Housing & Homelessness Alliance of Vermont

Housing & Homelessness Response Priorities & Opportunities

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Build a Vermont where the fundamental right to housing is enjoyed by all

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Who is HHAV?

- Member-driven & statewide
- Represents: Service, youth, older-Vermonter, mental health, anti-poverty, housing, homelessness prevention & support, finance
- Formed in 2023
- Merger of Vermont Affordable Housing Coalition & Vermont Coalition to End Homelessness

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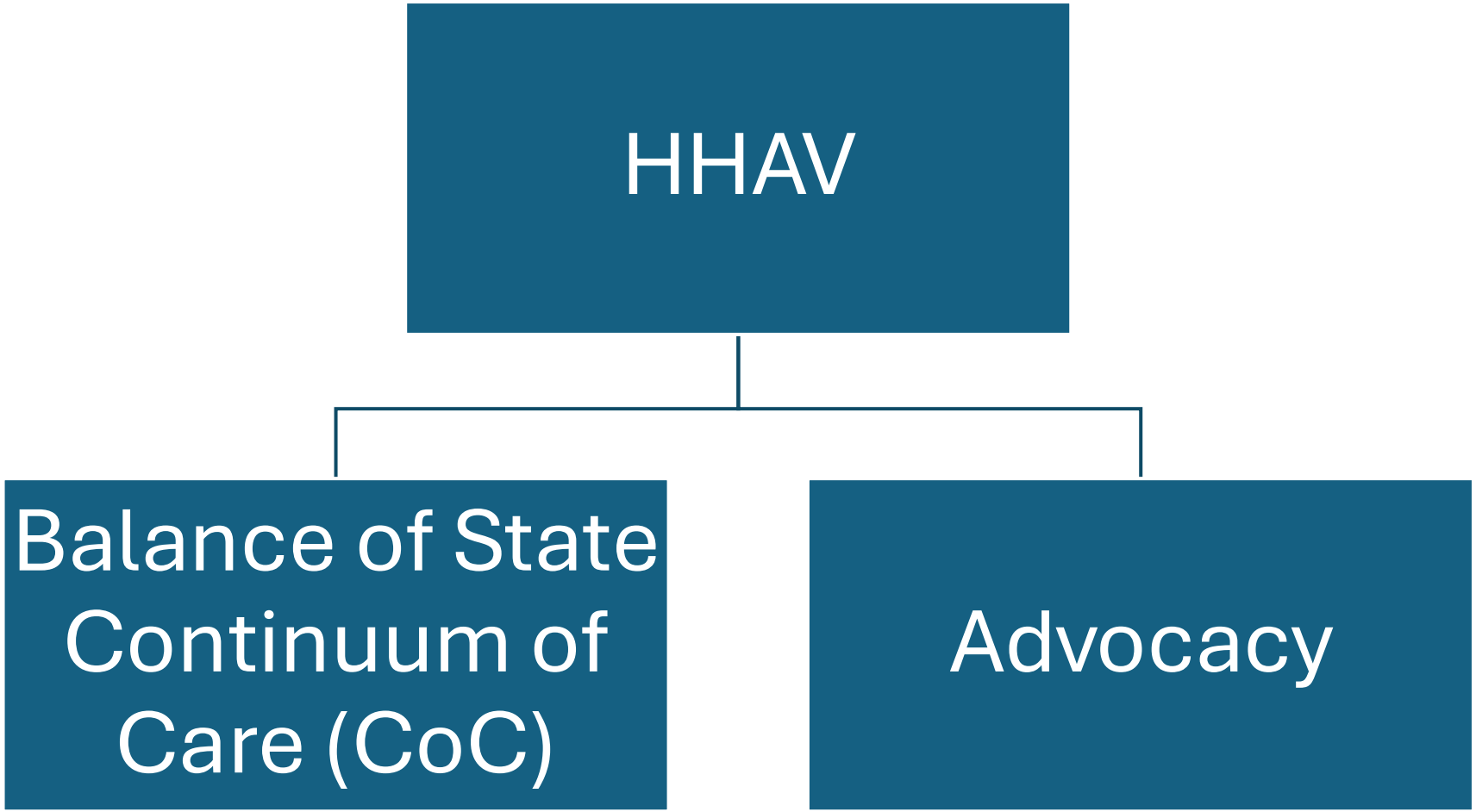

