



Vermont Department of Health

FY 2026 Governor's Budget Recommendations

Senate Committee on Appropriations
February 26, 2025

Vision

All people and communities in Vermont have equitable opportunities to achieve their highest level of health and well-being.



Mission

Promote the physical, mental, and social well-being of people in Vermont by advancing equity, protecting against disease and injury, and preparing for health emergencies.



Values

Equity • Collaboration • Inclusion • Harmony • Data



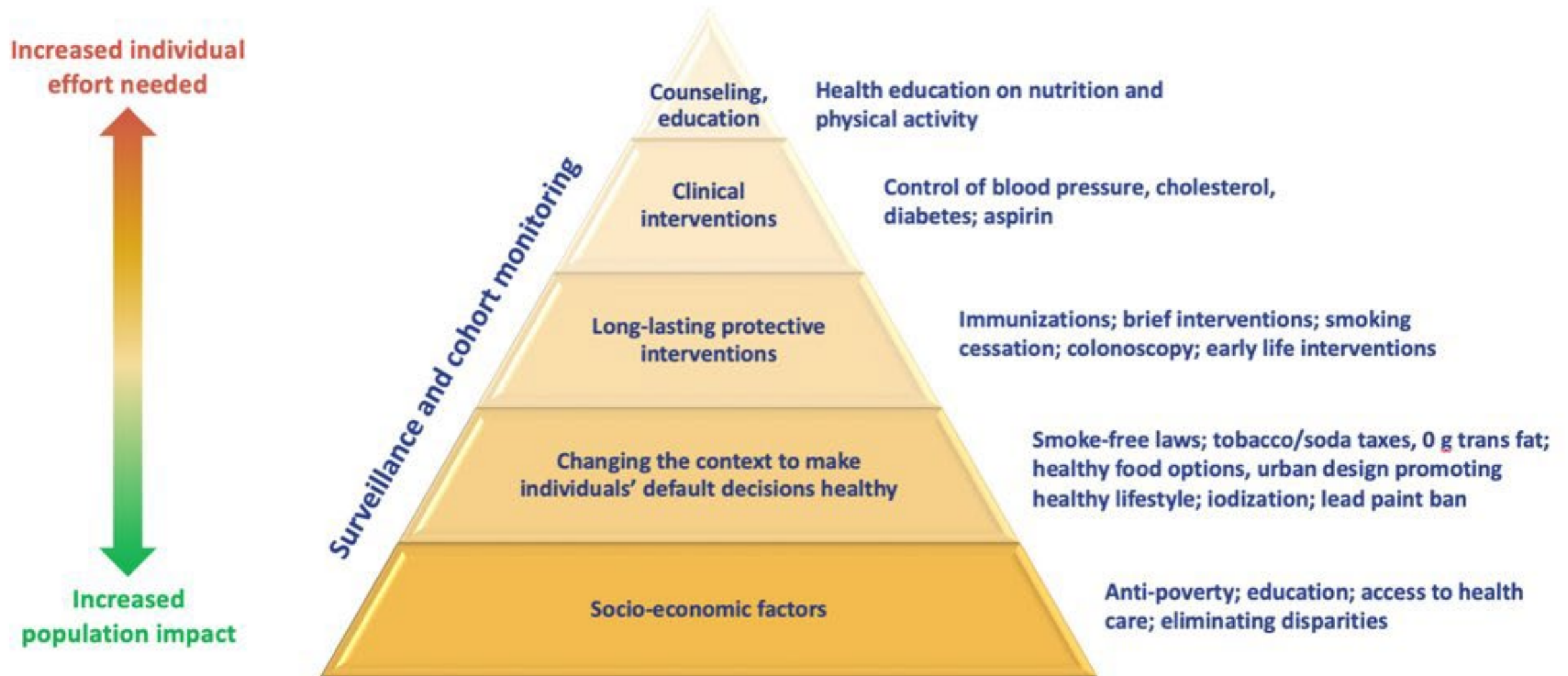
What is Public Health?

Public health is the science of protecting and improving the health of *populations*—from schools to businesses to neighborhoods, from small towns to our biggest cities to the whole state—through education, promotion of healthy lifestyles, activities to prevent disease and injury from environmental hazards, and detecting, preventing, and responding to infectious diseases.



