

# FEDERAL HOMELESS, HOUSING AND LOW-INCOME PROGRAMS

**U.S. Dept. of  
Housing & Urban Development**

- Sect. 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program (Mainstream, Family Unification, Family Self-Sufficiency, Non-Elderly Disabled, Homeownership)
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program (HOPWA)
- Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH = HUD & Veterans Affairs)
- Project-Based Vouchers/Public Housing
- Low Income Housing Tax Credit (Treasury, HUD, DOJ)
- Single & Multiple Family Housing
- Community Development Block Grants
- HOME: Investment Partnerships
- Fair Housing/Lead Control
- Family Self-Sufficiency
- Ex-Offender Reentry (HUD & DOJ)
- ARRA Stimulus (HPRP, NSP, DV TH)
- Supportive Housing for People with Disabilities (Sect. 811)/Elderly (Sect. 202)

**HUD HOMELESS PROGRAMS**

Competitive Grants

- Continuum of Care Program (formerly named Supportive Housing, Shelter+Care, Sect. 8 Mod Rehab SRO)

Formula Grants

- Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG)

Other

- Surplus Federal Properties Program

**U.S. Dept. of Health  
& Human Services**

- CSBG/SSBG
- Runaway & Homeless Youth
- SAMHSA/PATH (Mental Health)
- Agencies on Aging
- LIHEAP (fuel assistance)
- Refugee Resettlement
- TANF (Reach Up)
- Child Support
- Child Abuse Prevention
- Welfare Services
- Medicare & Medicaid
- Foster Care/Adoption

**U.S. Dept. of Education**

- McKinney/Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program (homeless education liaisons, services, transportation)
- Adult Education
- College Loans
- Centers for Independent Living
- Mentoring
- Special Education
- School Dropout Prevention
- Other Programs

**U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs**

Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF), Grant & Per Diem Shelter Beds, Supportive Housing, HUD-VASH, Pensions, Benefits, Health Care, Burials

**U.S. Dept. of Justice-  
Office on Violence Against Women**

Shelter Beds, Services, Transitional Housing Assistance, Trainings, Legal Assistance, Prevention

DOJ: [www.ovw.usdoj.gov](http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov)  
 VA: [www.va.gov/HOMELESS/housing.asp](http://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/housing.asp)  
 HHS: [www.hhs.gov/about/infoguid.html#pub](http://www.hhs.gov/about/infoguid.html#pub)  
 DOE: [www2.ed.gov/programs/homeless/index.html](http://www2.ed.gov/programs/homeless/index.html)  
 HUD: <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/hudprograms/toc>

**FIND RESOURCES! Contact Vermont 2-1-1 (a program of the United Ways of VT)  
Simply dial 2-1-1 or [www.vermont211.org](http://www.vermont211.org)**

## HUD CONTINUUM OF CARE [CoC] PROGRAM and other HOMELESS PROGRAMS

**Homeless Emergency and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act.** The Act of 2009 *amends and reauthorizes* the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act with substantial changes to reduce and end homelessness in the U.S. <https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/hearth-act/>

**Opening Doors- Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness.** Established in 2010 and coordinated by the Office of the President, Opening Doors is the nation's first comprehensive strategy to prevent & end homelessness with joint action by the 19 USICH member agencies along with local & state partners in the public and private sectors. [http://usich.gov/opening\\_doors/](http://usich.gov/opening_doors/)

**HUD Continuum of Care:** <https://www.hudexchange.info/coc/>

- Geographic area recognized by HUD that includes a collaborative partnership of community partners to develop strategies for reducing and ending homelessness.
- Each of the 400+ HUD CoC's in the U.S. coordinate local homeless planning: approving/submitting a collective CoC Homeless Assistance application as part of the annual Notice of Funding Availability competition; conduct a Point-in-Time Count of the Homeless/Housing Inventory Chart of Homeless Beds; Coordinated Assessment; implement a CoC HMIS; consult on ESG allocation/reporting/evaluation with recipient; other activities.

