

Housing Opportunity Grant Program (HOP)

~ State Fiscal Year 2017 Awards Summary ~

The Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) has awarded more than \$5.9 million in federal¹ and state funding under the Housing Opportunity Grant Program (HOP) to thirty-nine non-profit organizations across Vermont, including community and faith-based organizations. Of the total funds awarded, approximately \$1.2 million represents investments from the General Assistance (GA) program to create new community-based alternatives that decrease reliance on GA motels.

The Housing Opportunity Grant Program provides funding to operate emergency overnight and day shelter; provide essential services to shelter guests; provide transitional housing where appropriate; rapidly re-house homeless individuals and families; prevent individuals and families experiencing a housing crisis from becoming homeless; implement coordinated entry to streamline client access to resources; and administer the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

The Housing Opportunity Grant Program operates within the [Opening Doors, Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness](#) and the [Vermont Plan to End Homelessness](#). The primary goals of the Housing Opportunity Grant Program are to

- Decrease the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness;
- Shorten the length of time people experience homelessness;
- Reduce the number of individuals and families returning to homelessness; and
- Prevent people from becoming homeless.

A guiding principle of the Housing Opportunity Grant Program is to tie homeless assistance activities to permanent housing through systems, practices, and initiatives that are informed by data and proven approaches. While the program will continue to address the needs of homeless people in emergency or transitional shelters, the focus is to assist people to quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis or homelessness.²

OEO works in close partnership the Vermont Coalition to End Homelessness and the Chittenden Homeless Alliance to ensure that state and federal resources are targeted to have the strongest collective impact. The organizations receiving awards work as part of their local homeless continuum of care (CoC) to coordinate services and housing for Vermonters experiencing homelessness in their community. The HOP Awards Summary is organized to reflect these local Continua of Care. For more information about Vermont's Continua of Care visit www.helpingtohousevt.org.

¹ Federal funds are from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG). The [Vermont Consolidated Plan](#) outlines the activities and objectives for use of ESG funds.

² HUD HEARTH Emergency Solutions Grants Program, Interim Regulation, <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/1927/hearth-esg-program-and-consolidated-plan-conforming-amendments/>

Housing Opportunity Grant Program funding is awarded to support one or more strategies:

- Emergency Shelter: Operations and/or Essential Services
- [Homelessness Prevention](#): Services, Relocation & Stabilization Assistance, Rental Assistance
- [Rapid Re-housing](#): Services, Relocation & Stabilization Assistance, Rental Assistance
- Innovation and [Coordinated Entry](#)
- [Transitional Housing](#), where shown to be the most effective strategy
- [Homeless Management Information System \(HMIS\)](#)³

Grantees are allowed up to 10% of their award to support administration through a federally approved or *de minimis* indirect rate.

Eligibility for services and assistance is determined by an individual or family's housing status. In general, emergency shelter, rapid re-housing and transitional housing serve those who meet the Vermont Agency of Human Services (AHS) and US Housing Urban Development (HUD) definition of homelessness. Homelessness prevention assistance is available to those who meet the AHS and HUD definition of "at risk of homelessness" as well as income guidelines.⁴

Organizations that received funding to provide Homelessness Prevention & Rapid Re-housing services provide the following to help households relocate or stabilize in housing:

- Housing Search and Placement, including work with nonprofit and private landlords
- Housing Stability Case Management, including follow-up and connection with post-lease supportive services
- Landlord-Tenant Mediation
- Follow-up or Supportive Services to Help Maintain Housing
- Money Management/Credit Repair
- Tenant Education

Homelessness Prevention & Rapid Re-Housing Financial and Rental Assistance include the following, specific availability varies by organization and community:

- Financial Assistance: security deposits, utility deposits/payments, last month's rent, moving costs
- Rental Arrears, up to 3 months
- Short Term Rental Assistance, up to 3 months
- Medium Term Rental Assistance, up to 24 months

³ Unless otherwise noted in the Awards Summary, funds awarded for HMIS support user licenses and fees. In the case of programs serving victims of domestic or sexual violence, funds support participation in a comparable separate system.

