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Community Action in the United States

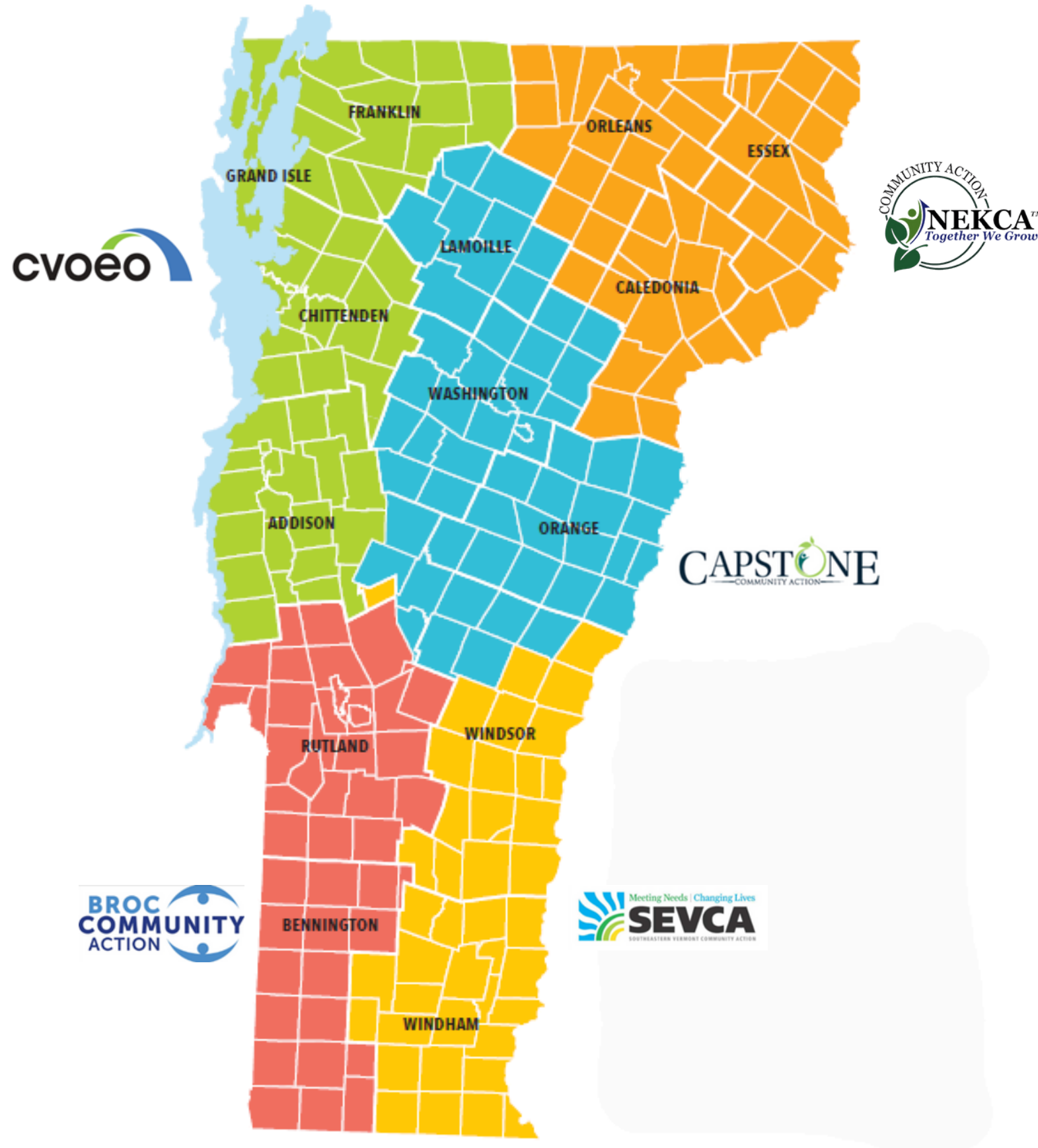
National Community Action Partnership

Assisted over **15 million** low-income individuals as reported by the National Community Action Impact Report.