Health Equity

 VERMONT
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



Public health and prevention programs in your community:



We all benefit

Health Department Organizational Structure

Health
Department



Environment
al Health

Family &
Child Health

Laboratory
Sciences &
Infectious
Diseases

Substance
Use
Programs

Local Health

Health
Promotion
& Disease
Prevention

Emergency
Preparednes
s Response
& Injury
Prevention

Health
Statistics &
Informatics



Health Equity

Environmental Health

Prevent illness or disease that may be caused by environmental threats, both natural and human-made, and to reduce or eliminate harmful environmental exposures.

- Lead
- Cyanobacteria
- Food and Water Safety
- Climate and Health
- PFAS in drinking water
- PCBs in school air



Learn more about this division, below:

- Visit the [webpage](#)
- [Lead Poisoning Prevention Report on 2023 Program Outcomes and Activities](#)

Family and Child Health

Programming across the life course: before, during and after pregnancy, and throughout infancy, early childhood and the school years.

- Pregnancy and Breastfeeding
- School Health
- Adolescent Health
- Home visiting programs
- WIC



Learn more about this division, below:

- Visit the [webpage](#)

WIC Program: Supplemental Nutrition for Women, Infants, and Children



Laboratory Sciences and Infectious Disease

Track, prevent and control the spread of infectious diseases.

- Infectious Disease – Covid, Flu, HIV
- Food and Water-borne Disease
- Vector-borne Disease
- Vaccinations
- Public Health Lab



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Substance Use Programs

Oversees a network of prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery services to prevent, reduce and eliminate the health impacts of alcohol and other drug use.

- Community Prevention Coalitions
- Improving Equitable Access to Services
- Prescription Opioid Awareness
- End Addiction Stigma



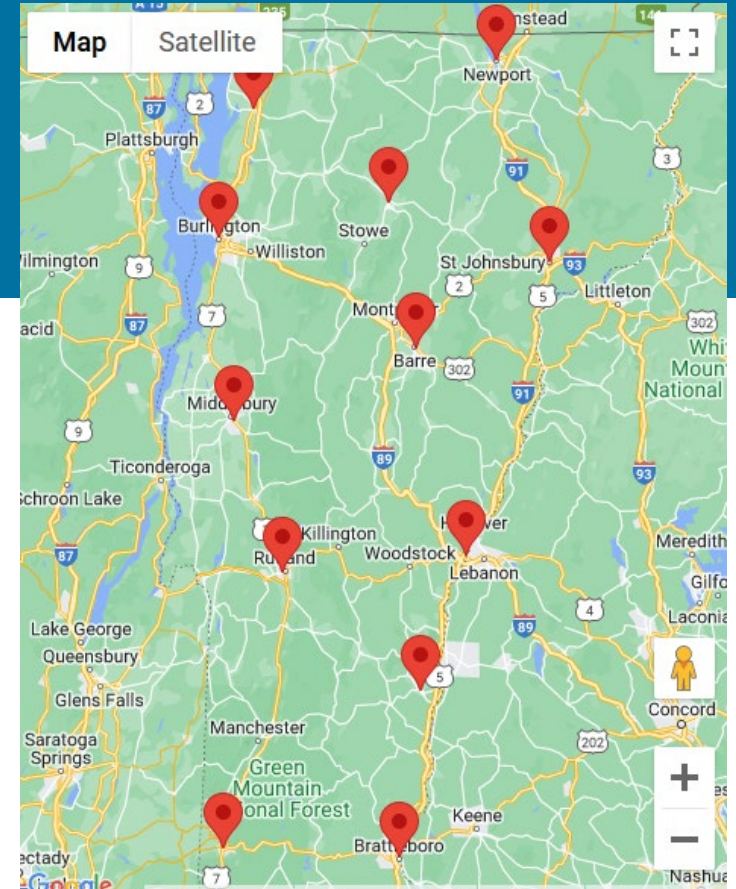
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Local Health

12 District Offices around the state providing the breadth of public health services direct to Vermonters.

- WIC Clinics
- Vaccination Clinics
- Partnerships and Community Support



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Health Promotion & Disease Prevention

Promote healthy lifestyles, prevent chronic diseases and support management of chronic conditions.

