



# Vermont Department of Health

FY 2026 Governor's Budget Recommendations

# Vision

All people and communities in Vermont have equitable opportunities to achieve their highest level of health and well-being.



# Mission

Promote the physical, mental, and social well-being of people in Vermont by advancing equity, protecting against disease and injury, and preparing for health emergencies.



# Values

Equity • Collaboration • Inclusion • Harmony • Data



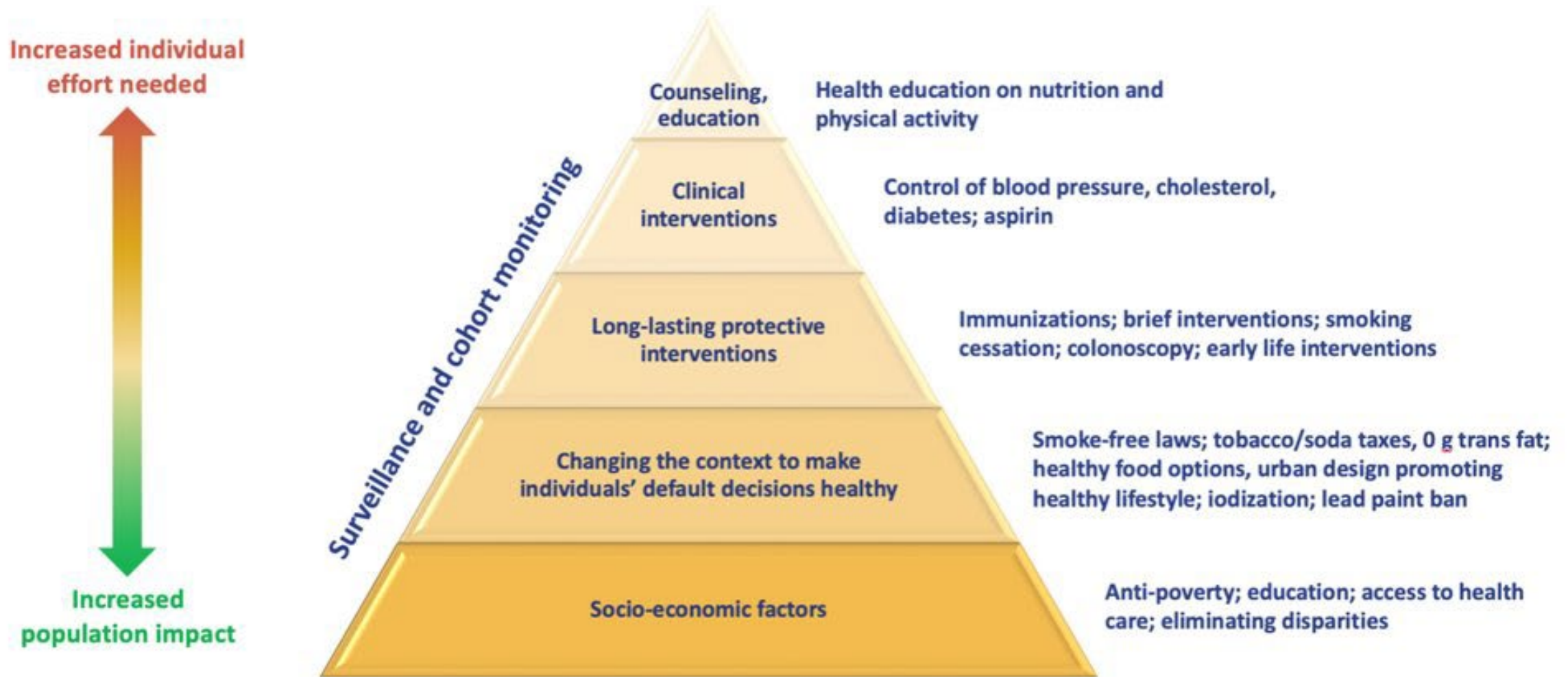
# What is Public Health?

Public health is the science of protecting and improving the health of *populations*—from schools to businesses to neighborhoods, from small towns to our biggest cities to the whole state—through education, promotion of healthy lifestyles, activities to prevent disease and injury from environmental hazards, and detecting, preventing, and responding to infectious diseases.



# Health Equity

 VERMONT  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



*Frieden T. American Journal of Public Health. 2010;100(4):590-595.*

# Public health and prevention programs in your community:



**We all benefit**

# Health Department Organizational Structure

Health  
Department



Environment  
al Health

Family &  
Child Health

Laboratory  
Sciences &  
Infectious  
Diseases

Substance  
Use  
Programs

Local Health

Health  
Promotion  
& Disease  
Prevention

Emergency  
Preparednes  
s Response  
& Injury  
Prevention

Health  
Statistics &  
Informatics



# Environmental Health

Prevent illness or disease that may be caused by environmental threats, both natural and human-made, and to reduce or eliminate harmful environmental exposures.