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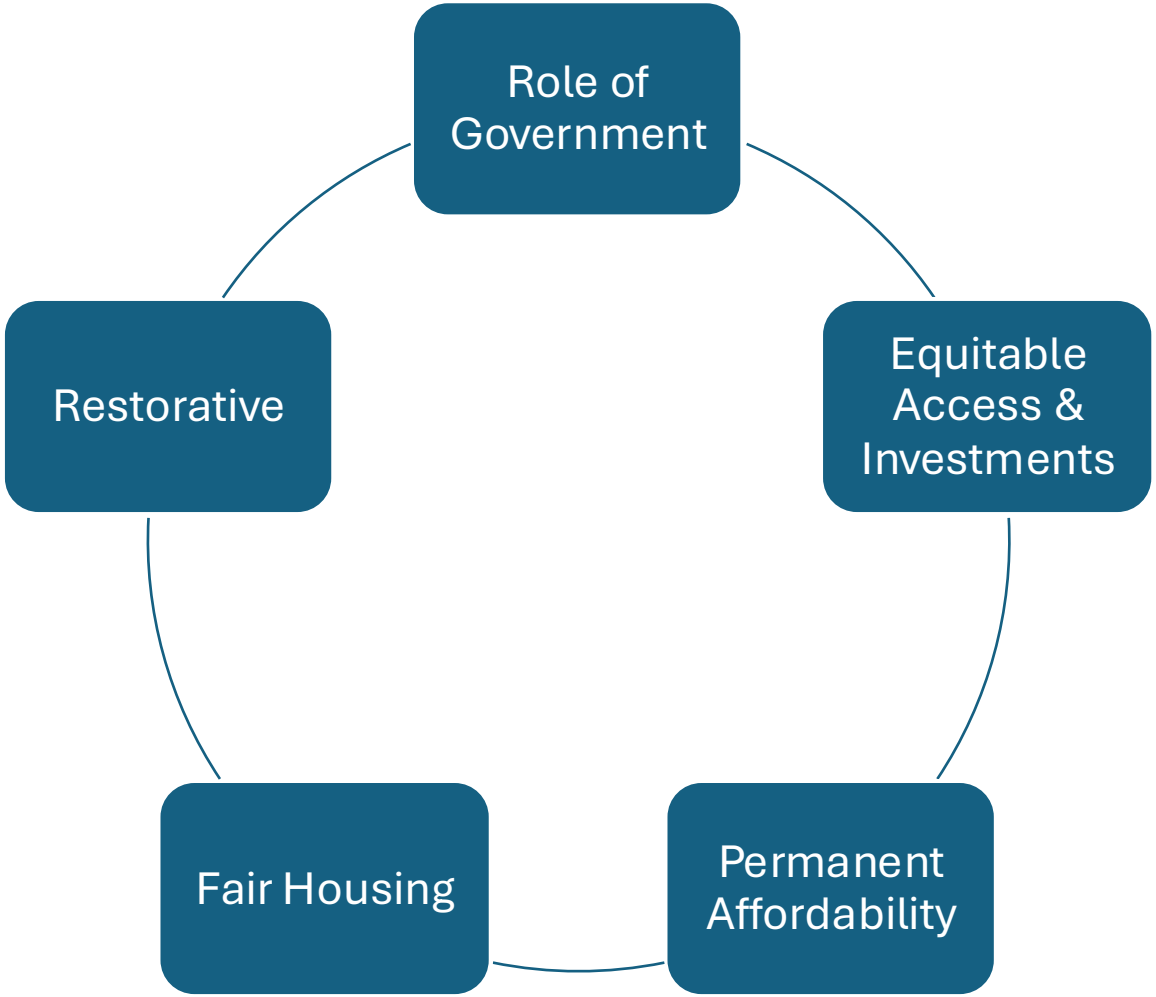
Driving Principles



