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Bayview Crossing, South Hero



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Statutory Purpose

“the dual goals of creating affordable housing for Vermonters, and conserving and protecting Vermont’s agricultural land, forestland, historic properties, important natural areas, and recreational lands of primary importance to the economic vitality and quality of life of the State.”

10 V.S.A.15 §302

Dual goals
in Shaftsbury



Lake Paran Village



Robert Frost Stone House Museum



Lake Paran

VHCB Housing Impacts since 2020*

5,124 households served (rental & homeownership)

Total VHCB investment: \$387.7M → Total leverage: \$702.6M

HOMEOWNERSHIP

389 households supported
170 new construction
single-family homeownership units

RENTAL

2,370 total units
1,964 new units
700 homes for unhoused Vermonters

MANUFACTURED HOME COMMUNITIES

27 infill units
1077 lots in 11 communities

FARMWORKER HOUSING

68 repair projects
6 replacement projects
282 farmworkers to be served

SHELTER

24 shelters served total
10 new shelters
571 beds
269 new beds total

RECOVERY RESIDENCES

4 projects
59 residents benefitted

LEAD ABATEMENT

90 households served
70 apartments
20 single-family homes

ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS

434 households received accessibility
improvements

*January 1, 2020 – January 31, 2025



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Housing Vermont's Workforce

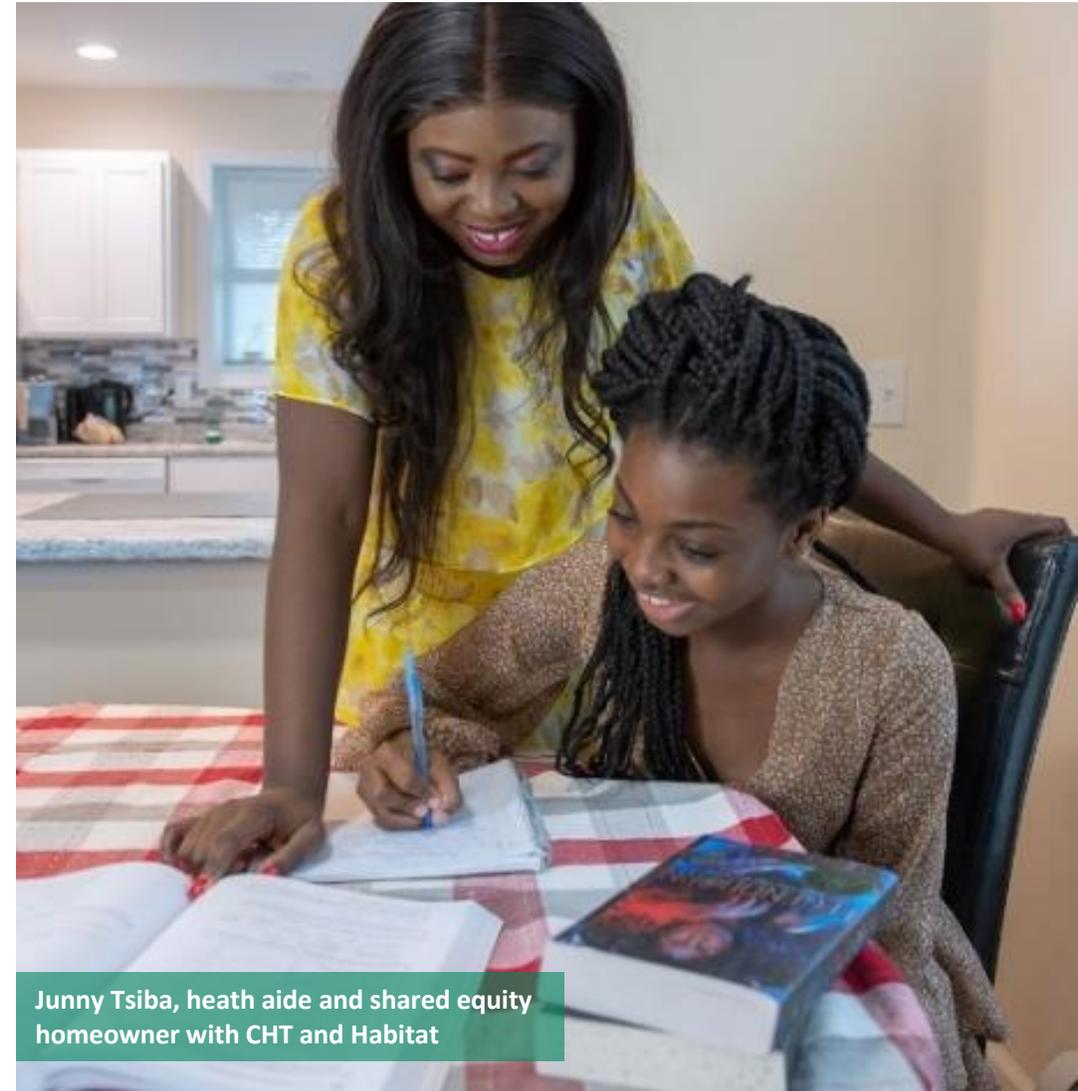
VHCB supports rental housing for Vermonters up to 100% AMI and homeownership for Vermonters up to 120% AMI*