⁴ The definition of homeless may be found here: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/2020/the-homeless-definition-and-eligibility-for-shp-spc-and-esg/>. The definition for "at risk of homelessness" may be found here: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/1975/criteria-for-definition-of-at-risk-of-homelessness/>

Addison County Continuum of Care

Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO) \$128,574

Strategies: Homelessness Prevention, Rapid Re-housing, HMIS, Innovation

Partial support for one full-time housing specialist (.75 FTE)

Innovation: RentRight, an education program combining tenant information, financial capability and housing assistance; successful graduates receive a “preferred renter” card; RentRight program staff (.4 FTE) split between Chittenden, Franklin and Addison Counties

Rapid Re-Housing Financial & Rental Assistance: \$24,024

Homelessness Prevention Financial & Rental Assistance: \$44,620

Charter House Coalition \$44,000

Strategy: Emergency Shelter Operations

Operation of a seasonal warming shelter in Middlebury (November – April) with capacity of 12 beds for adults

General Assistance investment: operation of seasonal shelter in Middlebury (November – April) with capacity of 3 rooms for families

HOPE \$82,500

Strategies: Homelessness Prevention, Rapid Re-housing, Innovation

Partial support for three full-time housing specialists (1.625 FTE)

Rapid Re-Housing Financial & Rental Assistance: \$7,250

Homelessness Prevention Financial & Rental Assistance: \$9,190

Flexible Support Funding: \$6,060

John Graham Housing & Services \$193,965

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services, HMIS

Partial support for three full-time Service Coordinators (2.75 FTE), operation of two facilities (Main Street Shelter & Green Street) providing year-round emergency shelter in Vergennes with capacity of 14 rooms (38 beds) for adults and families with children

General Assistance investment: 2 units with 2 bedrooms each of short-term transitional housing in Middlebury for families (including those fleeing domestic/sexual violence)

Bennington Housing Solutions Team

Project Against Violent Encounters (PAVE) \$20,000

Strategy: Emergency Shelter Operations

Operation of a year-round emergency shelter with capacity of 5 rooms (8 beds) for individuals and families fleeing violence

Bennington County Coalition for the Homeless **\$191,400**

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services, HMIS

Partial support for two full-time shelter staff (.85 FTE), operation of a year-round day shelter and two facilities providing year-round emergency shelter in Bennington with capacity of 12 beds for adults (Good Shepherd) and 9 units for adults and families with children (Thatcher House)

General Assistance investment: operation of new expanded emergency shelter facility (10 additional year-round beds) with overnight staffing

BROC – Community Action in Southwestern Vermont **\$193,820**

Strategies: Homelessness Prevention, Rapid Re-housing, Transitional Housing, Innovation, HMIS

Partial support for two full-time housing specialists (1.5 FTE)

Landlord Liaison position (.5 FTE) to support landlord outreach and housing placement

Rapid Re-Housing Financial & Rental Assistance: \$11,000

Homelessness Prevention Financial & Rental Assistance: \$17,000

One unit with 3 bedrooms of short-term transitional housing for families with children

Brattleboro Area Continuum of Care

Groundworks Collaborative **\$231,675**

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services, Transitional Housing, Coordinated Entry, Innovation, HMIS

Partial support for a full-time Shelter Case Manager, and a Seasonal Shelter Coordinator (1.625 FTE); operation of a year-round emergency shelter in Brattleboro with capacity of 25 beds for adults and families with children, a year-round day shelter, and a seasonal warming shelter in Brattleboro (November – April) with capacity of 20 beds for adults

Coordinated Entry/Innovation: Coordinated Entry Facilitator (.575 FTE) to support local partnership work to streamline client access to resources; and a Landlord Liaison (.625 FTE) to support landlord outreach and housing placement

General Assistance investment: operation of 3 units with 2 bedrooms each of short-term transitional housing for families

Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) **\$184,284**

Strategies: Homelessness Prevention, Rapid Re-housing, HMIS

Partial support for two full-time housing specialists (1.8 FTE)

Rapid Re-Housing Financial & Rental Assistance: \$35,096

Homelessness Prevention Financial & Rental Assistance: \$28,715

General Assistance investment: half-time motel-based housing specialist

Women’s Freedom Center **\$246,531**

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services
 Operation of a year-round emergency shelter with capacity of 6 rooms (13 beds) for individuals and families fleeing violence; transportation assistance for shelter guests
 General Assistance investment: renovation and operation of a new 6 room (12 beds) emergency shelter, funds for overflow motel vouchers, and services (1.7 FTE) to meet the full emergency shelter need for all persons fleeing domestic/sexual violence in the district

Youth Services **\$20,500**

Strategy: Transitional Housing
 Transitional Living Program: 1 unit with 3 rooms for unaccompanied youth with support services staff (.125 FTE)

