

Recovery Partners of Vermont

Recovery Partners of Vermont (RPV) is the umbrella member organization for Vermont's local recovery organizations and residences, which work across the state to support individuals and their families in their recovery from alcohol and other substance use disorders.

Six recovery organizations across Vermont have identified a need for \$420,000 in one-time funding in the FY26 Budget Adjustment Act to preserve current services and avoid significant budget deficits.

The Need: Recovery organizations have seen a significant increase in demand for our services, and we expect this trend to continue as federal actions make it harder for individuals who are struggling with substance use to access resources and services. Furthermore, recovery organizations are seeing an increase in the number of visitors who are accessing recovery spaces for more general support as other community partners and local agencies downsize or close, **such as unhoused individuals seeking a safe and warm space to spend the day.**

- ★ Recovery organizations are currently providing concrete supports for people experiencing homelessness, such as providing warm clothes, winter gear, and meals. Centers also offer a **free and safe community space** for anyone who needs it, whether they are in recovery or not. Individuals often use a recovery center space to use the phones and computers to get connected to other services, for example.

BAA Request Information

RPV Member Organization	FY26 Budget Adjustment Need
Turning Point Center of Springfield	\$45,000
Journey to Recovery	\$50,000
Turning Point Center of Chittenden County	\$70,000
Turning Point Center of Addison County	\$75,000
Turning Point of Bennington	\$105,000
Turning Point of Windham County	\$75,000
Total FY26 BAA Request:	\$420,000

- Recovery organizations requested a base increase of \$1,600,000 in FY26, and received \$800,000 in Prevention Funds.
- RPV's original request was based on real needs reported from each member organization, but the \$800,000 was distributed across all recovery organizations at a **flat rate of \$50,000 each**, with \$200,000 set aside to be allocated per Medicaid population maps.
- This discrepancy between members' original requests and what each member received has left six recovery organizations in need of additional funding to **preserve current services** and avoid significant deficits.

State investment in recovery organizations is an upstream investment in prevention with long-term cost savings.

People who receive strong wraparound recovery services are less likely to experience a relapse, and every relapse prevented correlates to savings in treatment services, which we know is the most costly and least preventative of the Vermont Department of Health's substance use programs system of care.

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