- **100% AMI for a one-person household = \$71,700**
- **100% AMI for a three-person household = \$92,100**
- **120% AMI for a one-person household = \$86,000**
- **120% AMI for a three-person household = \$110,600**

Occupations served by VHCB-funded rental housing:

- Childcare workers
- Medical assistants
- Mental health councilors
- Nursing assistants
- Community social service occupations
- Automotive mechanics
- Building maintenance workers
- Farmers and farmworkers
- Installation and repair workers
- Teachers
- Truck drivers

* Based on HUD median income estimates for 2024



Junny Tsiba, health aide and shared equity homeowner with CHT and Habitat

Permanent Affordability

Protects Vermonters



Protects Mixed-Income Communities



Protects the State's assets





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Conservation Programs & Impacts Since 2020



Wolcott Community Forest

22,674 acres conserved across
25 towns in 10 counties

RECREATION & NATURAL LANDS

56 projects
9,997 acres

WETLANDS

843 acres of special water
quality protection zones
53 miles of surface water

FARM & FOREST VIABILITY

850+ businesses supported
\$12M+ in grants & loans
accessed

FARMLAND

78 farms
12,677 acres

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

14 projects
12 towns
8 counties

REDI

(Rural Economic Development Initiative)
66 total projects
\$19.2M in awards made

Flood Resilience



Seminary Street, Barre



Red Clover Commons, Brattleboro



Water Street River Park, Northfield



Whetstone Brook, Brattleboro



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Whistlestop, Bradford



Taylor Street Apartments, Montpelier

Energy Equity

- Low-income Vermonters, both homeowners and renters, consistently pay a disproportionately high share of their income toward energy costs, making energy burden a persistent equity concern.
- Energy efficiency can help to increase affordability, health and housing stability.
- VHCB's design standards meet and exceed state building energy standards
- VHCB supports an energy incentive structure that recognizes and seeks to address the energy burden of low-income households.





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Energy Efficiency: Downtown Development



Brattleboro Food Coop,
Brattleboro



French Block, Montpelier



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Energy Efficiency: Manufactured Housing



Net-zero homes in Waltham

Jacob Hannah for the New York Times



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Energy Efficiency: Manufactured Housing



Farmworker housing,
Riverview Dairy, Franklin



ZER home for Willows Mobile
Home Park, Bennington



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H.181



Elm Place, Milton

- **Working Group Extension** - VHCB supports the extension of the Building Energy Code Working Group (Sec. 2. (4)).
- **Attributing energy savings to code compliance** - VHCB supports the provision in H.181 that directs the Department of Public Service to establish a procedure for attributing energy savings to building code compliance.
- **Advisory Committee review of RBES** – VHCB supports including a stakeholder group of technical experts and professionals in the RBES process.
- **Tracking and reporting Green House Gas reductions** – This can help us better understand how our investments in our homes help Vermont meet its emission targets while improving habitability.

THANK YOU

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