- Lead
- Cyanobacteria
- Food and Water Safety
- Climate and Health
- PFAS in drinking water
- PCBs in school air



Learn more about this division, below:

- Visit the [webpage](#)
- [Lead Poisoning Prevention Report on 2023 Program Outcomes and Activities](#)



# Family and Child Health

Programming across the life course: before, during and after pregnancy, and throughout infancy, early childhood and the school years.

- Pregnancy and Breastfeeding
- School Health
- Adolescent Health
- Home visiting programs
- WIC



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# WIC Program: Supplemental Nutrition for Women, Infants, and Children



# Laboratory Sciences and Infectious Disease

Track, prevent and control the spread of infectious diseases.

- Infectious Disease – Covid, Flu, HIV
- Food and Water-borne Disease
- Vector-borne Disease
- Vaccinations
- Public Health Lab



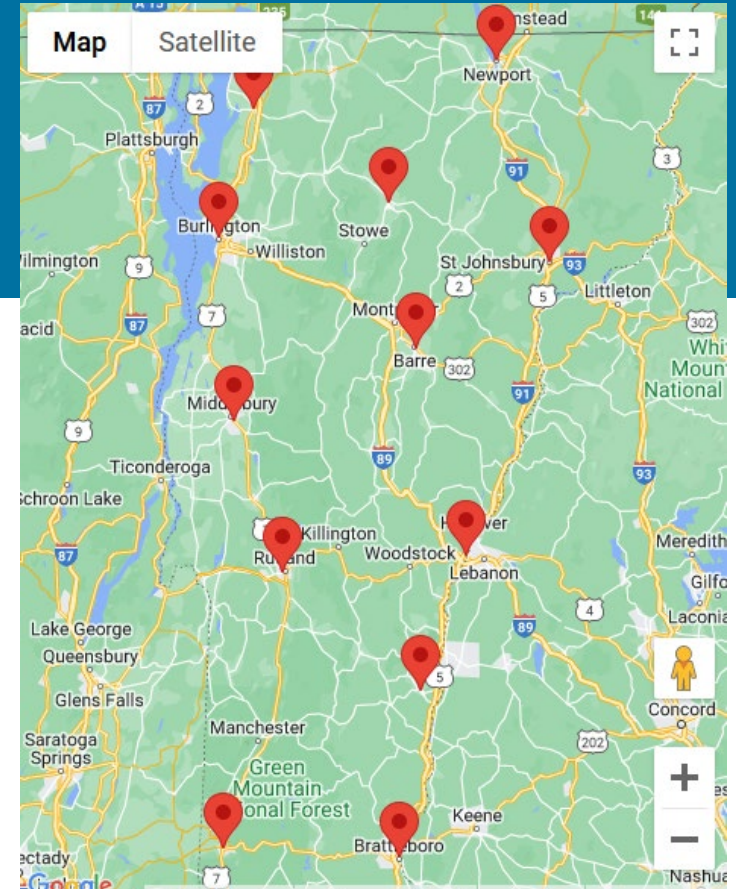
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# Local Health

12 District Offices around the state providing the breadth of public health services direct to Vermonters.

- WIC Clinics
- Vaccination Clinics
- Partnerships and Community Support



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# Health Promotion & Disease Prevention

Promote healthy lifestyles, prevent chronic diseases and support management of chronic conditions.

- Tobacco Control
- Oral Health
- Diabetes Self-Management
- Healthy Aging



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# Emergency Preparedness & Injury Prevention

Prepare for and respond to emergencies that threaten the health and safety of Vermonters and work to prevent injuries.