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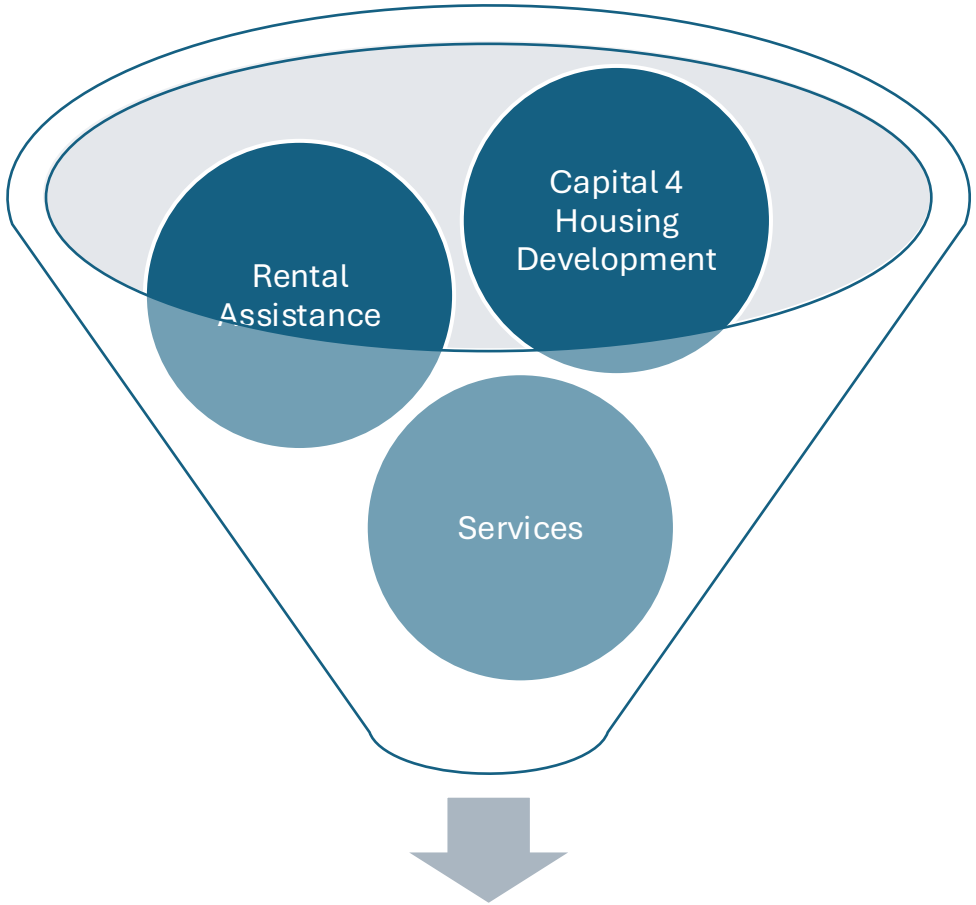

