

Mobile Home Program

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Mobile Home Hotline: 802-660-3455 ext 204



Request: \$500,000 for 1 Mobile Home Resident Services Coordinator and 4 Statewide Mobile Home Resident Organizers

CVOEO's Housing Advocacy Programs (HAP) is a group of programs that are the only statewide housing advocacy resource and support program in Vermont, operating two hotlines that receive more than 3,000 calls and emails from Vermonters with housing issues annually. It provides education, support, advocacy, technical assistance, and referrals for people and organizations and serves thousands of renters, mobile home residents, asylum seekers, and people experiencing discrimination each year. Our mission is to ensure that every Vermonter has equitable access to secure and maintain a home, free from discrimination and unnecessary barriers.

Approximately six percent of Vermont's housing units are mobile homes with about 10,691 located on owned land and about 9,794 located on leased land. According to the 2024 Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) Registry, Vermont has 238 mobile home parks comprising 7,112 lots, 6,768 mobile homes, and 344 vacant lots.

Since its creation in 1992, the CVOEO Mobile Home Program (CVOEO MHP) has served as Vermont's only statewide mobile home park resident advocacy program working to protect and improve residents' housing rights and living conditions.

CVOEO MHP is currently composed of a team of two full-time employees serving the unique needs of hundreds of vulnerable communities residing sometimes in some of the most remote areas of the state. Due to this limited capacity, the reach and support of residents have left hundreds of vulnerable community members without needed support and information.

Increasing CVOEO MHP capacity and locating additional staff in key areas of the state will ensure that current and forthcoming state resources are brought to the last mile and efficiently provide support locally as well as ensure the timely and effective dissemination of crucial information, especially during natural disasters.

This \$500,000 funding request will guarantee technical support, direct service navigation and/or coordination of services for approximately 400 vulnerable mobile home households:

- 1 Full-time MHP Services Coordinator' position housed at the main CVOEO office in Burlington. This position will oversee MHP support operations, data collection, and analysis.
- 4 Full-time Resident Organizer positions will be placed at the remaining four community action agencies serving the State of Vermont: BROCC, Capstone, SEVCA and NECKA.

Awaiting the opportunity to discuss this further; do not hesitate to contact our program with questions and or concerns by calling 802-660-3455 ext. 105 or via email at skibuey@cvoeo.org.

Sincerely,

Sandrine Kibuey, Director- Housing Advocacy Programs/CVOEO