- State EMS
- Pandemic and Disaster Response
- Suicide Prevention



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# Vermont Floods



## Translated Information

**Before & After the Flood in:** العربية (Arabic) | မြန်မာစာ (Burmese) | 中文 (Chinese) | English | Français (French) | नेपाली (Nepali) | Русский (Russian) | Serbo-Croatian | Soomaali (Somali) | Español (Spanish) | Kiswahili (Swahili) | Tiếng Việt (Vietnamese)

**Staying Safe During a Flood and Very Heavy Rainfall (video) in:** العربية (Arabic) | မြန်မာစာ (Burmese) | دری (Dari) | English | Français (French) | Kreyòl Ayisyen (Haitian Creole) | Kirundi | Maay Maay | 中文 (Chinese - Mandarin) | नेपाली (Nepali) | پښتو (Pashto) | Soomaali (Somali) | Español (Spanish) | Kiswahili (Swahili) | Tigrinia | Українська (Ukrainian) | Tiếng Việt (Vietnamese) | American Sign Language (ASL)

**Returning Home After a Flood in:** العربية (Arabic) | မြန်မာစာ (Burmese) | دری (Dari) | 中文 (Chinese - Mandarin) | English | Français (French) | Kirundi | Pashto | Soomaali (Somali) | Español (Spanish) | American Sign Language (ASL)

**Flooding Can Contaminate Your Well or Spring in:** العربية (Arabic) | မြန်မာစာ (Burmese) | دری (Dari) | English | Français (French) | Kirundi | नेपाली (Nepali) | پښتو (Pashto) | Soomaali (Somali) | Español (Spanish) | American Sign Language (ASL)

**Floodwater on fruit and vegetables can make you very sick if you eat them (video) in:** မြန်မာစာ (Burmese) | English | Kirundi | Maay Maay | नेपाली (Nepali) | Soomaali (Somali) | Español (Spanish) | Kiswahili (Swahili) | Tiếng Việt (Vietnamese)

**How to Prepare Infant Formula During an Emergency in:** العربية (Arabic) | မြန်မာစာ (Burmese) | دری (Dari) | English | Français (French) | Kirundi | नेपाली (Nepali) | Soomaali (Somali) | Español (Spanish)

**Mold After a Flood in:** العربية (Arabic) | မြန်မာစာ (Burmese) | دری (Dari) | English | Français (French) | Kirundi | नेपाली (Nepali) | Soomaali (Somali) | Español (Spanish)

**Recreational Water Safety After a Flood in:** العربية (Arabic) | မြန်မာစာ (Burmese) | دری (Dari) | Français (French) | Kirundi | नेपाली (Nepali) | पښتو (Pashto) | Soomaali (Somali) | Español (Spanish) | American Sign Language (ASL) Watch [videos in more languages](#) from Vermont Language Justice Project.

**Protect Yourself Cleaning Up Outside After a Flood in:** العربية (Arabic) | မြန်မာစာ (Burmese) | دری (Dari) | Français (French) | Kirundi | नेपाली (Nepali) | पښتو (Pashto) | Soomaali (Somali) | Español (Spanish) | American Sign Language (ASL)



# Health Statistics and Informatics

Track health data and trends to assess the health of Vermonters.

- Vital Records
- Population Health Surveys and Data
- Registries



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# Substance Use Programs

Oversees a network of prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery services to prevent, reduce and eliminate the health impacts of alcohol and other drug use.

- Community Prevention Coalitions
- Improving Equitable Access to Services
- Prescription Opioid Awareness
- End Addiction Stigma



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# SUBSTANCE USE PROGRAMS SYSTEM OF CARE

**Residential Treatment**  
135 total beds

High intensity residential ASAM Level 3.5/3.7 3 Facilities   125 Beds	Low intensity residential ASAM Level 3.1 2 Facilities   28 Beds
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**Medications for Opioid Use Disorder**  
Est 11,000 clients/year

Hubs 8 Facilities   3,100 clients	Spokes >241 Prescribers   8,200 clients Led by the Blueprint for Health	Emergency Departments Rapid Access   13 ERs
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**Outpatient/Intensive Outpatient**

Youth OP/IOP 3 Locations   245 Clients	Adult OP/IOP 18 Towns   2700 Clients	LADC, MSW, LMHC, Psychologist 3609 Licensed Professionals
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**Intervention & Harm Reduction**






Withdrawal management 3 Facilities	Public Inebriate 5 Providers   8 Beds	Syringe Services Programs 6 Fixed Sites   Statewide Mobile Coverage   4,100 Served	IDRP 9 Locations   1200 People	Drug Court 4 Counties
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**Recovery Supports**

Recovery Coaches in the ED 14 Hospitals	Transitional & Recovery Housing 12 Facilities   104 Beds	Recovery Centers 12 Centers   >5,000 People SFY24
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**Prevention & Early Intervention**