### HUD Homeless Programs:

Continuum of Care Program (CoC) - Competitive Grants – see HUD CoC.

- **Eligible Costs.** Services; Leasing; Operating; HMIS; tenant-based, sponsor-based and project-based rental assistance, acquisition/new construction/rehabilitation.
- **Program Types.** Supportive Services Only; Transitional Housing; Safe Haven; HMIS; Permanent Housing: Permanent Supportive Housing (ie. Shelter+Care) and Rapid Rehousing-Families.  
**Permanent Supportive Housing** = literal/chronic homeless persons with a disabling condition, and their families if applicable; long-term rental subsidies combined with sufficient provider services.  
**Permanent Housing/Rapid Rehousing** = literal homeless families; tenant-based/medium-term rental assistance (3-24 months) with services to support housing stability when RRH subsidy ends.  
**Transitional Housing** = imminent or literal homeless individuals/families provided with up to a 24 months stay in a unit with a lease/occupancy agreement and sufficient provider services.  
**Safe Haven** = literal homeless individuals offered low-barrier housing and sufficient services.  
**Supportive Services Only** = case management services for imminent or literal homeless persons.

Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) - Formula Grants. <https://www.hudexchange.info/esg>

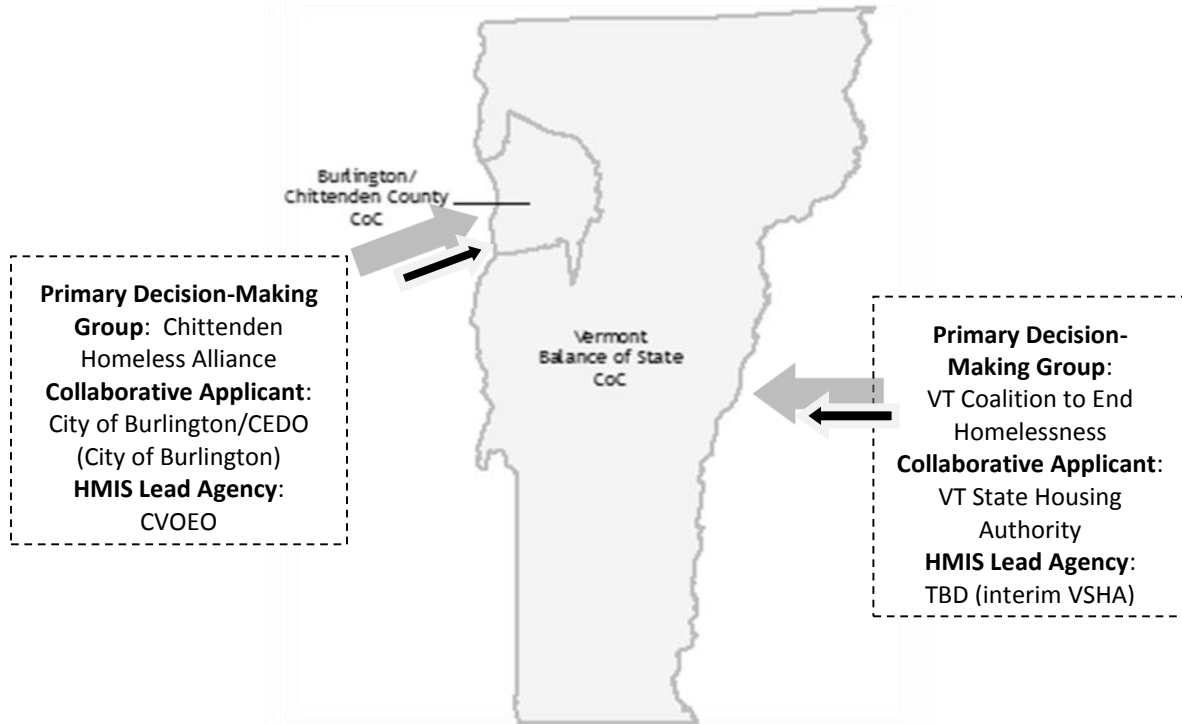
- Prevention, Rapid Rehousing (short-term or medium-term), Shelter Operations, Services.
- Vermont receives a small state minimum amount as part of each area's HUD Consolidated Plan.
- VT DHCD and City of Burlington-CEDO each coordinate their areas' HUD Con Plan submission.
- VT AHS/DCF-Office of Economic Opportunity distributes ESG funds (HUD & VT State match).