Housing Enjoyed by All

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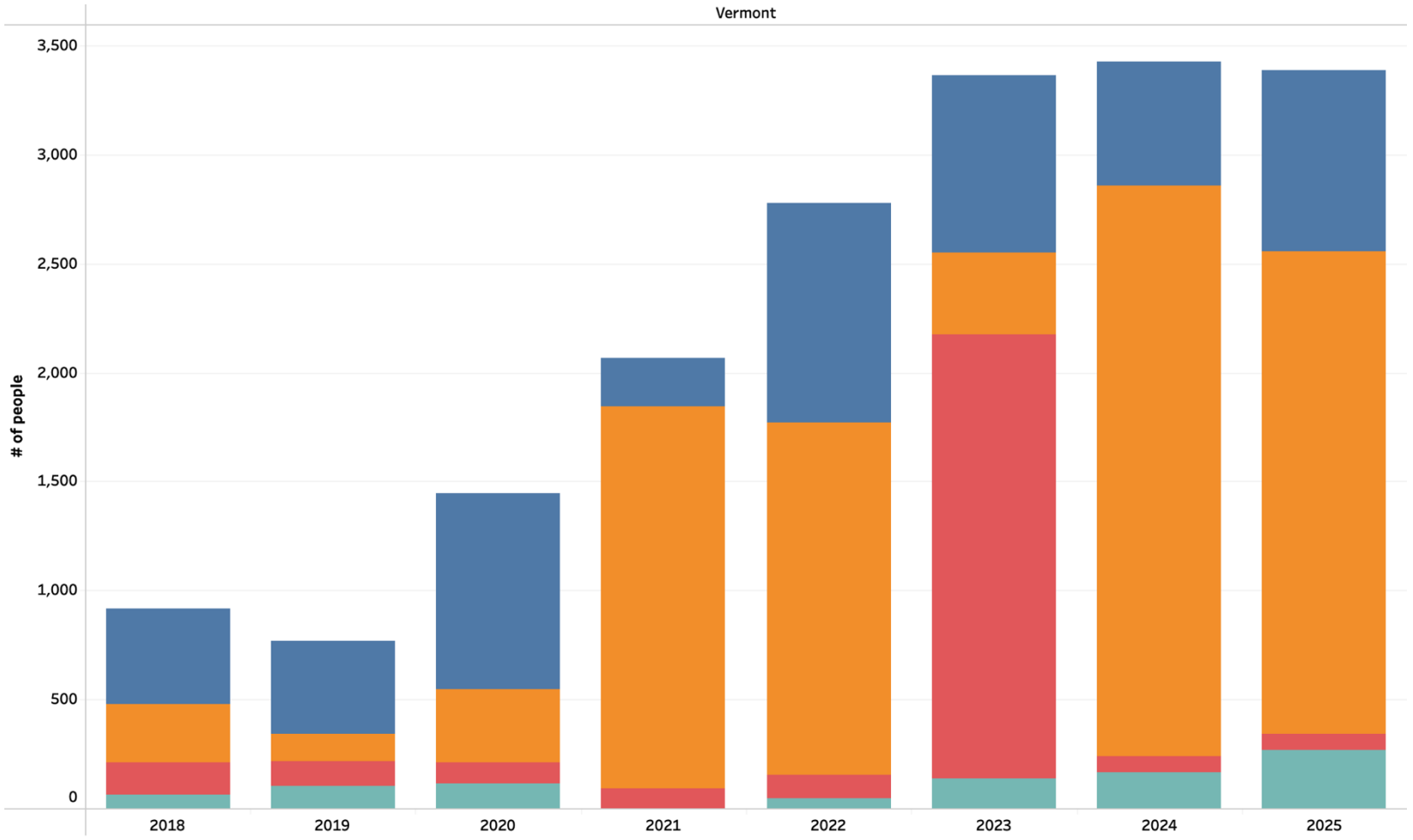
People experiencing homelessness



Individuals experiencing homelessness by shelter type

Shelter Types

- Individuals In Emergency Shelter
- Individuals In Publicly Funded Hotel
- Individuals In Transitional Housing
- Individuals Unsheltered