- **Asset Building:** assisted over 800,000 individuals to families **improve their economic stability.**
- **Children and Families:** provided over 4 million families with the resources needed to reduce or eliminate barriers to childcare, food assistance and after school programs.
- **Community Building:** a central promise of Community Action work is “helping people help themselves and each other.”
- **Health and Wellbeing:** assisting families all over the country to **improve their health and well-being.**
- **Housing:** assisted over 339,000 people in obtaining safe, affordable housing and weatherizing over 116,000 units.
- **Jobs: increase employment** rates by understanding the barriers for families and individuals seeking employment, and provide solutions.



Community Action in Vermont



Vermont Community Action Partnership

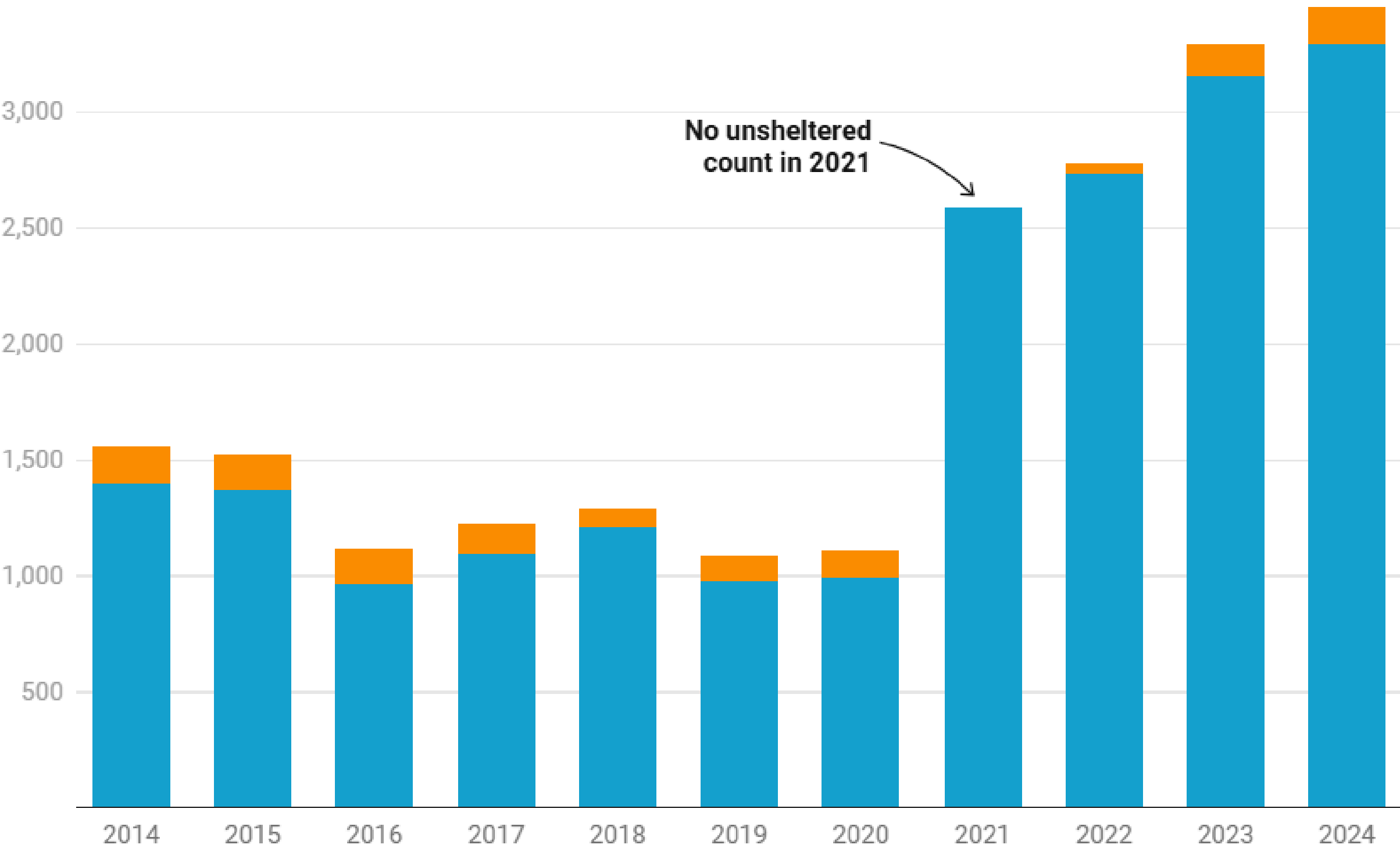
Assisted over **43,900** low-income individuals as reported by the 2024 VCAP Annual Report.

