

# 2025 Housing Justice Priorities: Action Summary

**CVOEO's Statewide Housing Advocacy Programs** are committed to ensuring every Vermonter has equitable access to secure and maintain a home, free from discrimination. Our 2025 Legislative priorities address Vermont's housing crisis through three key areas. Please review the full Legislative Action Toolkit which details these 16 key priorities across policy changes and funding initiatives.

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## STRENGTHENING TENANT RIGHTS AND PROTECTIONS

- Support Statewide "Just Cause" Eviction Protections
- Expand Fair Housing Protected Classes for Citizenship & Immigration Status
- Support Rent Stabilization & Reintroduction of H.135
- Limit Security Deposits to One Month's Rent Statewide
- Require Landlord Rental Law Education
- Remove "+1%" From MHC Lot Rent Increase Threshold
- Clarify MHC Lot Habitability Standards for Erosion & Flooding
- Set Minimum Water Supply Standards During MHC Outages

**3,048** VT tenant helpline inquiries in 2024

**21%** of eviction cases cited "No Cause" last year

## PRESERVING AND EXPANDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- Require new Manufactured Housing Communities (MHCs) be Sited Outside of Flood Zones
- Reform Three-Acre Stormwater Rule Implementation to Ensure Environmental Justice
- Fund a Feasibility Study & Infrastructure for Four New MHCs Containing 600 Lots

**809** homes in Mobile Home Parks **(11%)** are in flood hazard areas

**277** homes damaged by flooding in 2023

**18** mobile home parks **(1,632 lots)** impacted by 3-acre stormwater rule

**7.2%** of Vermont housing units are manufactured homes

## PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

- Fund Additional Vermont Tenants Staff Member
- Provide \$400,000 for Statewide Mobile Home Resident Organizers
- Expand Asylum Seekers Assistance Program Funding
- Support "Office of New Americans" Equivalent
- Expand HOME Voucher Program to \$2.4 Million

**150** families housed through HOME voucher since 2023

**155** asylum seekers supported by SASAP in 2024