**Homeless Management Information System [HMIS]:** <https://www.hudexchange.info/hmis>

- Each HUD CoC must select and use only one HMIS software to record and store client-level data.
- Data is entered into a CoC's HMIS by the following federal programs (except domestic violence providers): **HUD CoC & ESG Programs, Veteran Affairs-Homeless Programs, HHS-Runaway & Homeless Youth Programs** (new), and **HHS-PATH** (mental health homeless outreach).
- HMIS may also be utilized in the Point-in-Time Count of the Homeless; Annual Performance Reports, project performance evaluation; CoC outcomes; community needs/gaps analysis; Annual Homeless Assessment Report to HUD/Congress; Coordinated Assessment; and other activities.

## HUD CONTINUA of CARE in VERMONT

**CoC Members & Interested Parties** = Current/Former Homeless Persons; Service Providers [Low-Income/ Employment/Health Care/Mental Health/Substance Abuse/Domestic Violence/Veterans/Others]; For-Profit/Non-Profit Landlords; Public Housing Authorities; Funders & Businesses; Housing Developers; Law Enforcement/Corrections/Legal Services; Faith-Based organizations; Colleges/Universities; Homeless Education Liaisons/Schools; Parent-Child Centers; Local/State/Federal Governments; and Other Partners.



### VERMONT BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE

**Primary Decision-Making Group** = VT COALITION TO END HOMELESSNESS [www.helpingtohousevt.org](http://www.helpingtohousevt.org)

- Steering Committee = Co-Chairs, Secretary, Treasurer, and Members-at-Large
- Local CoC's = County/Regional Coalitions that make up the VT Balance of State CoC (see list).
- HMIS Committee & PIT Committee
- Legislative/Advocacy Committee
- Coordinated Entry Workgroup
- CoC NOFA Application Committee

**CoC Collaborative Applicant** = VT State Housing Authority; Contact: Daniel Blankenship; [www.vsha.org](http://www.vsha.org)

**HMIS Lead Agency** = TBD **HMIS Administrator** = Data Remedies, LLC (Richard Rankin)

**HMIS Software** = ServicePoint \* **HMIS Software Vendor** = Bowman Systems; [www.bowmansystems.com](http://www.bowmansystems.com)

### BURLINGTON/CHITTENDEN COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE

**Primary Decision-Making Body** = CHITTENDEN HOMELESS ALLIANCE

- Steering Committee = Co-Chairs, Secretary, Facilitator, Members-at-Large
- Membership/Outreach Committee
- Planning Committee
- Data Committee
- HUD Application Committee