- **Asset Building:** Provided financial coaching over 1,062 individuals and supported 4,788 Vermonters in tax filing assistance to **improve their economic stability**.
- **Children and Families:** provided **1,627 home visits** to families to access the resources needed to reduce or eliminate barriers to childcare, food assistance and after school programs.
- **Community Building:** welcomed **1476 New Americans** with navigation, financial, and housing supports.
- **Health and Wellbeing:** assisting families all over the state to **improve their health and well-being** through our food access programs.
- **Housing:** **1,114 Vermonters** were helped to obtain safe and permanent housing.
- **Energy Assistance:** **1,565 units/homes** were weatherized by VT Community Action Agencies.

Homelessness in Vermont

Number of people reported in point-in-time count, by year:

Sheltered population Unsheltered population



Vermont is **4th** in the nation for highest rate of homelessness.

- In 2024, the night of January 24, there were **3458** individuals experiencing homelessness throughout the state.
 - 737 of these individuals were **children.**
 - 646 of these individuals were **ages 55+.**
 - 107 of these individuals were **veterans.**

HOUSING RETENTION

Housing Retention utilizes an array of different services to engage both the household and landlord in an effort to sustain housing.

In FY 25, the five Community Action Agencies assisted our participants in some of the following:

- **Case Management:** Housing Support Workers partner with households at risk of homelessness to assist them in staying housed.
 - One-on-one Case Management Services
 - Budget and Sustainability Planning
 - Landlord Liaison
 - Application Assistance
- **Financial Assistance:** In specific cases of need, the family may be awarded up to three months' worth of back rent to remain housed.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial Assistance allows for direct financial support to be given to households at risk of homelessness or to rapidly rehouse them after becoming homeless and is key to the success of our programming.

In FY 25, the five Community Action Agencies assisted our participants in some of the following:

- **Rent Payments:** Housing Support Workers partner with program participants to create a sustainability plan so the household can continue to make rent payments.
 - First, Last Month's Rent and Security Deposits
 - Rental Arrears
- **Other Financial Assistance:**
 - Relocation: transportation to housing out of state.
 - Housing Necessities: items needed to stay housed.
 - Arrear Payments for electric, heat and water.



HOUSING NAVIGATION

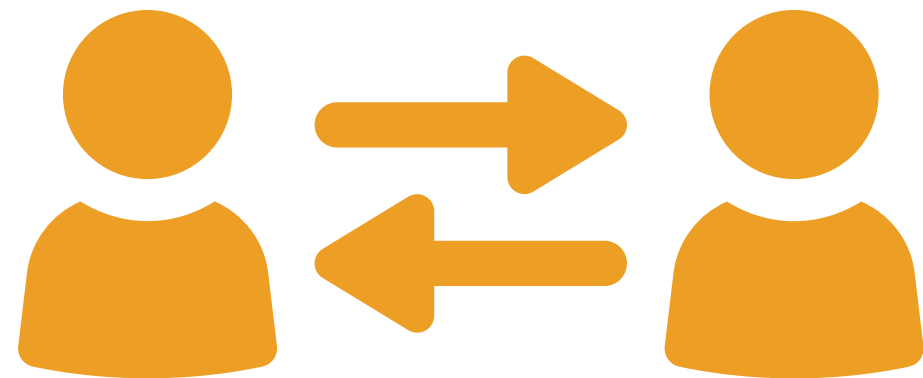
. **Housing Navigation** utilizes an array of different services to ensure households experiencing homelessness are given the necessary supports to be rapidly rehoused into safe and affordable housing.

