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FY 2026 Housing, Shelter, and Services Appropriations

The primary housing, shelter, and services appropriations were made through H.493, which has been signed by Governor Scott. Here is a summary of the various appropriations:

H.493 FY26 One-time Appropriations:

- \$5M - Vermont Housing and Conservation Board
- \$30.5M - General Assistance Emergency Housing
- \$2M - Shelter Expansion (via OEO)
- \$2.8M - Third phase of the Developmental Disabilities Housing Initiative
- \$16.1M - Rental Revolving Loan Fund, Middle Income Homeownership Development Program, and First Generation Homebuyer Program
- \$4M – Vermont Housing Improvement Program (VHIP)
- \$7.5M - VT Bond Bank - municipal infrastructure projects
- \$2.5M - DHCD for Housing Infrastructure grants
- \$235K - HomeShare Vermont
- \$15K - DHCD for Universal Design Study Committee

H.493 FY26 Base Appropriations:

- \$36.9M - Vermont Housing and Conservation Board's full statutory share of the Property Transfer Tax (60% can be used for housing investments)
- \$2M - Manufactured Home Improvement and Repair Program
- \$1.631M - Land Access Opportunity Board
- \$29.343M - Housing Opportunity Grant Program
- \$3.352M - Housing Opportunity Grant Program
- \$480K - Home Share
- \$8.138M - General Assistance Emergency Housing
- \$446K - Youth Homelessness (via OEO)
- Establishes two new positions at the Human Rights Commission

Additional Pending Appropriations

H.91, which has passed the legislature and is currently before the Governor, includes the following appropriations:

- \$5.085M - DCF for the implementation of the Vermont Homeless Emergency Assistance and Responsive Transition to Housing (VHEARTH) Program to be distributed to the community action agencies
- \$400K - DCF for the statewide organization serving households experiencing or who have experienced domestic or sexual violence (VT Network)
- \$515K - Department of Health (VDH) for Bridges to Health for services to individuals who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless

- \$1M - DCF for grants to municipalities planning and implementing of services for households that are at risk of homelessness or experiencing homelessness in collaboration with the community action agency serving a municipality's region