- Tobacco Control
- Oral Health
- Diabetes Self-Management
- Healthy Aging



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- Visit the [webpage](#)

Emergency Preparedness & Injury Prevention

Prepare for and respond to emergencies that threaten the health and safety of Vermonters and work to prevent injuries.

- State EMS
- Pandemic and Disaster Response
- Suicide Prevention



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Vermont Floods



Translated Information

Before & After the Flood in: العربية (Arabic) | မြန်မာစာ (Burmese) | 中文 (Chinese) | English | Français (French) | नेपाली (Nepali) | Русский (Russian) | Serbo-Croatian | Soomaali (Somali) | Español (Spanish) | Kiswahili (Swahili) | Tiếng Việt (Vietnamese)

Staying Safe During a Flood and Very Heavy Rainfall (video) in: العربية (Arabic) | မြန်မာစာ (Burmese) | دری (Dari) | English | Français (French) | Kreyòl Ayisyen (Haitian Creole) | Kirundi | Maay Maay | 中文 (Chinese - Mandarin) | नेपाली (Nepali) | پښتو (Pashto) | Soomaali (Somali) | Español (Spanish) | Kiswahili (Swahili) | Tigrinia | Українська (Ukrainian) | Tiếng Việt (Vietnamese) | American Sign Language (ASL)

Returning Home After a Flood in: العربية (Arabic) | မြန်မာစာ (Burmese) | دری (Dari) | 中文 (Chinese - Mandarin) | English | Français (French) | Kirundi | Pashto | Soomaali (Somali) | Español (Spanish) | American Sign Language (ASL)

Flooding Can Contaminate Your Well or Spring in: العربية (Arabic) | မြန်မာစာ (Burmese) | دری (Dari) | English | Français (French) | Kirundi | नेपाली (Nepali) | پښتو (Pashto) | Soomaali (Somali) | Español (Spanish) | American Sign Language (ASL)

Floodwater on fruit and vegetables can make you very sick if you eat them (video) in: မြန်မာစာ (Burmese) | English | Kirundi | Maay Maay | नेपाली (Nepali) | Soomaali (Somali) | Español (Spanish) | Kiswahili (Swahili) | Tiếng Việt (Vietnamese)

How to Prepare Infant Formula During an Emergency in: العربية (Arabic) | မြန်မာစာ (Burmese) | دری (Dari) | English | Français (French) | Kirundi | नेपाली (Nepali) | Soomaali (Somali) | Español (Spanish)

Mold After a Flood in: العربية (Arabic) | မြန်မာစာ (Burmese) | دری (Dari) | English | Français (French) | Kirundi | नेपाली (Nepali) | Soomaali (Somali) | Español (Spanish)

Recreational Water Safety After a Flood in: العربية (Arabic) | မြန်မာစာ (Burmese) | دری (Dari) | Français (French) | Kirundi | नेपाली (Nepali) | पښتو (Pashto) | Soomaali (Somali) | Español (Spanish) | American Sign Language (ASL) Watch [videos in more languages](#) from Vermont Language Justice Project.

Protect Yourself Cleaning Up Outside After a Flood in: العربية (Arabic) | မြန်မာစာ (Burmese) | دری (Dari) | Français (French) | Kirundi | नेपाली (Nepali) | पښتو (Pashto) | Soomaali (Somali) | Español (Spanish) | American Sign Language (ASL)

Health Statistics and Informatics

Track health data and trends to assess the health of Vermonters.