Chittenden Homeless Alliance

Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO) **\$657,961**

Strategies: Homelessness Prevention, Rapid Re-housing, Coordinated Entry, Innovation, HMIS
 Partial support for two full-time housing specialists (1.625 FTE) and bridge funding (4 months) for a half-time Coordinated Entry position to support local partnership work to streamline client access to resources (.5 FTE)
 Innovation: RentRight, an education program combining tenant information, financial capability and housing assistance; successful graduates receive a “preferred renter” card; RentRight program staff (.4 FTE) split between Chittenden, Franklin and Addison Counties
 Rapid Re-Housing Financial & Rental Assistance: \$261,460
 Homelessness Prevention Financial & Rental Assistance: \$233,199

Committee on Temporary Shelter (COTS) **\$386,000**

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services, Homelessness Prevention, Rapid Re-housing
 Partial support for shelter staff (4 FTE) and a case manager for single adults, a full-time housing specialist and partial support for a full-time Housing Resource Coordinator (2.475 FTE); operation of three year-round emergency shelters in Burlington with capacity of 36 beds for adults and 15 rooms (38 beds) for families with children
 Rapid Re-Housing Financial & Rental Assistance: \$21,275
 Homelessness Prevention Financial & Rental Assistance: \$35,000

Safe Harbor at Community Health Centers of Burlington **\$52,000**

Strategy: Emergency Shelter Essential Services
 A full-time housing specialist to work with individuals and families staying in publicly funded motels

Spectrum Youth & Family Services **\$20,000**

Strategy: Emergency Shelter Operations

Operation of a year-round emergency shelter in Burlington with 8-bed capacity for unaccompanied youth

Steps to End Domestic Violence (formerly Women Helping Battered Women) **\$153,000**

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services, Homelessness Prevention & Rapid Re-Housing Services

Partial support for four full-time staff: Shelter Coordinator, Safehome (Motel) Advocate, a Housing Specialist, and an Economic Justice Advocate (3 FTE); operation of a year-round emergency shelter with capacity of 6 rooms (16 beds) for individuals and families fleeing violence; onsite services for those staying in shelter and publicly-funded motels

Franklin/Grand Isle Housing Solutions

Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO) **\$196,324**

Strategies: Homelessness Prevention, Rapid Re-housing, Innovation, HMIS

Partial support for two full-time housing specialists (1.1 FTE)

Innovation: RentRight, an education program combining tenant information, financial capability and housing assistance; successful graduates receive a “preferred renter” card; RentRight program staff (.4 FTE) split between Chittenden, Franklin and Addison Counties

Rapid Re-Housing Financial & Rental Assistance: \$46,704

Homelessness Prevention Financial & Rental Assistance: \$61,704

Voices Against Violence (CVOEO) **\$33,500**

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services, Transitional Housing

Partial support for two full-time positions: Shelter Advocacy Coordinator and Housing Advocate (.225 FTE), operation of a year-round emergency shelter with capacity of 3 rooms (9 beds) for individuals and families fleeing violence, 1 unit with 2 bedrooms of transitional housing for individuals and families fleeing violence

Samaritan House **\$103,500**

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services, HMIS

Partial support for two shelter staff/housing specialists (1.75 FTE), operation of a year-round emergency shelter in St. Albans with capacity of 12 beds (out of a total of 18) for individuals and families with children

Lamoille Valley Housing & Homeless Coalition

Capstone Community Action

\$105,395

Strategies: Homelessness Prevention, Rapid Re-housing, Innovation, Transitional Housing, HMIS

Partial support of a full-time housing specialist (.5 FTE)

Innovation: Full-time Landlord Liaison to support landlord outreach and housing placement (1 FTE split between Orange, Lamoille and Washington Counties)

Rapid Re-Housing Financial & Rental Assistance: \$12,275

Homelessness Prevention Financial & Rental Assistance: \$17,525

One unit with 2 bedrooms of transition-in-place housing for individuals and families

Clarina Howard Nichols Center

\$21,200

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services

Partial support for a full-time Shelter Coordinator (.375), operation of a year-round emergency shelter with capacity of 6 rooms (16 beds) for individuals and families fleeing violence

Northeast Kingdom Continuum of Care (Caledonia & Essex Counties) & Orleans Continuum of Care

Northeast Kingdom Community Action

St. Johnsbury

\$212,216

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Services, Homelessness Prevention, Rapid Re-housing, Transitional Housing

A full-time housing specialist (1 FTE), and 2 units with 2 bedrooms each of short-term transitional housing for individuals and families