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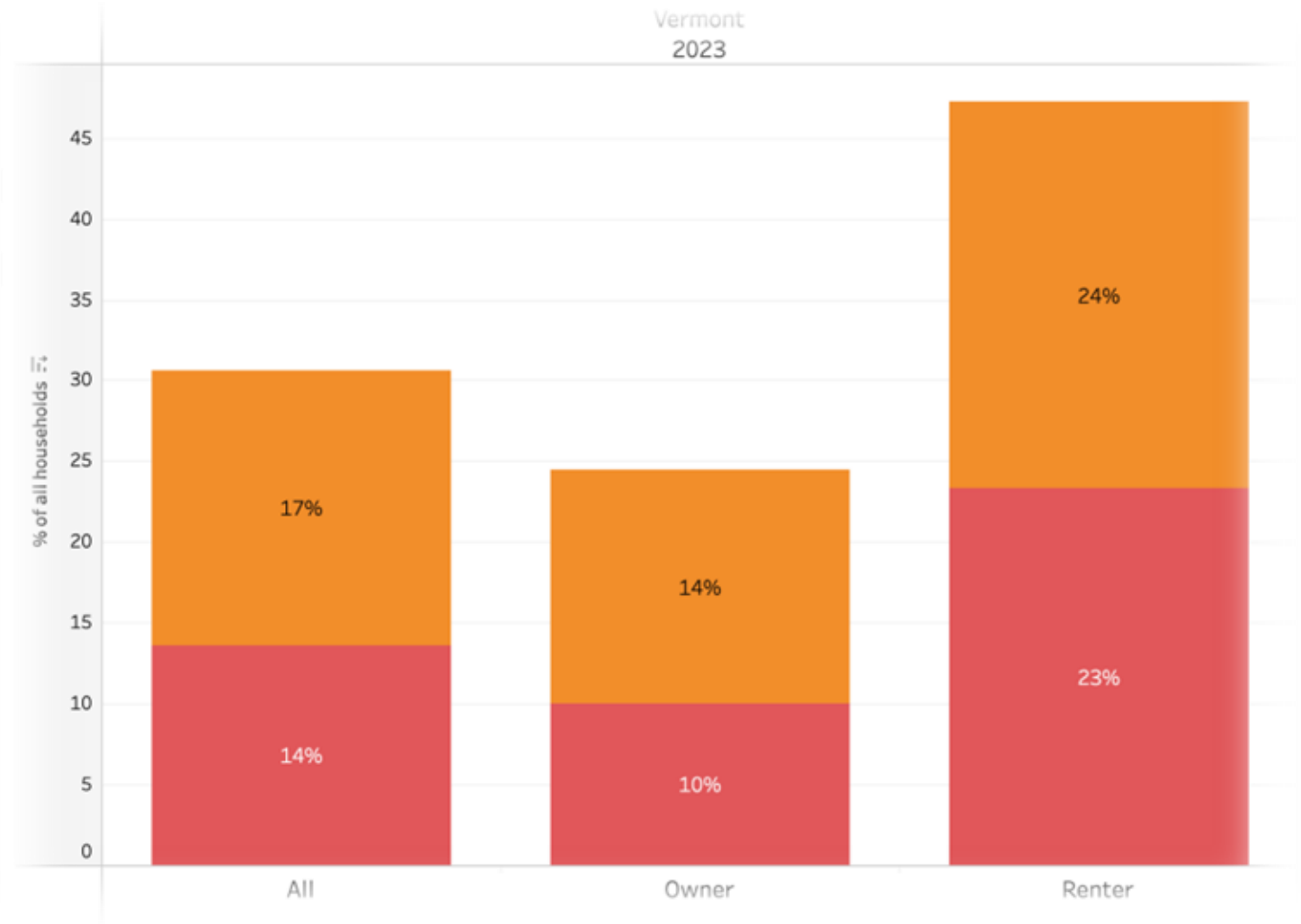
Housing costs are overwhelming



Housing Cost Burden: Housing costs as a % of household income

Cost burden level

- Paying 30-49% income
- Paying 50% income or more

U.S. Census Bureau: American Community Survey

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Homes needed by 2030

Source: Vermont Housing Finance Agency (VHFA)

