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Vermont**

Introduction, Priorities & What We Know Works

Testimony to House General & Housing
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Build a Vermont where the fundamental right
to housing is enjoyed by all

Who is HHAV?

- Member-driven & statewide
- Service, youth, older-Vermont, mental health, anti-poverty, housing, homelessness prevention & support, finance
- Formed in 2023
- Merger of Vermont Affordable Housing Coalition & Vermont Coalition to End Homelessness

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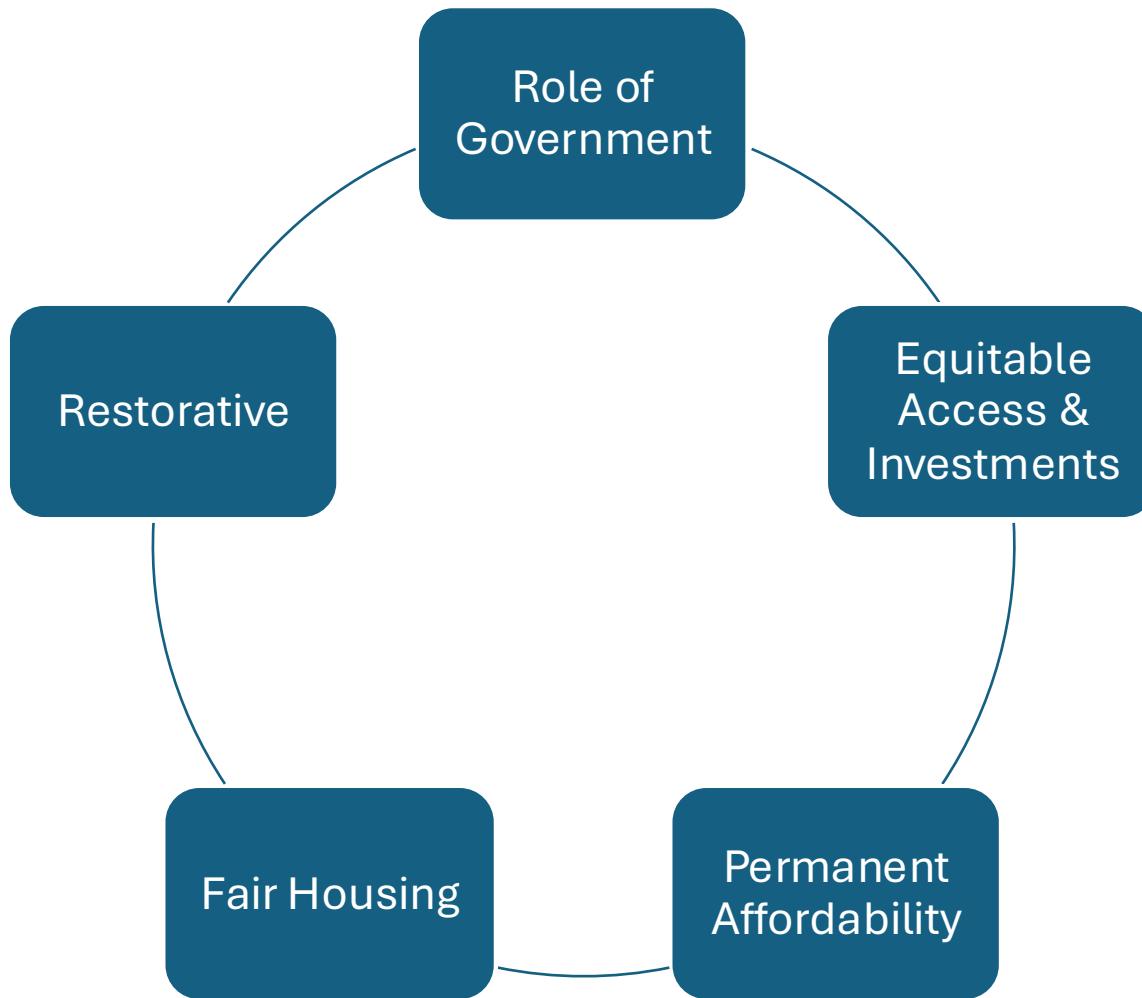
Balance of State
Continuum of
Care (CoC)