Rapid Re-Housing Financial & Rental Assistance: \$48,000

Homelessness Prevention Financial & Rental Assistance: \$26,000

General Assistance investment: operate a seasonal warming shelter in St. Johnsbury (November – April) with a capacity of 10 beds, a full-time partial year Shelter Coordinator and overnight staffing

Newport

\$140,750

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations, Homelessness Prevention, Rapid Re-housing, Transitional Housing

A full-time housing specialist (1 FTE), and 4 units with 2 bedrooms each of short-term transitional housing for individuals and families

Rapid Re-Housing Financial & Rental Assistance: \$15,000

Homelessness Prevention Financial & Rental Assistance: \$25,000

Transitional Living Program: support services (.125 FTE) for unaccompanied youth

Northeast Kingdom Community Action, Newport continued

General Assistance investment: operate a seasonal warming shelter in Newport (November – April) with capacity of 6 beds, or 2 additional units with 2 bedrooms each of short-term transitional housing for families

Umbrella **\$15,000**

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services

Partial support for a full-time Housing Advocate (.2 FTE), maintain year-round capacity of 4 rooms (6 beds) of emergency shelter for individuals and families fleeing violence

Northeast Kingdom Youth Services **\$18,300**

Strategy: Transitional Housing

Transitional Living Program: 1 unit with 2 rooms for unaccompanied youth with support services staff (.1 FTE)

Rutland County Continuum of Care

BROC – Community Action in Southwestern Vermont **\$16,357**

Strategies: Essential Services

Partial support for a full-time Jen's Motel Manager (.2 FTE); Jen's Motel is BROC's nonprofit motel with onsite services, utilized by GA-voucher clients

Dodge House **\$56,500**

Strategy: Transitional Housing

A full-time housing director/case manager; operation of a year-round transitional housing facility with capacity of 8 rooms for Veterans experiencing homelessness

Homeless Prevention Center **\$416,000**

Strategies: Homelessness Prevention, Rapid Re-housing, Innovation, Coordinated Entry, Transitional Housing, HMIS

Partial support for four housing specialists (3.35 FTE)

Innovation/Coordinated Entry: Housing mitigation funds (“risk pool”); partial support for a full-time Coordinated Entry Implementation Manager to support local partnership work to streamline client access to resources (.5 FTE); and a Landlord Liaison (1 FTE) to support landlord outreach and housing placement

Rapid Re-Housing Financial & Rental Assistance: \$50,000

Homelessness Prevention Financial & Rental Assistance: \$75,000

Four units of short-term transitional housing for individuals and families

Open Door Mission **\$262,000**

Strategy: Emergency Shelter Operations

Operation of a year-round emergency shelter in Rutland with capacity of 31 beds for adults

General Assistance investment: renovation and operation of 16 additional year-round emergency shelter beds for adults

Rutland County Women's Network & Shelter **\$222,000**

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations, HMIS Comparable

Operation of a year-round emergency shelter with capacity of 5 rooms (12 beds) for individuals and families fleeing violence

General Assistance investment: operation of 4 additional year-round emergency shelter rooms (8 beds), funds for overflow motel vouchers, and services (1.7 FTE) to meet the full emergency shelter need for all persons fleeing domestic/sexual violence in the district

Upper Valley Continuum of Care (includes Randolph Area Housing Task Force)

Capstone Community Action **\$91,586**

Strategies: Homelessness Prevention, Rapid Re-housing, Transitional Housing, Innovation, HMIS

Partial support for a full-time housing specialist (.45 FTE)

One unit with 2 bedrooms of short-term transitional housing for families

Innovation: Landlord Liaison to support landlord outreach and housing placement (1 FTE split between Orange, Lamoille and Washington Counties)

Rapid Re-Housing Financial & Rental Assistance: \$14,975

Homelessness Prevention Financial & Rental Assistance: \$17,225

Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) **\$46,264**

Strategies: Homelessness Prevention, Rapid Re-housing, HMIS

Partial support for a full-time housing specialist (.3 FTE)

Rapid Re-Housing Financial & Rental Assistance: \$13,188

Homelessness Prevention Financial & Rental Assistance: \$10,791

Upper Valley Haven **\$157,506**

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services, Transitional Housing

Partial support for a full-time shelter case manager and service coordinator for transitional apartments (1.05 FTE), operation of two year-round emergency shelters in Hartford with capacity of 20 beds for adults (Hixon House) and 8 rooms (46 beds) for families with children