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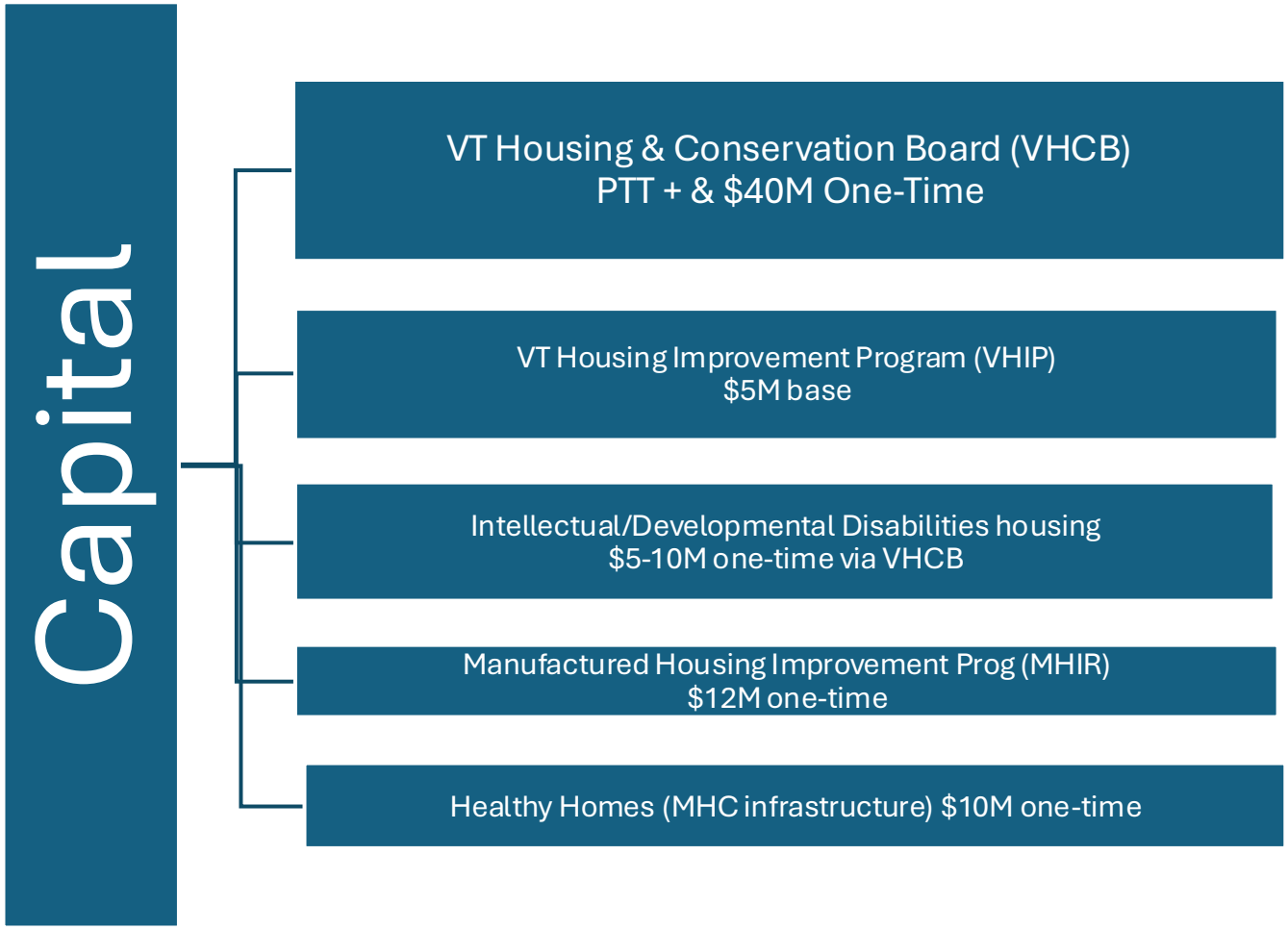