In FY 25, the five Community Action Agencies assisted our participants in some of the following:

- **Case Management:** Housing Support Workers partner with households at risk of homelessness to assist them in staying housed.
 - One-on-one Case Management Services
 - Access to Voucher Programs (HOME Family Voucher)
 - Budget and Sustainability Planning
 - Application Assistance
- **Financial Assistance:** In specific cases of need, the family may be awarded up to three months' worth of rental assistance to secure housing.



Why Housing Peer Support Coaching?



- **Addressing underlying issues:** Understand and address any underlying issues, such as mental health or substance abuse problems
- **Finding employment:** Seek employment to help with financial security
- **Transitioning to housing:** Find housing stability, which may include sober living or recovery housing
- **Building a support network:** Build a support network and make a long-term plan for financial security
- **Developing a recovery plan:** Create a realistic, individualized recovery plan that includes steps to take if you experience a recurrence of issues
- **Accessing community resources:** Connect with and access community resources, such as transportation and medical treatment and medication management
- **Rebuilding structure:** Rebuilding structure in your daily life can increase your likelihood of success

MICRO BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Business Plan Development
1-3 Year Cashflow Analysis
Access to Capital
Marketing
Social Media

VITA

Free Tax Prep and Filing
Tax Support Throughout the Year
Past Years' Tax Prep and Filing
Working with the IRS
Property Tax and Renters' Credits

SE Tax Prep
deductions
Sched C
SE Taxes
SS Impacts

Financial Capabilities

Money Management
Personal Finances
Access to Credit
SS Impacts

W4 Navigation
Tax Credits
Refund saving and
planning

Household budgeting
General Savings
Retirement Savings
Debt Management
Credit Buidling

FINANCIAL COACHING

As my business coach/financial advisor, Rosie has taught me an entirely new skill set that I can bring to the table! Because of Rosie's expert advice, I now have a solid foundational understanding of developing my own small business. I came to the class with an idea, and Rosie used her professional knowledge of business development to craft my idea into a reality...I am now a licensed business owner in Vermont... and I can still attend classes and get my taxes filed, too!

~business owner, J



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HOMELESSNESS SERVICES

stop homelessness before it starts

VCAP's Legislative Request

VCAP is seeking **\$15.8M** in base funding in FY26 for homelessness prevention services (case management, housing navigation, and housing retention). Holistic homelessness prevention services help people address diverse emerging challenges so they can secure - and thrive in - stable housing.



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FY26 Request in Summary

Housing Opportunities Grant Program (HOP)

Total HOP Request \$14.55M		
FY25	FY26	
1.2M in Carryover One time Funds from prior FY	\$2,400,000	HOME Family Voucher Program
	\$2,350,000	Expanding Retention, Navigation, and Financial Assistance
INCREASE FY25 to FY26		+ \$4,750,000

Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)

Total Case Management Request : \$1.275M	
FY25 ERAP	FY26 BASE
\$1,275,000	\$1,275,000

Total FY26 Request: \$ 15,825,000

Doubling down on FINANCIAL CAPABILITIES

VCAP's Legislative Request

VCAP is seeking **\$1.65M** in base funding in FY26 for the MBDP, VITA Tax and Financial Coaching programs.