General Assistance investment: 6 units with 2 bedrooms each of short-term transitional housing for families with services

Washington County Continuum of Care

Capstone Community Action

\$366,331

Strategies: Homelessness Prevention, Rapid Re-housing, Innovation, Coordinated Entry, Transitional Housing, HMIS

Partial support for full-time housing specialists, team leader, and transitional housing coordinator (1.575 FTE)

Innovation/Coordinated Entry: Full-time Landlord Liaison to support landlord outreach and housing placement (1 FTE split between Orange, Lamoille and Washington Counties), and partial support for a Coordinated Entry position to support local partnership work to streamline client access to resources

Rapid Re-Housing Financial & Rental Assistance: \$15,000

Homelessness Prevention Financial & Rental Assistance: \$22,500

Three units with 2 bedrooms each of transition-in-place housing for individuals and families

General Assistance investment: 6 units with 2 bedrooms each of short-term transitional housing for families with services

Circle

\$17,650

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services

Partial support for a full-time Shelter Coordinator (.125), operation of a year-round emergency shelter with capacity of 6 rooms (12 beds) for individuals and families fleeing violence

Good Samaritan Haven

\$205,000

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services, HMIS

Partial support for full-time Shelter Manager, evening supervisors, and seasonal day supervisor (4.35 FTE), operation of a year-round emergency shelter in Barre with capacity of 26 beds (plus 4 overflow cots) for adults

General Assistance investment: operation of a seasonal warming shelter in Barre (November – April) with a capacity of 14 beds for adults, with limited services

Safe Passage at Sexual Assault Crisis Team (SACT)

\$9,000

Strategy: Emergency Shelter Operations

Operation of a year-round emergency shelter with capacity of 4 rooms (8 beds) for individuals fleeing sexual violence

Washington County Youth Service Bureau (WCYSB)

\$28,000

General Assistance investment: 2 units with 1 bedroom each of short-term transitional housing for unaccompanied youth with services (.125 FTE)

Windsor-Windham Continuum of Care

Greater Falls Warming Shelter **\$13,000**

Strategy: Emergency Shelter Operations

Operation of a seasonal warming shelter in the Bellows Falls area (November – April) with capacity of 10 beds for adults

Our Place Drop In **\$9,300**

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services

Partial support for a case manager to work with Greater Falls Warming Shelter guests (.25 FTE); year-round operation of a day shelter

Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) **\$28,052**

Strategies: Homelessness Prevention, Rapid Re-housing, HMIS

Partial support for a full-time housing specialist (.3 FTE)

Rapid Re-Housing Financial & Rental Assistance: \$4,142

Homelessness Prevention Financial & Rental Assistance: \$9,666

Springfield Supported Housing **\$172,000**

Strategies: Homelessness Prevention, Rapid Re-housing, Transitional Housing, Coordinated Entry, HMIS

Partial support for a full-time Motel Case Manager, a Program Coordinator, and full-time housing specialists (1.9 FTE)

Rapid Re-Housing Financial & Rental Assistance: \$14,560

Homelessness Prevention Financial & Rental Assistance: \$30,900

One unit of short-term transitional housing for individuals and families

Coordinated Entry Manager (.5 FTE) to support local partnership work to streamline client access to resources

Springfield Warming Shelter **\$15,000**

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services

Partial support for a Shelter and Volunteer Coordinator (.675 FTE); operation of a seasonal warming shelter in Springfield (November – April) with capacity of 8 beds for adults

