



Addressing Homelessness in Vermont

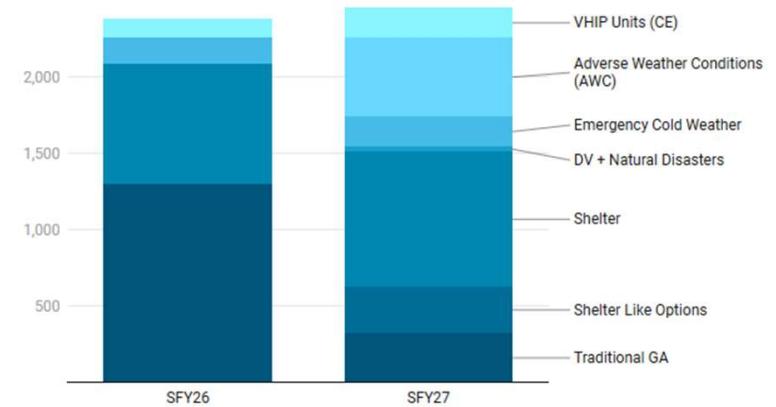
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High Level Overview

- Build a future to better serve clients and communities in a way that is sustainable with better outcomes
- Phased approach over a few years
- Invest in additional shelter capacity and services
- Modify use of hotel/motels during transition
- Better connect people to services
- Leverages programs that provide alternative housing options
- Drive a system change for how the community partners (Community Action Agencies, Shelter Providers, municipalities, Mental Health Providers, Substance Use Providers, Aging and Care providers) strategize and plan for their community needs together



Budget Components

	SFY 26 - Budget As Passed			SFY 27 - Gov Rec		
	1x approp	Base approp	Total	1x approp	Base approp	Total
Emergency Housing (Hotels and Admin)	\$ 30,500,000	\$ 8,000,000	\$ 38,500,000	\$ 15,183,809	\$ 2,788,831	\$ 17,972,640
HOP Shelter Funding/Financial Support *	\$ 2,800,000	\$ 31,145,589	\$ 33,945,589	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 38,847,906	\$ 44,847,906
Other Shelter Funding	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,104,000	\$ 12,104,000
Permanent Supportive Housing/Family Supportive Housing	\$ -	\$ 3,846,351	\$ 3,846,351	\$ -	\$ 4,282,551	\$ 4,282,551
Other Rental Assistance	\$ -	\$ 752,056	\$ 752,056	\$ -	\$ 2,152,056	\$ 2,152,056
Other Outreach/Case Management	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,275,000	\$ 1,275,000
Total	\$ 33,300,000	\$ 43,743,996	\$ 77,043,996	\$ 21,183,809	\$ 61,450,344	\$ 82,634,153

* Includes all HOP Activities. For awards summary, including full list of activities see <https://dcf.vermont.gov/oeo/resources/awards>

Additional Shelter Capacity: \$6M

Combine with \$5M carry forward to create shelters (\$11M total)

Six additional shelters- serving ~240HH

- Regionally based on need
- ~40 HH served in each
- Programming determined by need
- Mental Health Services provided in shelters (\$250K)*

Recovery-Oriented Shelter: \$1.2M

- Maintenance of 12 bed shelter in Burlington (Targeted opening- March 2026)
- Investment in potential third recovery-oriented shelter which would be jointly administered by VDH

Medically Vulnerable: \$2.6M

- DAIL administered Shelter(s)
- May serve ~60 people
 - Case Management
 - Personal Care
 - Skilled Nursing

**Shelter providers stressed this as a significant need in the system*

Family Sheltering: \$7.9M

Utilize family designated hotels across 7 district offices- ~ 240 rooms

- ESD/LTS position per hotel- Motel coordinator (see staffing line item)
- Leveraged services may include: HireAbility, DOL, PCC's, VCCI, DA or SUD
- Authorized stays based on need and case plan
- Housing Navigators (community based)

Domestic Violence: \$500K

Increases investments to statewide coordination of emergency shelter services to survivors of domestic violence

Average ~17 households (~ 6,205 bed nights)

- Managed by community providers
- Based on safety needs, shelter capacity
- Creates one statewide approach

Natural Disaster: \$292K

- Currently AHS providing case management this will allow greater collaboration and reduced burden on population being served.
- Average ~10 HH (~ 3,650 bed nights)

“Traditional GA” with modified eligibility, utilized as temporary overflow: \$10M

Continued safety net for SFY27

- ~327 HH
- Utilize when shelter unavailable
- Modified eligibility

Adverse Weather Conditions: \$3.6M

- ~513 HH
- 87 days (based on historical data)
- Day to day weather dependent

Continue Emergency Cold Weather Shelters: \$1.3M

- Currently supporting capacity for 167 individuals
- Hoping to expand to other communities in SFY27
- Day to day weather dependent community-based shelters

Rental Assistance: \$1.4M

- ~80 Households
- Targeted at households experiencing homelessness
- Avg. benefit \$14.8K annually (households paying 30-40% of their adjusted income for rent and utilities)

Enhanced Case Management: \$1.3M

- Provide case management to as many households in Shelter / Shelter-like options as resources allow
- Coordinate and standardize outreach and case management across the state and across programs
- Standardize the workflow and supplement existing capacity



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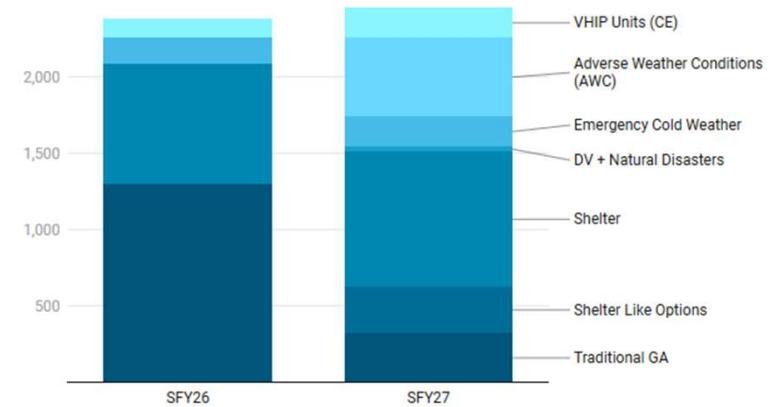
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