MBDP: Requesting \$581,000 for FY26, a \$87,000 increase from FY25

VITA: Requesting \$548,000 for FY26, a \$148,000 increase from FY25

FINANCIAL COACHING: Requesting \$528,000 for FY26, a \$358,000 increase from FY25



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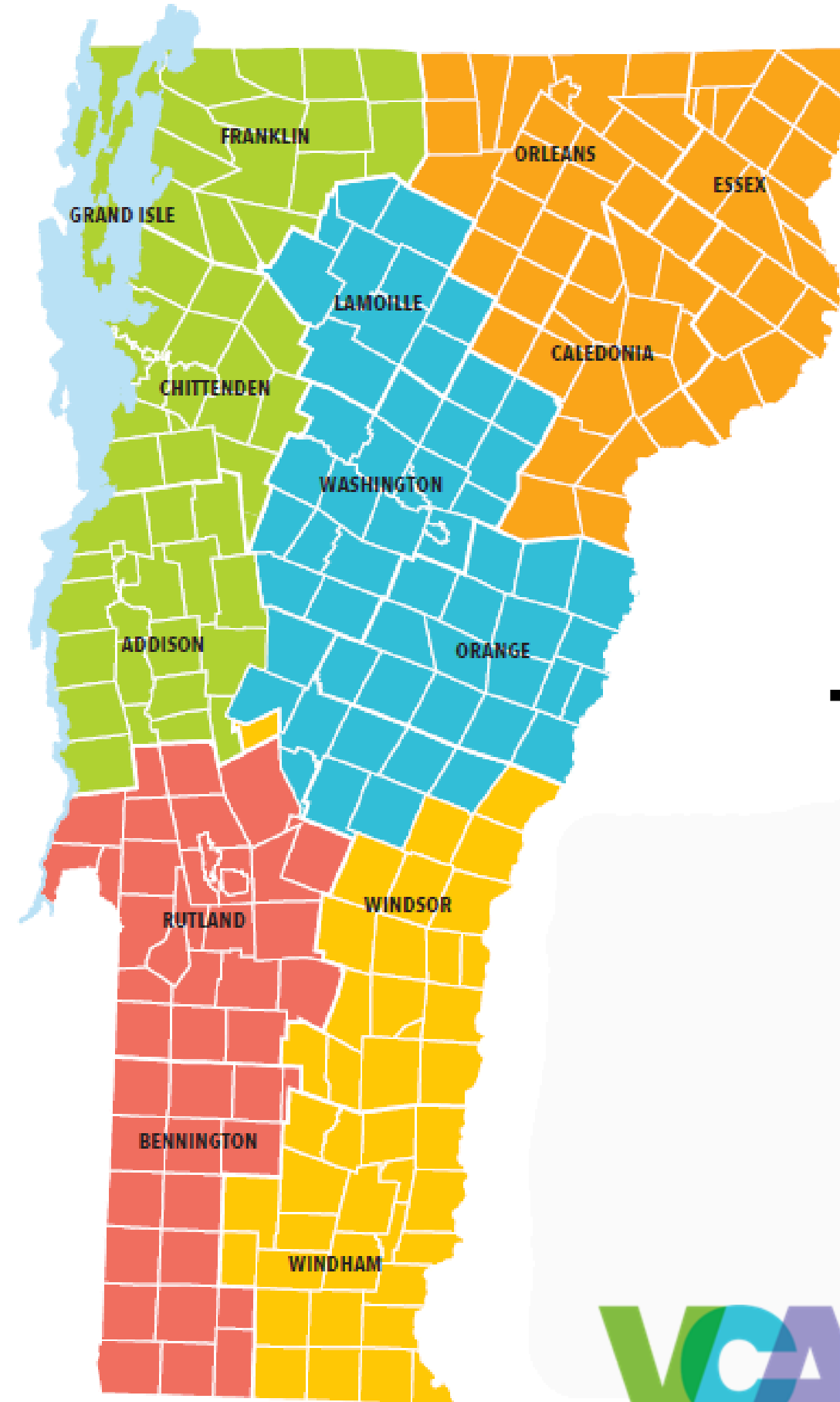
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Thank you!





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