



Low income housing supporting independence, creating opportunities.

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My name is Christine Hazzard, and I am the Executive Director of Brattleboro Housing Partnerships. We're partnering with Windham and Windsor Housing Trust, supported by Cathedral Square Corp., to pilot the Support And Services at Home (SASH) For All program based on the traditional SASH Program. We are in the middle of the third year of the pilot project, serving 250 Vermonters.

One of these families is a family of four. They all manage chronic and complex health issues that involve physical and mental symptoms. They utilized SASH For All services for tasks ranging from disability applications, navigating interpersonal complaints, addressing mental health concerns, and managing the death of close family members. Most recently, a parent in the household received news that they require a life-altering surgery. Right away, the SASH For All team planned for addressing these complex and emergent family needs through tasks like releases of information, scheduling care team meetings, and coordinating services from the SASH For All Wellness Nurse and Embedded Wellness Clinician. Without these services, the family would have a significantly decreased potential for positive emotional and physical health outcomes.

While the Governor's budget included gap year funding for the traditional SASH program, it did not include funding to continue or expand SASH For All, despite documented data proving positive outcomes.

We are ready to expand the pilot to serve approximately 1,200 people across Vermont, including the areas of highest need. It will cost \$400K to continue the existing pilot and \$2M to expand SASH For All across the state.

Importantly, without the \$400K, the pilot will end, and participants in Brattleboro will lose these vital services.

Thank you for your consideration and your time.

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