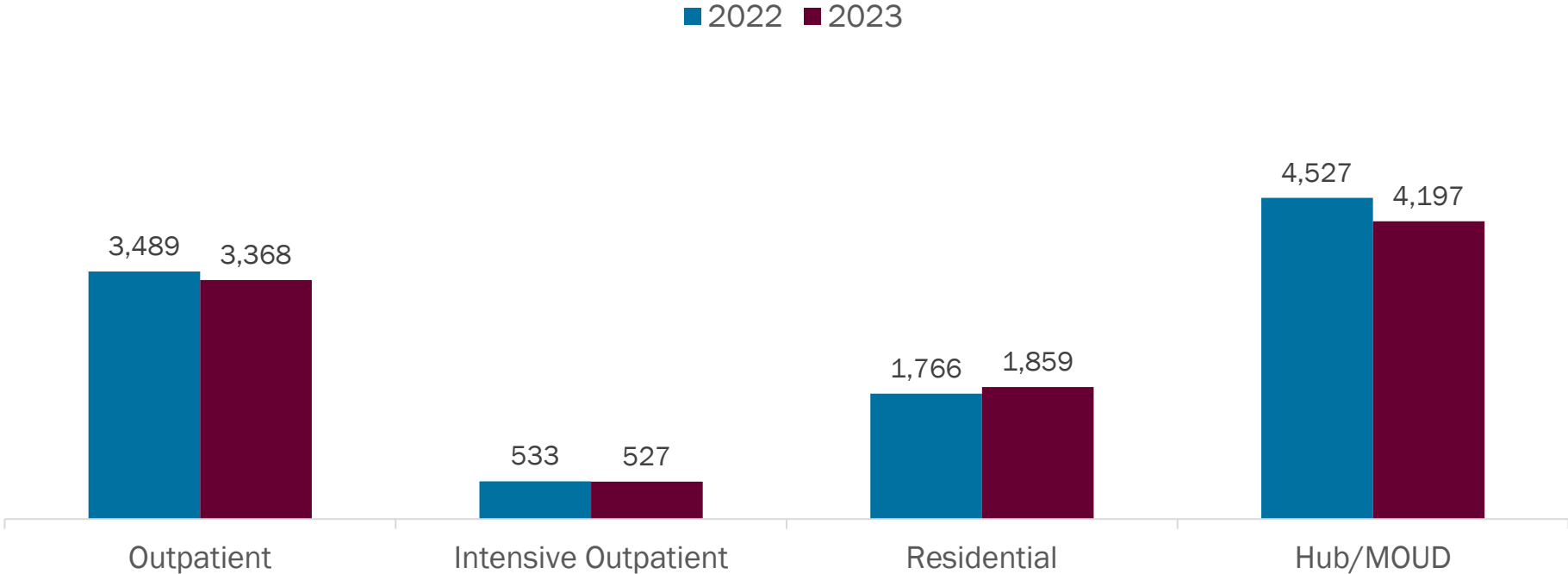
Prevention Messaging Campaigns 630,000 People	Education/training 2000 People Trained	Prevention Consultants 12 Regions	Regional and Community-Based Prevention Coalitions and Partners	School-Based Health 19 SU   9000 Students	VT Helplink 24/7/365 Call   Chat   Text > 30,000 Contacts/year
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-  Peer-run Services
-  Community Organization
-  Preferred Providers
-  Private Providers
-  Communications

  
11 awareness and social marketing (behavior change) campaigns for various audiences to prevent alcohol, cannabis, stimulant and opioid use, misuse, and addiction and promote access to treatment, harm reduction, and recovery services

# More Vermonters receive Hub/MOUD services or other Outpatient (OP) treatment than other types of care

Type of Substance Use Disorder Treatment Received By Clients in Fiscal Years 2022 & 2023



