

DRAFT FY26 BAA Public Hearing Requests

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1	Organization/Program	Request Description	Request Amount	Notes
2	Vermont State Housing Authority	VSHA Voucher Contingency Fund	5,000,000	
3	Vermont Foodbank	Appropriation to AAFM for the Vermonters Feeding Vermonters grant program to support produce purchases directly from local growers	1,500,000	
4	Housing Opportunities Program	Requesting funds to support HOP direct financial assistance program, which provides families exiting homelessness with up to 3 months' rental assistance.	1,322,141	
5	Tri Valley Transit	Appropriation to address budget deficit caused by insufficient reimbursement for Medicaid patient transport.	800,000	
6	Journey to Recovery Center, on behalf of five other recovery centers (six total)	Requested \$1.6M in FY26 to maintain programming at centers statewide; \$800K in one-time was appropriated. Funds were awarded at flat rate of \$50,000 per center, with the rest distributed per Medicaid population maps. This created a gap in how the FY26 request was envisioned by centers and the way it was distributed, leaving 6 recovery organizations in need of additional funding to preserve current services and avoid deficits. Asking for the previous \$800K one-time appropriation to be increased by \$420,000 to support these six recovery centers.	420,000	
7	Commongood Vermont	One time funding for technical assistance to nonprofits navigating federal impacts	295,665	

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8	Commongood Vermont	"Base funding" for technical assistance to nonprofit recipients of State grants to strengthen financial management and compliance.	267,777	
9	Bridges to Health	Support one time transition as Bridges to Health moves from UVM to a fiscal partnership with Vermont Free and Referral Clinics.	167,700	
10	End Homelessness Vermont	Funding for disability-focused case management for homeless individuals. Will be making an additional FY27 Big Bill request, but requesting funds in BAA to address immediate needs resulting from increased caseload and federal cuts.	100,000	
11	Vermont CARES	FY26 budget appropriated \$140K to Dept. of Health to grant to Vermont CARES for HIV and harm reduction services. Requesting increased appropriation to address rising costs. Cites staffing, rent, utilities, transportation, etc.	45,000	
12	Vermont Center for Independent Living	Meals on Wheels program funding to address rising demand and costs.	30,000	

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13	Reach Up	Adjust statutory language to require that funds appropriated to Reach Up be used for ReachUp. Requester states administration annually "makes policy via the budget adjustment by doing the opposite, and redirecting funds appropriated for Reach Up to some other purpose." FY26 BAA GovRec proposes a \$2.23M caseload adjustment.		HHS committee letter supports language change in future bills but recognizes this is unlikely to occur in FY26 BAA. Supports \$2.23 GovRec adjustment in the meantime. Testimony did not suggest an appropriation amount - JFO seeking clarification.
14	Medicaid FQHC rates	Adjust Federally Qualified Health Centers's (FQHC) Medicaid rates by the Medicare Economic Index inflation adjustment factor. Testimony stated that the Legislature has historically done this annually to keep Medicaid rates in line with costs. FQHC rates were increased last session, effective 7/1/25.		Testimony did not suggest an appropriation amount - JFO seeking clarification.
15	Medicaid reimbursement rates for Tier 1 Enhanced Residential Care providers	Relates to Medicaid reimbursement for home and community-based services. FY26 Big Bill increased the rates paid to enhanced residential care providers. Testimony asserted DAIL increased payment for some levels of care but reduced it for others. E.g., Catholic Charities testified reimb. for Tier 1 services fell by 35%, argued this goes against legislative intent to increase rates. Asking for BAA to restore Tier 1 enhanced residential care rates to previous levels.		HHS committee letter supports this proposal; recommends \$1,071,550 in GF or GF/GC combo. Testimony did not suggest an appropriation amount - JFO seeking clarification.

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16	Medicaid reimbursement rate for AAA case management providers	FY26 Big Bill appropriated funds for a 2% Medicaid rate increase. Witness testified that DAIL has excluded AAA case management from rate increase implementation. Requesting funds be added to BAA to cover the 2% increase for AAA case management: a GF appropriation for the full amount for the first three quarters of FY26, and GF + federal match for Q4. (Testimony asserted DAIL has stated it cannot ask for federal match retroactively, meaning providers would only benefit from higher federal match in the final quarter of the fiscal year.)		Testimony did not suggest an appropriation amount - JFO seeking clarification.
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18		Preliminary Total Requested	\$9,948,283	Preliminary total - does not include requests w/ unspecified appropriation.