



# Vermont Housing Summit 2021

October 13, 2021



# New Housing Funding – FY22

- HRF: State Homelessness Relief Funds
  - \$10 M for housing and shelter facilities that can proceed in 2021
- ARPA SFR: Federal American Rescue Plan Act State Fiscal Relief Funds
  - \$64 M for housing and shelter capacity with priority on those displaced from motels including permanent housing and in consultation with AHS.
- One-time: State General Fund
  - \$70 M for housing initiatives
- HOME-ARP: supplemental federal HOME funds from ARPA
  - \$9.5 M to address homelessness – housing, shelter, services or RA

## VHCB-Funded Housing Coming Online 2020-2023

<b>VHCB-Funded Housing Units Completed 2020-2023</b>	<b>1158</b>
<b>Number of these designated for the homeless – 45%</b>	<b>523</b>
Total New Units completed since January 2020	475
Number of these for the homeless	269
Additional Units to be completed by the end of 2022	386
Number of these for the homeless	190
Additional Units to be completed by end of 2023	297
Number of these for the homeless	64

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In addition to the above rental units, 50 new shelter beds will be online by June 2022, and health and safety improvements were made to 13 shelters with 250 beds, allowing them to safely operate during the pandemic

The number of homes coming online in 2022 and 2023 will grow as additional projects are funded.

The annual average of new affordable housing units coming on line from 2012 to 2019 was 152.

## Taylor Street, Montpelier Housing above a new transit center



Jeb Wallace Brodeur/Times Argus photo

Downstreet Housing & Community Development and Housing Vermont developed 30 mixed-income apartments above a new downtown transit center using HRB funds, LIHTC equity, and other resources. Targeted for households with incomes ranging from below 50% of median to 80-120% of median.



## Housing in Historic Buildings



## Historic buildings with new rental housing in town and village centers

Clockwise from above: French Block, Montpelier (vacant upper stories now occupied); Victoria House, Brattleboro; Adams House, Fairhaven (elder housing w/ common areas); Wells River Post Office & housing





On Jennifer Lane in Manchester, Bennington Habitat for Humanity is developing a new neighborhood with a total of 22 lots designated by Town Permit for affordable housing.



## Housing in Historic Downtown Buildings

**St. Johnsbury:** New Avenue Apartments, opening soon, rehabilitates and reconfigures substandard housing to create 40 energy efficient homes with rental assistance in the heart of downtown. Opening in October 2021.



**Springfield:** A long vacant historic block acquired by Evernorth, working with the Springfield Housing Authority to create 20 apartments on the upper stories with 4 for youth at risk of homelessness. New commercial space on the ground floor. Leasing up.



An ambitious redevelopment in the village of Groton by Rural Edge improved 19 apartments, sidewalks, and created a new home for the town library.





## **Vergennes Community Housing**

VHCB awarded the Addison County Community Trust and Housing Vermont \$1.68 million in Housing Revenue Bond funds and \$174,000 in federal HOME Program funds for a new family housing rental development with 24 energy efficient homes across the road from Vergennes Senior Housing, creating an intergenerational neighborhood.

# Wentworth II, Hartford



In 2021, Twin Pines Housing and Evernorth celebrated a ribbon cutting, adding 17 new apartments in Hartford—the second phase of Wentworth Apartments. Located on the bus route with a playground, trails, and woodlands.

# Applying for ARPA-SFR & other funding from VHCB

## Application Deadline

November 10, 2021

February 25, 2022

## Board Meeting Consideration

January 26, 2022

May 13, 2022

- Online application process, accessed through VHCB's website.
- ARPA and State funds both use the standard online application.
- ARPA also requires supplemental materials
- Site visit required for all potential projects

VISIT: [vhcb.org/our-programs/housing/arpa-sfr](https://vhcb.org/our-programs/housing/arpa-sfr)



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# Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD)

**Josh Hanford, DHCD Commissioner**

Funding & Incentives:

- Vermont Community Development Program (VCDP)
  - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
  - Scattered Site Home Repair Program
- Housing Division
  - Vermont Housing Initiative Program (VHIP)



# Vermont Community Development Program (VCDP)

**Federal Funds**



**ACCD/DHCD  
(Federal Grantee)**



**Funds \$**

**Vermont Municipalities  
(State Grantee,  
Subrecipient of Federal Funds)**

**ACCD/DHCD receives and administers  
Community Development Block Grants  
(CDBG)**

allocated to the State of Vermont by the

**U.S. Department of Housing & Urban  
Development (HUD)**

# Housing Repair Programs

In partnership with NeighborWorks of America VT HomeOwnership Centers

- Vermont Housing Initiative Program (VHIP)
  - Rental unit rehabilitation
  - Bring underutilized, privately owned units online
  - Modest public investment
  - Improve existing housing stock
  - Target completed units to serving homeless & LMI

- Scattered Site Home Repair Program
  - Affordable home-repair financing options for low-income homeowners
  - Housing Counseling services
  - Funded by VCDP utilizing CDBG Revolving Loan Funds (RLF)

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- NEIGHBORWORKS OF WESTERN VERMONT
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- WINDHAM & WINDSOR HOUSING TRUST

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All counseling services are available to the public free of charge.

The NeighborWorks Alliance of Vermont is made up of five local organizations offering full affordable housing services. NeighborWorks offers national certification, funding and statewide programs delivered through local non-profits.

**STATEWIDE SERVICES**

- HOME CREDIT AND FINANCE**
  - Home purchase and budgeting course
  - Foreclosure or delinquency prevention or intervention
  - Advocacy with lenders, insurance, FEMA, and other flood programs
  - Hazard mitigation buyout assistance
- HOME REHAB SERVICES**
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  - One stop for all repair funding programs
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  - Mobile home repair and replacement

**LOCAL GROUPS**  
Contact the group in your area:

- RuralEdge**  
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Lyndonville, VT 05851  
(888) 698-8466 | Website
- Champlain Housing Trust**  
88 King Street, Burlington, VT 05401  
(802) 862-6244 | Website
- Downstreet Housing & Community Development**  
107 North Main Street, Barre, VT 05841  
(802) 475-9493 | Website
- NeighborWorks of Western Vermont**  
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