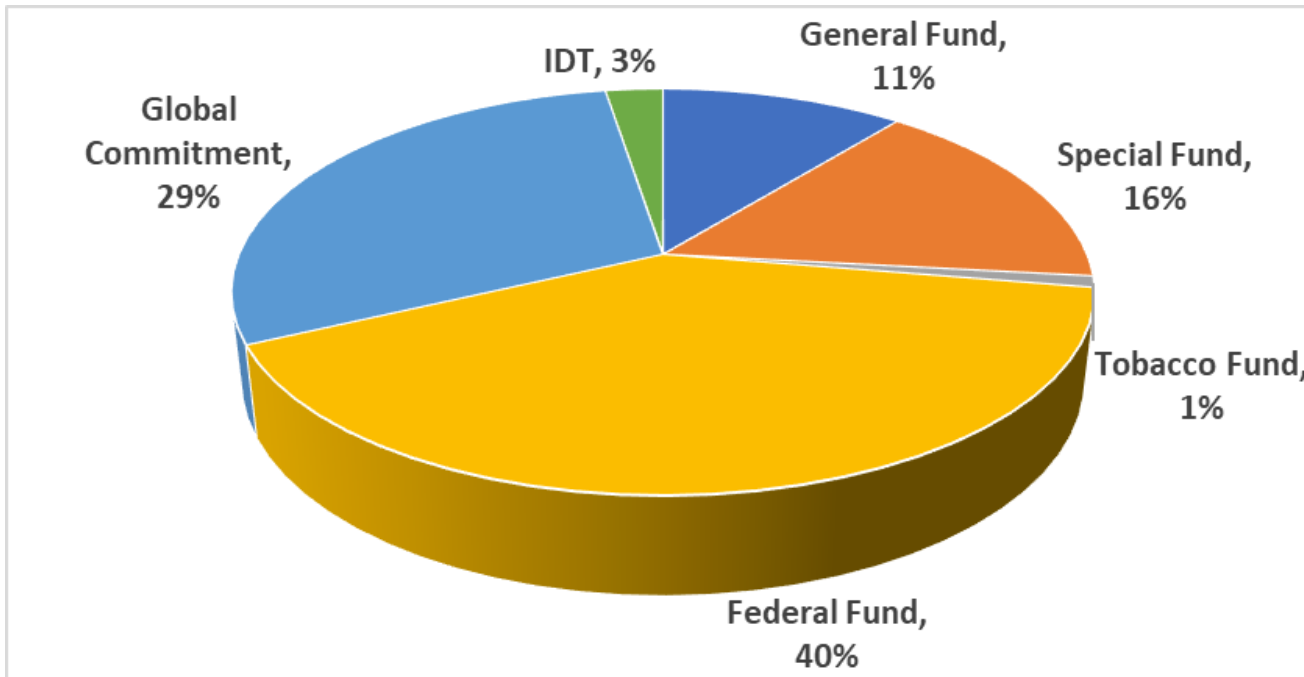
**Note:** Clients may receive more than one type of treatment in the year

Source: Substance Abuse Treatment Information System (SATIS).

***Health care is vital to all of us some of the time, but  
public health is vital to all of us all of the time.***

**C. Everett Koop, former U.S. surgeon general**

# Agency of Human Services – Vermont Department of Health Fiscal Year 2026 Governor’s Recommended Budget



<b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$ 24,575,271</b>
<b>Special Fund</b>	<b>\$ 35,819,110</b>
<b>Tobacco Fund</b>	<b>\$ 2,038,835</b>
<b>Federal Fund</b>	<b>\$ 91,238,223</b>
<b>Global Commitment</b>	<b>\$ 66,530,577</b>
<b>IDT</b>	<b>\$ 5,810,155</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 226,012,171.00</b>

## Vermont Department of Health -Fiscal Year 2026 Recommended Budget

- **Current Service Budget is Fully Funded.**
- **Cannabis tax funded Substance Misuse Prevention Programs increase 125%.**
- **\$2.8 million in new funding for Substance Use Disorder treatment & recovery.**

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Sec. B.311

**3420010000 - Health Administration & Support  
As Passed FY25**

GF	TOTAL
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Other Changes:	GF	TOTAL
Office of Health Equity	250,000	250,000

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Public Health	GF	SF	Medicaid GCF	TOTAL
Sec. B.312				
<b>Grants:</b>				
602201: Immunization Program		1,800,000	770,000	<b>2,570,000</b>
602260: Advance Directive Registry Administration	210,000			<b>210,000</b>
602913: Remove Opioid Abatement SF pending legislative spending plan		(1,050,000)		<b>(1,050,000)</b>



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		GF	SF	Medicaid GCF	TOTAL
Sec. B.313	<b>3420060000 - Substance Use Programs</b>				
<b>Grants:</b>					
	602910- Substance Abuse Prevention - Change in Cannabis revenue funding	(3,000,000)	6,750,000		<b>3,750,000</b>
	602913: Substance Abuse Recovery (remove fund 21378 pending leg action)		(1,200,000)		<b>(1,200,000)</b>
	Transfer funding to DMH for Certified Community-Based integrated Health Centers (AHS net-neutral)			(594,020)	<b>(594,020)</b>

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		GF	Medicaid GCF	TOTAL
Sec. B.313	<b>3420060000 - Substance Use Programs As Passed FY25</b>	<b>6,672,061</b>	<b>32,176,641</b>	<b>65,297,977</b>
<b>Grants:</b>				
	Re-engagement Beds (aka Stabilization Beds)	1,000,000		<b>1,000,000</b>
	Aftercare Navigators	320,000		<b>320,000</b>
	Pilot Recovery Campus		1,500,000	<b>1,500,000</b>

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