

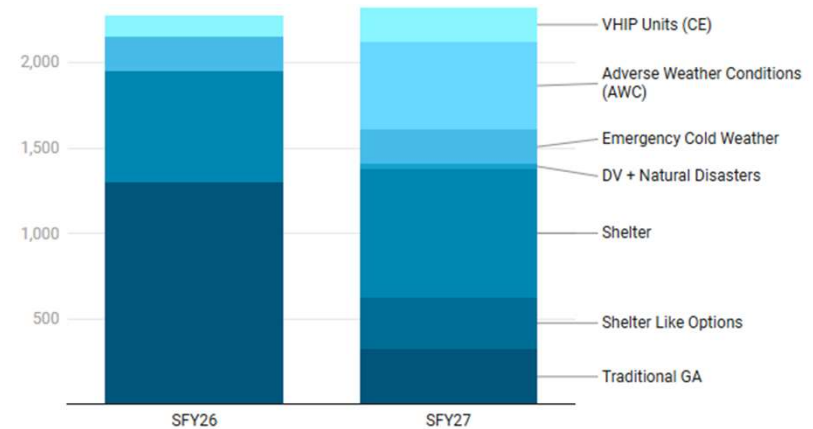


Addressing Homelessness in Vermont

AHS Housing Initiative

High Level Overview

- Build a future to better serve clients and communities in a way that is sustainable with better outcomes
- Phased approach over a few years
- Invest in additional shelter capacity and services
- Modify use of hotel/motels during transition
- Better connect people to services
- Leverages programs that provide alternative housing options
- Focus on Vermonters who have no other option
- Drive a system change for how the community partners (Community Action Agencies, Shelter Providers, municipalities, Mental Health Providers, Substance Use Providers, Aging and Care providers) strategize and plan for their community needs together



Overview of Phases

Phases:

- **Phase 1: Transition Year (SFY27)**
 - Invest in increased shelter capacity and services in shelters
 - Enhance case management
 - Transition: for targeted populations utilize hotel/motels to function like shelters (services, house rules, case management) until shelter capacity ramps up to serve them
 - Modify eligibility of 'traditional GA' to focus on Vermonters who have no other option
 - Rental assistance
 - Build system wide roles/responsibilities for providers
- **Phase 2: Continue Transitioning some items (SFY28)**
 - Additional shelter capacity comes online
 - Continued enhanced case management
 - Targeted populations served in shelter like options at hotel/motel or within shelters
 - Rental assistance

Budget Components

	SFY26 - Budget As Passed			SFY27 - Requested		
	1x	Base	Total	1x	Base	Total
Emergency Housing (Hotels and Admin)	\$30,500,000	\$8,500,000	\$39,000,000	\$15,183,809	\$2,788,831	\$17,972,640
HOP Shelter Funding/Financial Support	\$2,800,000	\$29,798,061	\$32,598,061	\$6,000,000	\$37,500,378	\$43,500,378
Other Shelter-Like Options					\$13,304,000	\$13,304,000
Permanent Supportive Housing/Family Supportive Housing		\$3,086,351	\$3,086,351		\$3,522,551	\$3,522,551
DOC Transitional Housing		\$6,144,811	\$6,144,811		\$6,391,811	\$6,391,811
Other Rental Assistance		\$752,056	\$752,056		\$2,152,056	\$2,152,056
Other Outreach/ Case Management					\$1,275,000	\$1,275,000
Recovery Housing*				\$1,200,000		\$1,200,000
Total	\$33,300,000	\$48,281,279	\$81,581,279	\$22,383,809	\$66,934,627	\$89,318,436

H.594: Tier 1

Tier 1: High Barrier shelter option

- Invest in additional shelter capacity to enable clients to be served in more appropriate settings: \$6M
- Recovery Shelter: \$1.2M
- Utilize hotel/motels differently to function more like shelter during this transition: \$10.5M
 - Provide shelter services, case management, and rules in specialized hotels that serve families with children, medically vulnerable
- Utilize as temporary overflow 'traditional GA' with modified eligibility to focus on those who have no other option: \$10M
- Adverse Weather Conditions: utilize hotel/motels during cold weather to function as shelters: \$3.6M

H.594: Tier 1A

Tier 1A: Low Barrier shelter option

- Continue Emergency Cold Weather Shelters: \$1.3M
- Invest in additional shelter capacity to enable clients to be served in more appropriate settings
- Both options to consider utilizing: \$5.5 - \$6.8M potential GA surplus

H.594: Tier 2 and 2A

Tier 2: Transitional and Recovery Housing

- Transitional Housing – (DOC individuals on community supervision): \$6.4M
- Recovery Housing: \$1.2M - \$9.2M (up to \$9.2M based on Rural Health Transformation fund)

Tier 2A: Permanent and Temporary Supportive Housing

- Permanent Supportive Housing: \$0.4M
- Family Supportive Housing: \$3.1M

H.594: Tier 3

Tier 3: Vermont Housing Improvement Program (VHIP) and Permanent Housing

- Rental Assistance: \$1.4M
- Vermont Housing Improvement Program (VHIP) – for those experiencing homelessness: \$1.1M
 - Rapid unit construction (6-8 months) to provide more units
 - Low cost: ~\$40,000 per unit

Eligibility Emergency Housing: refine eligibility to protect Vermonters who have no other option and add accountability

- Verification of residency
- Verification of homelessness
- Verification of income
- Refine the definition of disabled

Case Management and Accountability

Case Management

- Provide case management to all households in Shelter / Shelter-like option / Emergency Housing and Unsheltered: \$1.3M
 - Coordinate and standardize outreach and case management across the state and across programs
 - Standardize: standardize work, workflow

Accountability

- Require households to engage in services and case management
- Households will lose the opportunity for Emergency Housing if: They decline in alternative housing options; they engage in misconduct; they do not engage in services or case management

System wide improvements

- System wide and Accountability Improvement:
 - Drive a system change across key entities – State Agencies/departments, Community Action Agencies, Shelter Providers, Municipalities, Mental Health Providers, Substance Use Providers, Area Agencies on Aging Providers, Skilled Nursing Facilities are working as a cohesive unit
 - Consideration for funding methodology from AHS to regions based on community needs
 - Include a needs assessment from the regions to inform regional strategy

Metrics / Key Performance Indicators

