



Housing Opportunity Grant Program – Shelter Focus

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Housing Opportunity Grant Program

Provides funding to:

- Operate emergency shelter
- Transitional housing (where appropriate)
- Rapidly re-house individuals and families
- Prevent those experiencing a housing crisis from becoming homeless

Housing Opportunity Grant Program Continued

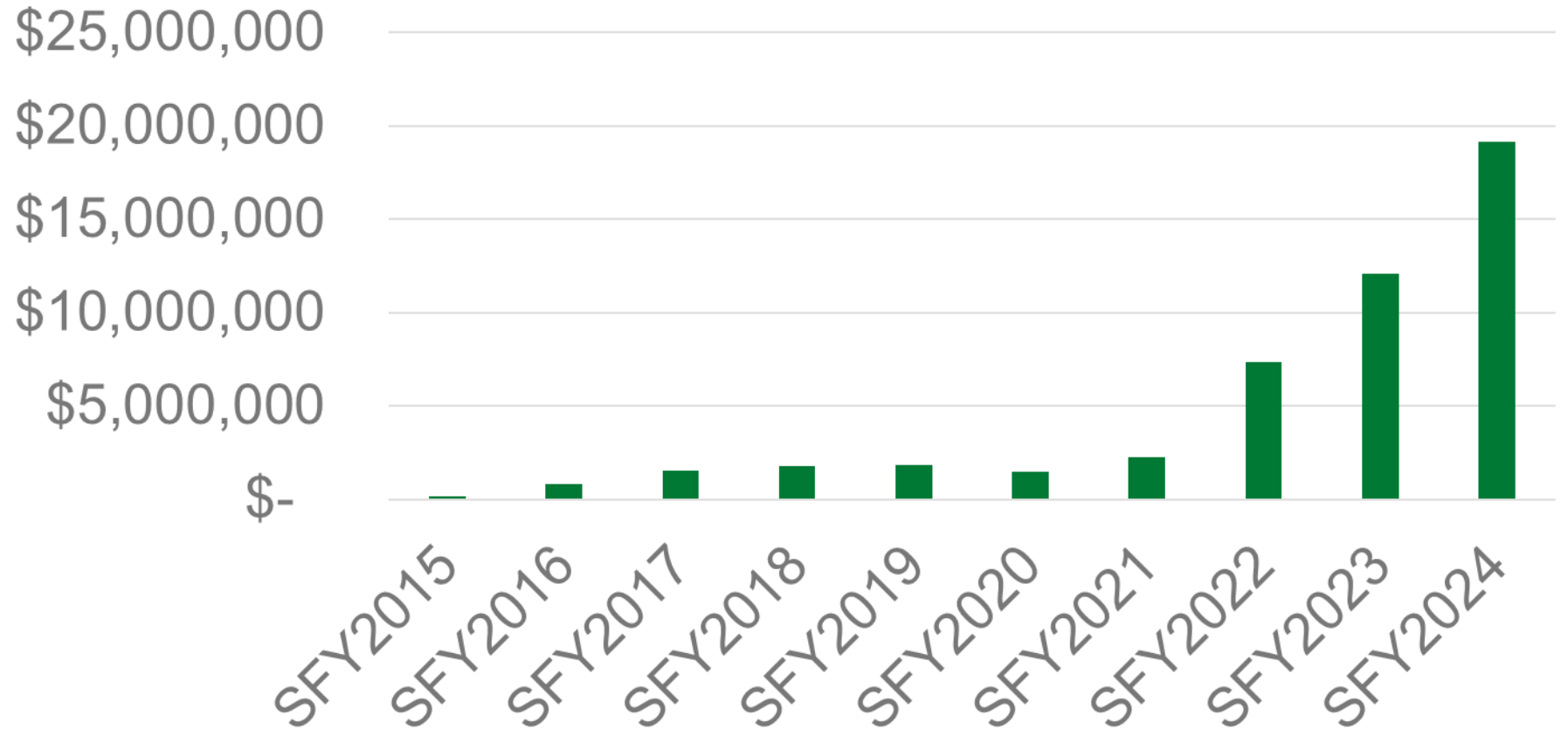
Provides funding to:

- Implement coordinated entry to streamline client access to resources
- Provide flexible financial assistance
- Administer the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

Awards Summary: <https://dcf.vermont.gov/oeo/resources/awards>

Expense Growth

Housing Opportunity Program Growth Over Time



HOP-Funded Shelter Overview

Purpose

Emergency shelters help people to meet their basic needs, connect to resources and services, and support them on their journey towards stable housing.

Shelter Funding SFY25

\$17.5 million awarded to partially support shelter operations and basic onsite services.

- Estimated average cost of a night of shelter is approximately \$125 per household, the full cost of is between \$27.6-31.6 million
- Shelters leverage other federal, state, local, and private funding

Current Shelter Capacity

- 607 households

Awarded Shelter Capacity

- 697 households

And ongoing growth & planning!

Shelter Breakdown

Operations:

- 92% operate year-round (4 seasonal shelters)

Facility type:

- 65% are semi-congregate
- 23% are non congregate
- 12% are congregate

Special Population:

- 23% are focused on those experiencing domestic violence

Household Composition:

- Young Adults (18-24) 14%
- Families with Children (<18) 14%
- Adults Only (18+) 35%
- Both Families & Adults 37%

Shelter Operations & Oversight

Housing Opportunity Grant Program Standards & Guidance

<https://dcf.vermont.gov/oeo/programs/hop/guidance>

Ongoing Monitoring

- Annual Habitability Inspection
- Programmatic Monitoring
- Fiscal Monitoring

Thank you

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