- Vital Records
- Population Health Surveys and Data
- Registries



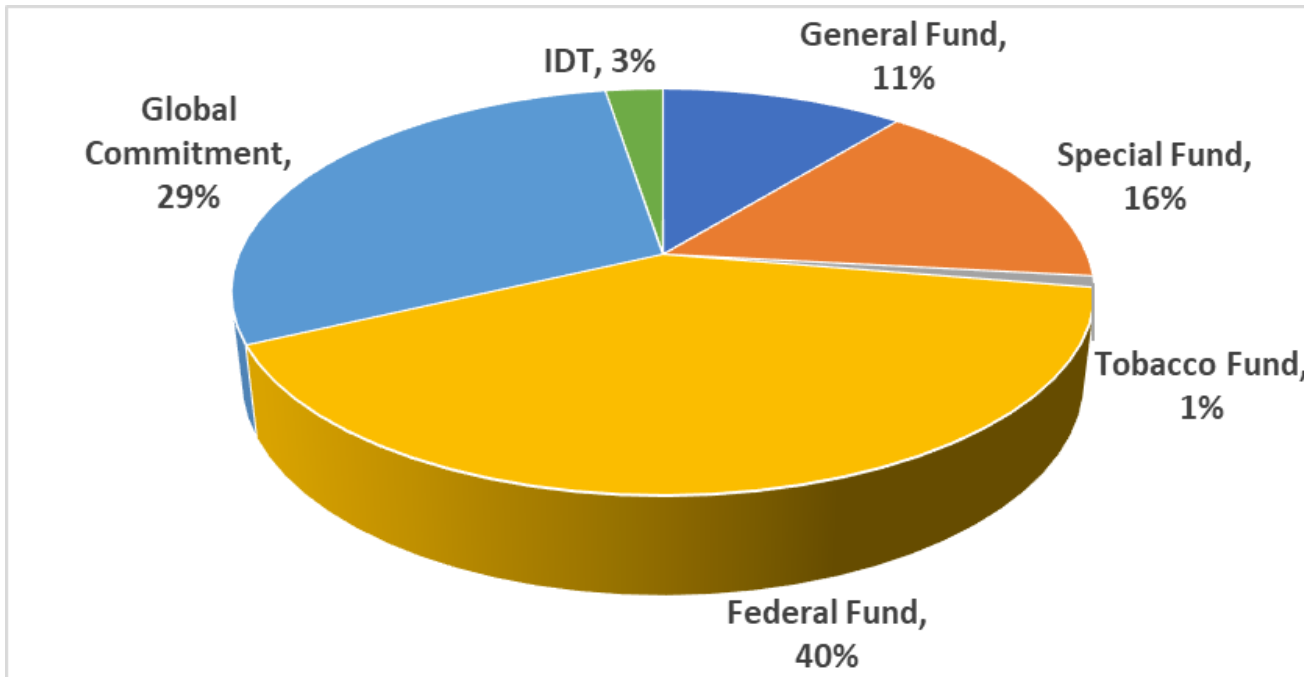
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***Health care is vital to all of us some of the time, but
public health is vital to all of us all of the time.***

C. Everett Koop, former U.S. surgeon general

Agency of Human Services – Vermont Department of Health Fiscal Year 2026 Governor’s Recommended Budget



General Fund	\$ 24,575,271
Special Fund	\$ 35,819,110
Tobacco Fund	\$ 2,038,835
Federal Fund	\$ 91,238,223
Global Commitment	\$ 66,530,577
IDT	\$ 5,810,155
Total	\$ 226,012,171.00

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- **Current Service Budget is Fully Funded.**
- **Cannabis tax funded Substance Misuse Prevention Programs increase 125%.**
- **\$2.8 million in new funding for Substance Use Disorder treatment & recovery.**

Agency of Human Services – Vermont Department of Health Fiscal Year 2026 Governor’s Recommended Budget

		GF	SF	IdptT	FF	Invmnt GCF	TOTAL
Sec. B.311	3420010000 - Health Administration & Support						
	As Passed FY25	3,189,843	2,308,186	166,231	11,040,433	7,173,924	23,878,617
	Other Changes:						
	Office of Health Equity	250,000					250,000
	Total After FY25 Other Changes	3,439,843	2,308,186	166,231	11,040,433	7,173,924	24,128,617
	Personal Services:						
	500000: Salary & Wages: Classified Employees						
	500010: Salary & Wages: Exempt Employees	348,375	11,555	2,410	(200,051)	22,463	184,752
	501500: Health Insurance: Classified Employees						
	501510: Health Insurances: Exempt Employees	128,945	9,958	2,064	(10,160)	19,449	150,256
	502000: Retirement: Classified Employees						
	502010: Retirement: Exempt Employees	115,698	9,186	1,923	5,092	17,878	149,777
	All Other Employee Payroll Related Fringe Benefits	29,068	703	154	(22,410)	2,764	10,279
	504040: VT Family & Medical Leave Insurance Premium	1,288	50	12	(741)	82	691
	504045: Child Care Contribution	2,434	354	76	2,628	709	6,201
	505200: Workers' Compensation Insurance Premium	4,056	10,000		13,447		27,503
	508000: Vacancy Turnover Savings	77,742	(14,545)	(3,032)	(97,495)	48,699	11,369