Advocacy



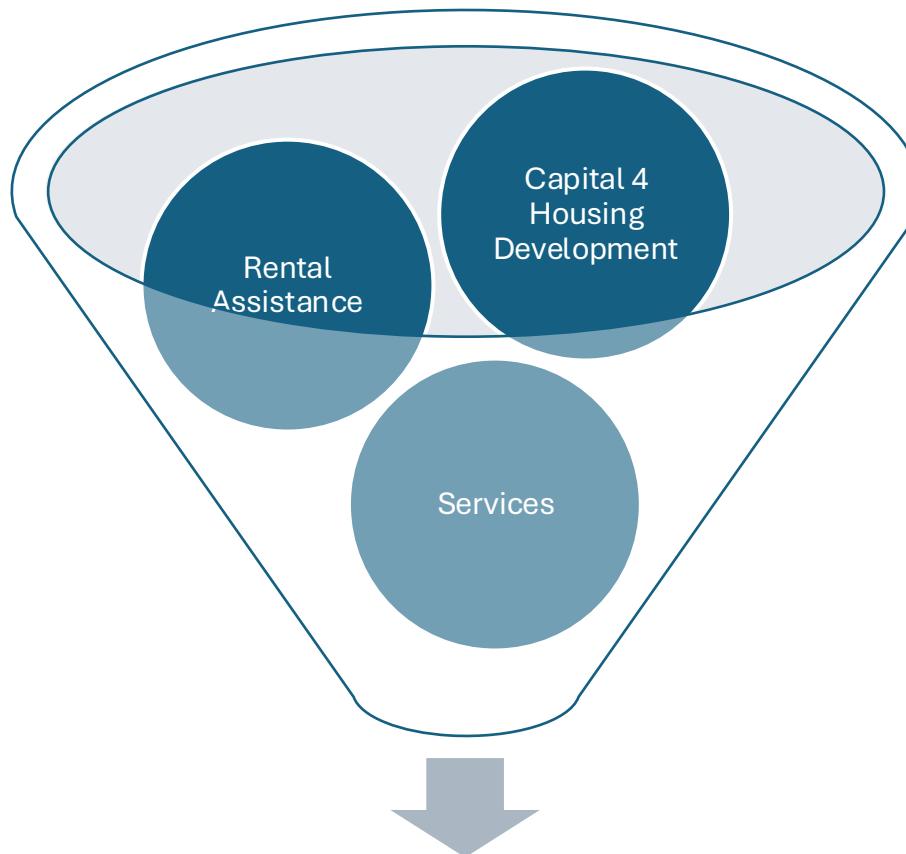
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Driving Principles