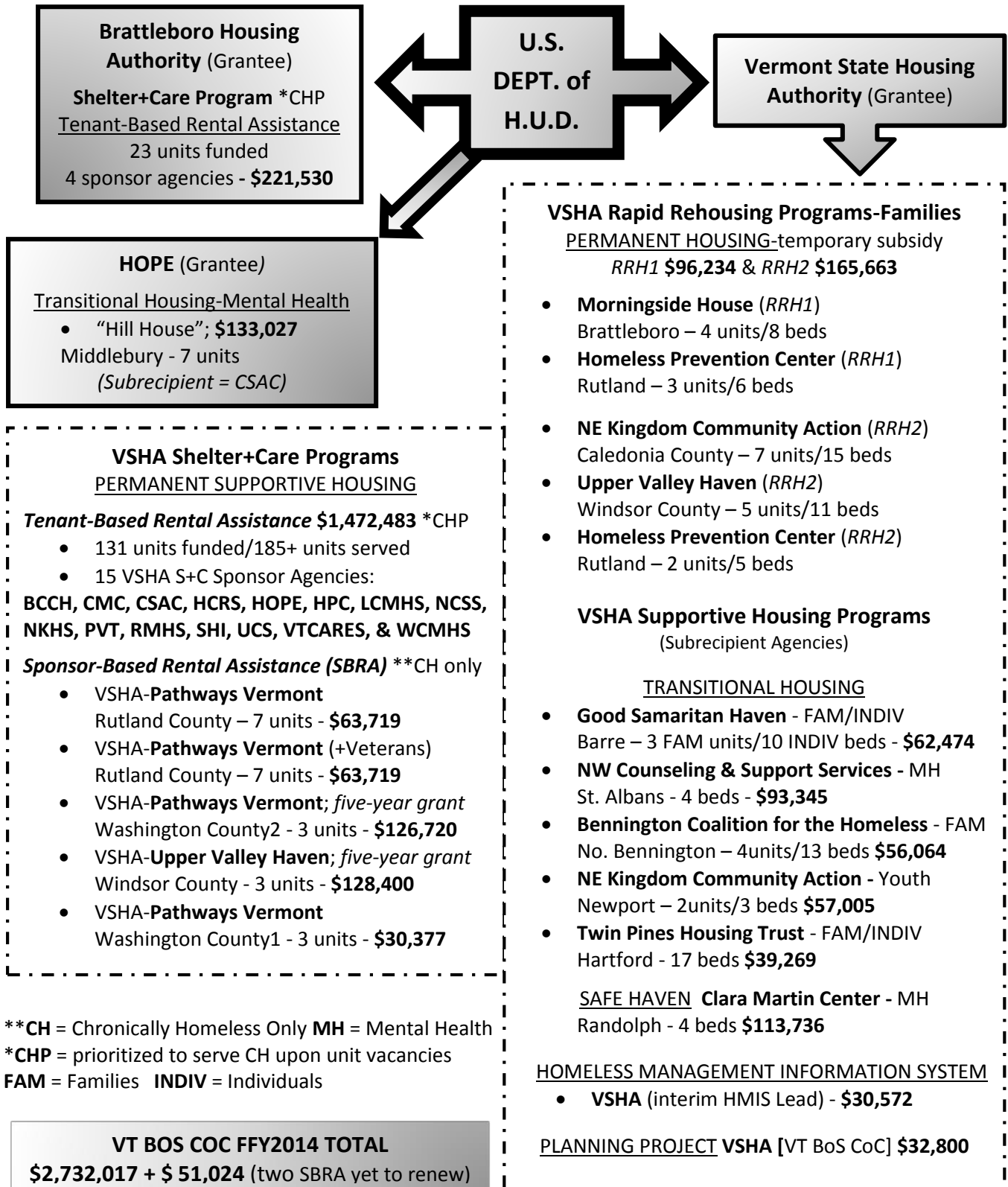
**CoC Collaborative Applicant** = City of Burlington/CEDO; Contact: Marcy Krumbine

**HMIS Lead Agency** = Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity; Contact: Meg McCauslan

**HMIS Software Vendor & Administrator** = HousingWorks (John Labella); [www.housingworks.net](http://www.housingworks.net)

## VT BALANCE OF STATE COC HOMELESS PROGRAMS (FFY2014)

Grantees oversee: Exhibit 2 application, grant renewal/sponsor agreement, grant management, subrecipient/contractor/sponsor relations, eligibility, HMIS, APRs, Reimbursements, Match, etc.



**BURLINGTON/CHITTENDEN COC HOMELESS PROGRAMS (HUD FFY2014)**

Grantees oversee grant management including: submit annual project renewal application, sponsor or subrecipient partnerships, sponsor agreement, Annual Performance Reports, Reimbursement Requests, etc. Projects also need to leverage other funding [match] from public, private and participant sources.