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**3420010000 - Health Administration & Support
As Passed FY25**

	GF	SF	IdptT	FF	Invmnt GCF	TOTAL
	3,189,843	2,308,186	166,231	11,040,433	7,173,924	23,878,617
Operating Expenses:						
514000: Rent Land & Bldgs-Office Space (108 Cherry St)	(10,371)	(43,500)	(23,478)	(74,939)	(7,712)	(160,000)
515010: Fee-for-Space Charge	148,691	42,823	8,921	311,062	83,267	594,764
516000: Insurance Other Than Employee Benefits	(15)			(87)		(102)
516010: Insurance - General Liability	4,370	25,264				29,634
516671: VISION/ISD	4,593	26,553				31,146
516685: ADS Allocated Charge	7,341	37,000		6,728		51,069
519006: Human Resources Services	(3,348)			(19,422)		(22,770)
Grants:						
FY26 Subtotal of Increases/Decreases	858,867	115,401	(10,950)	(86,348)	187,599	1,064,569
FY26 Gov Recommended	4,298,710	2,423,587	155,281	10,954,085	7,361,523	25,193,186

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		GF	SF	Tob	IdptT	Ptrust	FF	Medicaid GCF	Invmnt GCF	TOTAL
3420021000 - VDH Public Health										
As Passed FY25		12,908,892	24,906,804	1,088,918	5,600,635	25,000	64,038,301	3,204,160	13,831,990	125,604,700
Personal Services:										
500000: Salary & Wages: Classified Employees										
500010: Salary & Wages: Exempt Employees	726,846	(7,399)		74,973			302,738		324,364	1,421,522
500060: Overtime	100,000									100,000
500070: Shift Differential	100,000									100,000
501500: Health Insurance: Classified Employees										
501510: Health Insurances: Exempt Employees	268,392	(20,030)		(21,459)			474,462		111,782	813,147
502000: Retirement: Classified Employees										
502010: Retirement: Exempt Employees	343,609	64,574		32,120			578,340		206,960	1,225,603
All Other Employee Payroll Related Fringe Benefits										
	55,366	(6,125)		5,950			(7,052)		22,220	70,359
504040: VT Family & Medical Leave Insurance Premium										
	2,600	67		299			745		1,196	4,907
504045: Child Care Contribution										
	9,515	3,500		898			25,741		7,289	46,943
505200: Workers' Compensation Insurance Premium										
508000: Vacancy Turnover Savings										
	442,356	(166,806)		(28,861)			(1,142,576)		347,546	(548,341)
507600: Other Contr and 3rd Pty Serv										
	225,942									225,942

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**3420021000 - VDH Public Health
As Passed FY25**

	GF	SF	Tob	IdptT	Ptrust	FF	Medicaid GCF	Invmnt GCF	TOTAL
3420021000 - VDH Public Health As Passed FY25	12,908,892	24,906,804	1,088,918	5,600,635	25,000	64,038,301	3,204,160	13,831,990	125,604,700
Operating Expenses:									0
514000: Rent Land & Bldgs-Office Space (108 Cherry St)	(278,701)	(126,461)		(9,681)		(105,000)		(425,000)	(944,843)
514000: Rent Land & Bldgs-Office Space Burlington District Office	46,000					190,000		55,000	291,000
Grants:									
602201: Immunization Program		1,800,000					770,000		2,570,000
602260: Advance Directive Registry Administration	210,000								210,000
602913: Remove Opioid Abatement SF pending legislative spending plan		(1,050,000)							(1,050,000)
FY26 Subtotal of Increases/Decreases	2,251,925	491,320	0	54,239	0	317,398	770,000	651,357	4,536,239
FY26 Gov Recommended	15,160,817	25,398,124	1,088,918	5,654,874	25,000	64,355,699	3,974,160	14,483,347	130,140,939

