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## FY 2025 Housing, Shelter, and Services Appropriations

The primary housing, shelter, and services appropriations were made through H.833 and H.687<sup>1</sup>. Here is a summary of the various appropriations:

### H.883 FY25 One-time Appropriations:

- \$16.5M – General Assistance Emergency Housing program
- \$332K – For a 2-1-1 service line contract to operate 24 hours seven days per week
- \$1M – Manufactured Home Improvement and Repair Program
- \$1M – To extend 10 Economic Services Division limited service positions, including associated operating costs, in support of the General Assistance Emergency Housing program
- \$325K – Recovery housing supports

### H.883 FY25 Base Appropriations:

- \$11M – Department for children and families – general assistance
- \$36.3M – Office of Economic Opportunity (\$25,747,402 shall be used by OEO to issue grants to community agencies assisting individuals experiencing homelessness by preserving existing services, increasing services, or increasing resources available statewide. These funds may be granted alone or in conjunction with federal Emergency Solutions Grants funds. Grant decisions and the administration of funds shall be done in consultation with the two U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development recognized Continuum of Care programs.)
- \$181K -- Grants to support homeless youth services

### H.883 FY25 General Fund Contingency Appropriations:

- \$20M – General Assistance Emergency Housing (number 1 on the contingency list)
- \$4M – Healthy Homes Initiative (number 7 on the contingency list)
- \$10M – To expand shelter bed and permanent supportive housing capacity (number 9 on the contingency list)
- \$6M -- Vermont Housing Improvement Program (number 14 on the contingency list)

### H.883 FY25 ARPA Contingency Appropriations:

- \$30M – Vermont Housing and Conservation Board to provide support and enhance capacity for the production and preservation of affordable mixed-income rental housing and homeownership units, including improvements to manufactured homes and communities, permanent homes and emergency shelter for those experiencing homelessness, recovery residences, and housing available to farm workers, refugees, and individuals who are eligible to receive Medicaid-funded home and community based services. (Number 3 on the list.)
- \$25M – Vermont Housing Finance Agency for the Middle-Income Homeownership Development Program, the First Generation Homebuyer Program, and the Vermont Rental Revolving Loan Fund. Up to \$1 million of these funds may be for the First Generation Homebuyer Program. (Number 4 on the list.)

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<sup>1</sup> H.687 may face a veto from the Governor. The 2024 veto session will begin on June 17, 2024.

**H.883 FY25 Property Transfer Tax Share Appropriations:**

- \$22.1M – Vermont Housing and Conservation Board.

**H.687 Appropriations**

- \$6.1M – Vermont Housing and Conservation Board
- \$56K – Natural Resources Board Staff Attorney
- \$1M – First Generation Homebuyer Program
- \$1M – Land Access and Opportunity Board
- \$400K – Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity for the Rental Housing Stabilization Services Program established by Act 47 (in 2023)
- \$1.025M – Vermont Legal Aid for the Tenant Representation Pilot Program established by Act 47 (in 2023)
- \$2.5M – Vermont State Housing Authority in fiscal year 2025 for the Rent Arrears Assistance Fund established by Act 47 (in 2023)
- \$1M – Manufactured Home Improvement and Repair Program
- \$7K – Landlord-Tenant Law Study Committee
- \$1.3M – Natural Resources Board Lost Fee Revenue & Board Members

H.687 also makes changes to five-year Vermont Housing Improvement Program forgivable loans. For any unit converted from commercial to residential, loans could be made for up to \$70,000. The maximum loan amount for eligible rental housing units, \$50,000, will remain unchanged. This section would also place requirements on ten-year forgivable loans offered through the program. These include requirements relating to affordability, accessibility, and housing status of prospective tenants. For each year that recipients meet the requirements of the program 10% of the loan amount is forgiven.