

TO: House Appropriations Committee

RE: End Homelessness Vermont FY2026 Budget Adjustment Request

Signed by:

- Vermont Interfaith Action
- Hunger Free Vermont
- Vermont Harm Reduction Advocates
- National Harm Reduction Coalition
- Vermont Parent Child Center Network
- Feeding the Valley Alliance
- Vermont Community Action Partnership
- The American Civil Liberties Union of Vermont (ACLU-VT)
- Disability Rights Vermont (DRVT)
- Vermont Early Childhood Advocacy Alliance
- Vermont Center for Independent Living
- Vermont Care Partners
- Another Way
- Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council
- Housing & Homelessness Alliance of Vermont
- Elevate Youth Services
- Vermont Statewide Independent Living Council (if not too late :)
- Vermont Legal Aid
- Interaction: Youth Services and Restorative Justice (Russell Bradbury-Carlin)
- Groundworks Collaborative
- MadFreedom Advocates
- Erhard Mahnke, Retired, Sen. Bernie Sanders' Office & Former Coordinator, Vermont Affordable Housing Coalition

We are writing to request \$611,625 be included in the FY27 Budget in support of End Homelessness Vermont. This funding is needed urgently for disability-focused case management, benefits navigation, and concrete supports for Vermonters.

End Homelessness Vermont is an essential resource, serving people experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity across the state. Their services primarily support people experiencing homelessness who are living with disabilities and medical complexities, including ensuring people have access to *life-saving* essentials like power supplies for oxygen, as one example.

Vermont ranks among the top states whose residents experience homelessness or are housing-insecure. Well over 50% of people experiencing homelessness in Vermont are living with disabilities, and they need specialized services to ensure they can receive the necessary accommodations. \$611,625 from the State of Vermont is essential to sustain the services this organization provides and ensure they can remain available as life-saving support and a path to appropriate housing for people experiencing homelessness—including people who are disabled, Veterans, older adults, and people with complex medical needs.

End Homelessness Vermont is a critical part of the existing infrastructure supporting our unhoused community members. These funds are a necessary investment in this organization, and would allow them to continue providing disability-focused care, case management, benefits navigation and coordination to achieve housing stability for people, while providing concrete supports along the way—tangible resources that prevent tragic outcomes. This funding will support progress toward the best possible outcomes for Vermonters.

Please appropriate \$611,625 to End Homelessness Vermont in the FY27 Budget.