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		GF	SF	Tob	FF	Medicaid GCF	Invmnt GCF	TOTAL
Sec. B.313	3420060000 - Substance Use Programs As Passed FY25	6,672,061	2,413,678	949,917	15,456,754	32,176,641	7,628,926	65,297,977
Personal Services:								
500000: Salary & Wages: Classified Employees								
500010: Salary & Wages: Exempt Employees		33,780	20,609		292,821			347,210
501500: Health Insurance: Classified Employees								
501510: Health Insurances: Exempt Employees		36,528	14,642		233,398			284,568
502000: Retirement: Classified Employees								
502010: Retirement: Exempt Employees		21,911	12,171		147,827			181,909
All Other Employee Payroll Related Fringe Benefits		2,449	1,523		24,626			28,598
504040: VT Family & Medical Leave Insurance Premium		124	72		1,090			1,286
504045: Child Care Contribution		794	418		4,624			5,836
508000: Vacancy Turnover Savings		32,097	(15,714)		(131,701)			(115,318)
502600: Other Pers Serv (correction to account code)						(268,500)		(268,500)
Operating Expenses:								
514000: Rent Land & Bldgs-Office Space (108 Cherry St)		(4,000)	(25,000)		(101,000)			(130,000)

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		GF	SF	Tob	IdptT	Ptrust	FF	Medicaid GCF	Invmnt GCF	TOTAL
Sec. B.313	3420060000 - Substance Use Programs									
	As Passed FY25	6,672,061	2,413,678	949,917			15,456,754	32,176,641	7,628,926	65,297,977
Grants:										
	Rebase GC program vs investment split							(750,000)	750,000	0
	602910- Substance Abuse Prevention - Change in Cannabis revenue funding	(3,000,000)	6,750,000							3,750,000
	602912: Substance Abuse Treatment (correction to account code)							268,500		268,500
	602913: Substance Abuse Recovery (remove fund 21378 pending leg action)		(1,200,000)							(1,200,000)
	Transfer funding to DMH for Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) program (AHS net-neutral)							(594,020)		(594,020)

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		GF	Medicaid GCF	TOTAL
Sec. B.313	3420060000 - Substance Use Programs As Passed FY25	6,672,061	32,176,641	65,297,977
Grants:				
	Re-engagement Beds (aka Stabilization Beds)	1,000,000		1,000,000
	Aftercare Navigators	320,000		320,000
	Pilot Recovery Campus		1,500,000	1,500,000

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TOTAL BUDGET		GF	SF	Tob	ldptT	Ptrust	FF	Medicaid GCF	Invmnt GCF	TOTAL
Sec. B.311	3420010000 - Health Administration & Support As Passed FY25	3,189,843	2,308,186		166,231		11,040,433		7,173,924	23,878,617
	FY26 Subtotal of Increases/Decreases	858,867	115,401	0	(10,950)	0	(86,348)	0	187,599	1,064,569
	FY26 Gov Recommended	4,298,710	2,423,587	0	155,281	0	10,954,085	0	7,361,523	25,193,186
Sec. B.312	3420021000 - VDH Public Health As Passed FY25	12,908,892	24,906,804	1,088,918	5,600,635	25,000	64,038,301	3,204,160	13,831,990	125,604,700
	FY26 Subtotal of Increases/Decreases	2,251,925	491,320	0	54,239	0	317,398	770,000	651,357	4,536,239
	FY26 Gov Recommended	15,160,817	25,398,124	1,088,918	5,654,874	25,000	64,355,699	3,974,160	14,483,347	130,140,939
Sec. B.313	3420060000 - Substance Use Programs As Passed FY25	6,672,061	2,413,678	949,917			15,456,754	32,176,641	7,628,926	65,297,977
	FY26 Subtotal of Increases/Decreases	(1,556,317)	5,558,721	0	0	0	471,685	155,980	750,000	5,380,069
	FY26 Gov Recommended	5,115,744	7,972,399	949,917	0	0	15,928,439	32,332,621	8,378,926	70,678,046
	FY 25 budget as Passed	22,770,796	29,628,668	2,038,835	5,766,866	25,000	90,535,488	35,380,801	28,634,840	214,781,294
	Other Changes	250,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	250,000
	FY 25 Total with Other Changes	23,020,796	29,628,668	2,038,835	5,766,866	25,000	90,535,488	35,380,801	28,634,840	215,031,294
	VDH FY26 Total Increases/Decreases	1,554,475	6,165,442	0	43,289	0	702,735	925,980	1,588,956	10,980,877
	Total FY 26 Recommended	24,575,271	35,794,110	2,038,835	5,810,155	25,000	91,238,223	36,306,781	30,223,796	226,012,171

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