



Addressing Homelessness in Vermont

AHS Housing Initiative – DCF Budget Items

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Additional Shelter Capacity: \$6M

Combine with \$5M carry forward to create shelters (\$11M total)

Six additional shelters- serving ~240HH

- Regionally based on need
- ~40 HH served in each
- Programming determined by need
- Mental Health Services provided in shelters (\$250K)*

Recovery-Oriented Shelter: \$1.2M

- Maintenance of 12 bed shelter in Burlington (Targeted opening- March 2026)
- Investment in potential third recovery-oriented shelter which would be jointly administered by VDH

Medically Vulnerable: \$2.6M

- DAIL administered Shelter(s)
- May serve ~60 people
 - Case Management
 - Personal Care
 - Skilled Nursing

**Shelter providers stressed this as a significant need in the system*

Family Sheltering: \$7.9M

Utilize family designated hotels across 7 district offices- ~ 240 rooms

- ESD/LTS position per hotel- Motel coordinator (see staffing line item)
- Leveraged services may include: HireAbility, DOL, PCC's, VCCI, DA or SUD
- Authorized stays based on need and case plan
- Housing Navigators (community based)

“Traditional GA” with modified eligibility, utilized as temporary overflow: \$10M

Continued safety net for SFY27

- ~327 HH
- Utilize when shelter unavailable
- Modified eligibility

Adverse Weather Conditions: \$3.6M

- ~513 HH
- 87 days (based on historical data)
- Day to day weather dependent

Continue Emergency Cold Weather Shelters: \$1.3M

- Currently supporting capacity for 167 individuals
- Hoping to expand to other communities in SFY27
- Day to day weather dependent community-based shelters

Rental Assistance: \$1.4M

- ~80 Households
- Targeted at households experiencing homelessness
- Avg. benefit \$14.8K annually (households paying 30-40% of their adjusted income for rent and utilities)

Enhanced Case Management: \$1.3M

- Provide case management to as many households in Shelter / Shelter-like options as resources allow
- Coordinate and standardize outreach and case management across the state and across programs
- Standardize the workflow and supplement existing capacity