies, state licensure of residential care homes and other facilities, and Adult Protective Services which investigates allegations of abuse, neglect and exploitation against vulnerable adults.

**\* The Division of HireAbility** assists Vermonters with a disability to enter or re-enter the work force through a wide variety of programs and individual support services. The core program (VR Section 110) enables Vermonters with a disability to assess their skills and abilities, identify a vocational goal, develop an Individualized Plan for Employment and receive services leading to meaningful employment. VR supports people with the most significant disabilities through supported employment programs and has developed a network of specialized Transition Counselors to support young adults from school to work. The Division operates a state-wide Benefits Counseling Program to support Social Security beneficiaries to work, and the Assistive Technology (AT) Project that provides Vermonters with information and training on AT devices and services.

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**DAIL OVERVIEW FOR BAA**

**Total Net Increase for BAA (all funds combined)                    \$ 56,226,879**

This includes:

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| 1) Internal Service fund increase for Agency of Digital Services  | \$ 242,122    |
| 2) AFSCME – Collective Bargaining Agreement for Direct Care workers                                     | \$ 3,192,860  |
| 3) Choices for Care (CFC) – Nursing Home Medicaid bed day Pressure 77,755 days @ \$315 approx.          | \$ 24,492,883 |
| 4) Choices for Care – Nursing Home transition from RUG-IV to PDPM acuity calculation method.            | \$ 1,300,000  |
| 5) Choices for Care estimated Nursing Home Pressures (Emergency Financial Relief (EFR) requests)        | \$ 21,000,000 |
| 6) Choices for Care - Vermont Veterans Home (VVH) Cost Settlement to SFY23 costs.                       | \$ 4,267,958  |
| 7) Choices for Care – carryforward plan from SFY24 to SFY25 following the CFC statute (AHS net-neutral) | \$ 1,731,056  |

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**Sec. B.329 DAIL Administration**

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| 1) Internal Service fund increase for Agency of Digital Services (ADS)  | \$ 242,122          |
| 2) General Fund transfer from HireAbility Grants to HireAbility Admin (technical fund code change, net Neutral for HireAbility) | \$ 1,000,000        |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>\$ 1,242,122</b> |

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**Sec. B.330 DAIL Grants (Adult Services Division)**

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| 1) AFSCME Collective Bargaining Agreement (inc. bonus of \$87,027) | \$ 210,738 |
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**Sec. B.331 DBVI Grants (Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired)**  
 No adjustments requested.

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**Sec. B.332 HireAbility Grants**

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| 1) General Fund transfer HireAbility Grants to HireAbility Admin (technical fund code change, net Neutral for HireAbility) | \$ (1,000,000) |
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**Sec. B.333 Developmental Services (DS)**

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| 1) AFSCME Collective Bargaining Agreement (inc. bonus of \$1,085,462) | \$ 1,962,927 |
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**Sec. B.334 Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Home and Community Based Waiver**

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| 1) AFSCME Collective Bargaining Agreement | \$ 19,515 |
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**Sec. B.334.1 Choices for Care**

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| 1) AFSCME Collective Bargaining Agreement  | \$ 999,680   |
| 2) Nursing Home (NH) Medicaid bed day pressure<br>77,755 days \$315 approx.                            | \$24,492,883 |
| 3) Nursing Home transition from RUG-IV to PDPM   | \$ 1,300,000 |
| 4) Nursing Home Emergency Fiscal Relief (EFR)  | \$21,000,000 |
| 5) Choices for Care (CFC) carryforward from SFY24 to SFY25 following the CFC statute (AHS net-neutral) | \$ 1,731,056 |
| 6) Vermont Veterans Home (VVH) Cost Settlement SFY23 costs.  | \$ 4,267,958 |

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$53,791,577</b>
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