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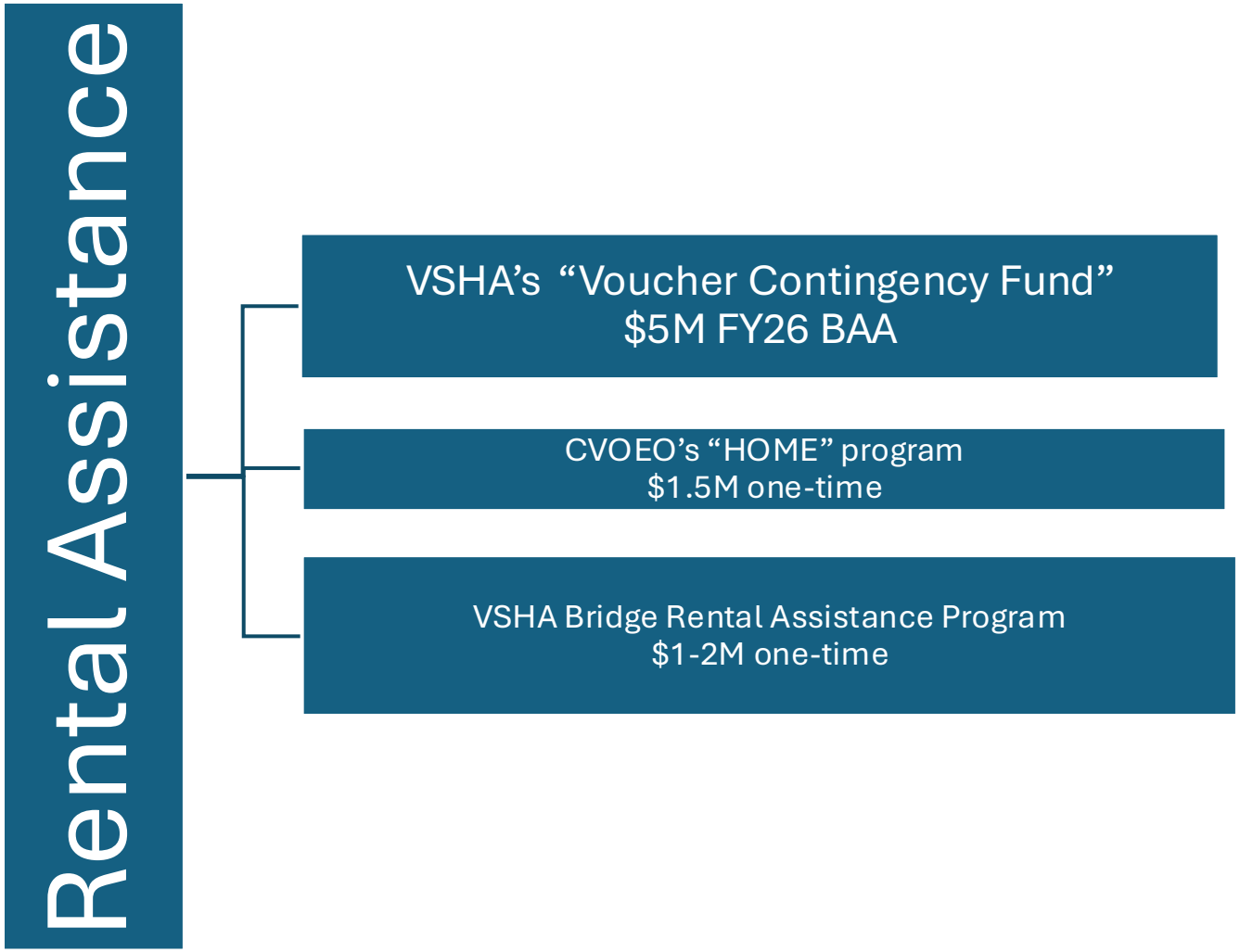