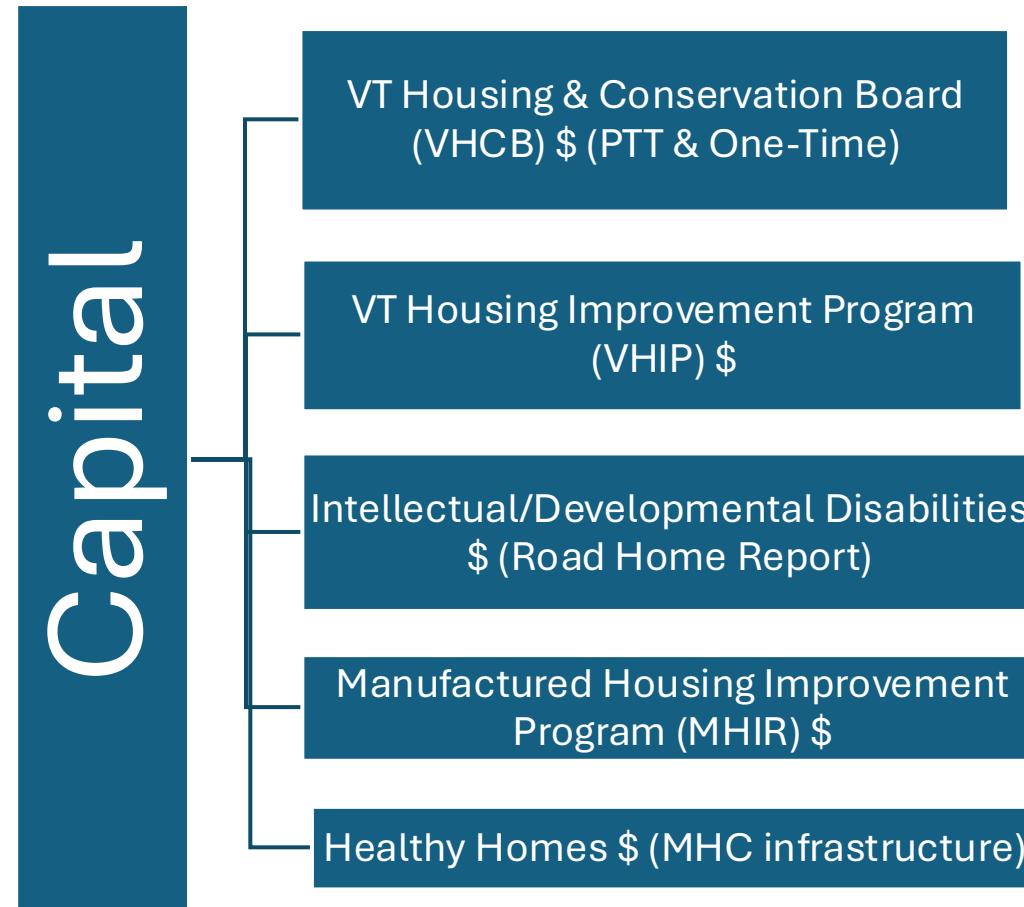
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What's Working & Priorities



Housing Enjoyed by All

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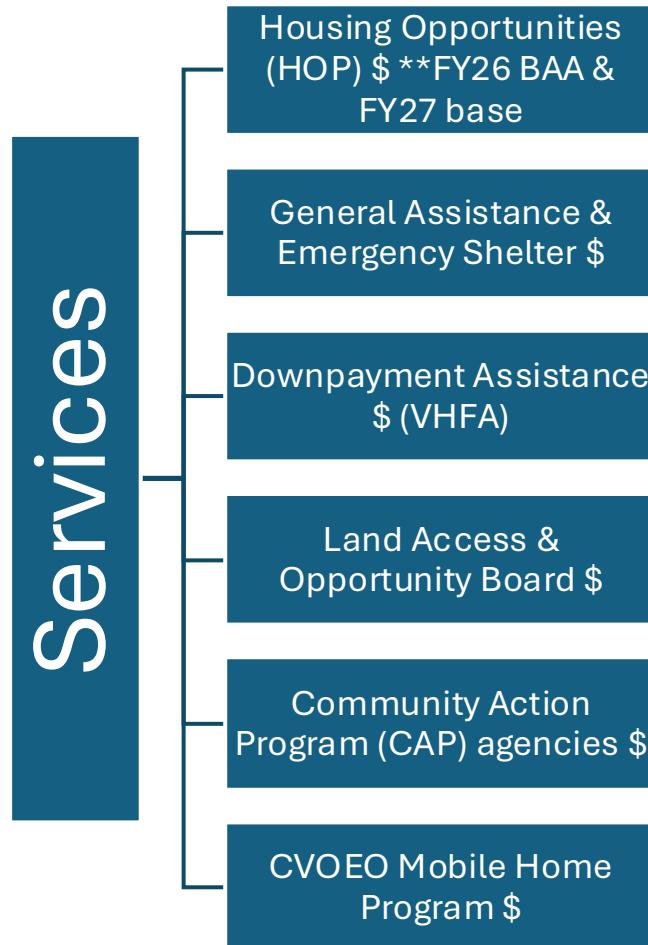
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Rental Assistance

- VSHA's "Voucher Contingency Fund" \$
- CVOEO's "HOME" program \$
- VSHA Bridge Rental Assistance Program \$

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Policies That Work & Priorities

- Regulatory, zoning & land Use
- Housing construction costs & creative building approaches
- Eliminate criminalization of homelessness
- Progressive taxation for housing & homelessness