Windsor County Youth Services **\$14,000**

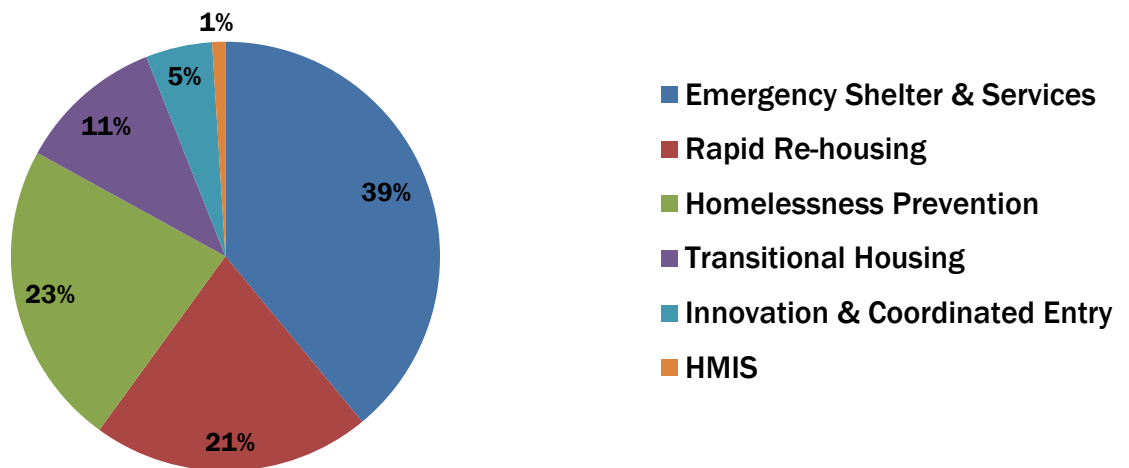
Strategy: Emergency Shelter Operations

Operation of a year-round emergency shelter with capacity of 4 beds (out of 16 total) for unaccompanied youth at either Mountainside House (Ludlow) and House at 20 Mile Stream (Proctorsville)

Statewide or Multiple Regions

Institute for Community Alliances	\$57,500
HMIS system operation, administration and oversight	
Vermont Network Against Domestic & Sexual Violence	\$60,000
Strategies: Homelessness Prevention, Rapid Re-housing, HMIS Comparable	
Rapid Re-Housing Financial & Rental Assistance: \$25,000	
Homelessness Prevention Financial & Rental Assistance: \$32,000	
Funds support the work of Network partners statewide	
Vermont State Housing Authority	\$32,360
AHS Housing Inspections for the Housing Opportunity Grant Program	

Housing Opportunity Grant Program (HOP) SFY 2017 Awards



Housing Opportunity Grant Program – Program Performance Measurement

Grantee's individual performance measures will be structured around one or more of the following indicators:

1) Preventing Homelessness

*The number of households at risk of homelessness assisted, the percentage whose housing is stabilized within 28 days (target 70%) **AND** the percentage of these households who remain stably housed for at least 90 days following the intervention (target 70%).*

2) Connecting Homeless Households with Essential Services

The percentage of homeless households in emergency shelter, transitional housing, or publicly-funded motels who meet with a case manager or program equivalent within 3 days of referral (target 90%).

3) Increasing Income and Access to Mainstream Benefits for Homeless Households

The number of homeless households receiving case management and:

*the percentage who subsequently attain employment **OR** are enrolled in an educational or training program, **OR** qualify for cash or non-cash benefits (e.g., Reach-Up, SSI, General Assistance, VA, 3SquaresVt, etc.) within 90 days of referral (target 70%);*

*the percentage who subsequently are stabilized in transitional or permanent housing within 90 days (target: 70%) **AND** the percentage of these formerly homeless households who continue to be stably housed for at least 90 days (target 70%).*

4) Rapidly Re-Housing Homeless Families and Individuals / Retention of Housing

*The number of homeless households assisted, the percentage re-housed in permanent housing within 28 days (target: 70%), **AND** the percentage of these formerly homeless households who continue to be stably housed for at least 90 days (target 70%).*

For those served by Transitional Housing:

*At least 70% of households exiting the program will exit to permanent housing; **AND** 70% of these formerly homeless households who continue to be stably housed for at least 90 days.*

For Youth Programs:

*At least 70% of youth exiting the program will have "safe exits" as defined by one of the following categories: College, Friends, Home with Family, Independent Living, Job Corps, Military, Relative's Home, or Residential Treatment/Rehab. **AND** At least 70% of the above youth with a safe exit, will continue to be stably housed for at least 90 days.*

System Performance Measurement

A critical aspect of achieving HOP objectives is a focus on viewing the local homeless response as a coordinated system of homeless assistance options rather than separate programs and funding sources that operate independently in a community. In alignment with unfolding federal and State expectations, the Office of Economic Opportunity is committed to working in partnership with the Vermont Coalition to End Homelessness and the Chittenden Homeless Alliance to measure performance as a coordinated system. These will include measures such as:

- The length of time individuals and families remain homeless;
- The extent to which individuals and families who leave homelessness experience additional episodes of homelessness;
- The thoroughness of grantees in reaching homeless individuals and families;
- The overall reduction in the number of homeless individuals and families;
- Jobs and income growth for homeless individuals and families;
- Success at reducing the number of individuals and families who become homeless;
- Successful housing placement to or retention in a permanent housing destination.