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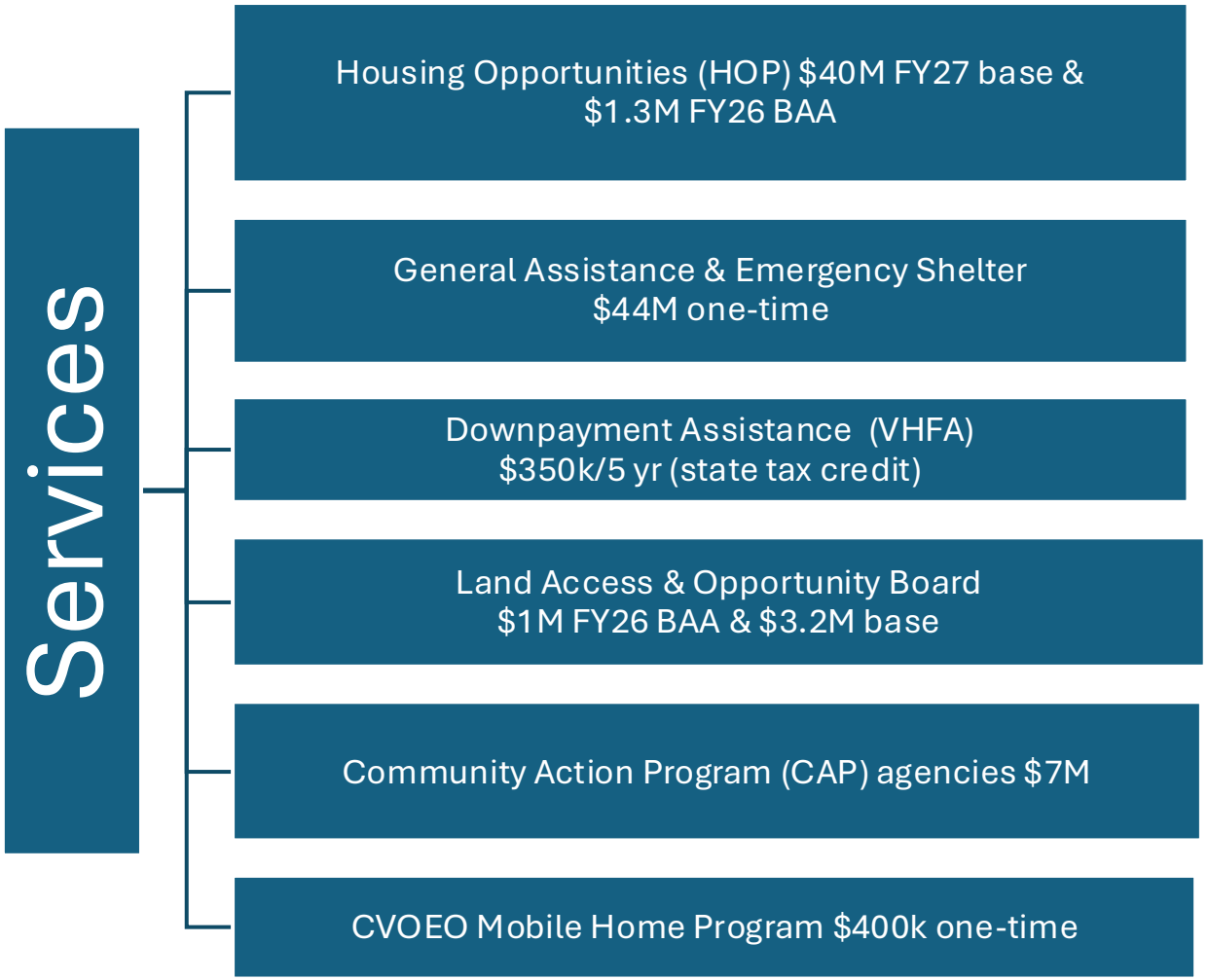

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State Policy Priorities

- Regulatory, zoning & land Use
  - Improvements to Act 181
  - LBH's Root Zone
  - Appeals reform
- GA/Emergency shelter reform efforts & planning
- Landlord/Tenant law
- Progressive taxation for housing & homelessness
- MHC policies and program improvements
  - State Drinking Water & Wastewater Revolving Loan program design

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