

Essential Payment
Notice of Change
Effective October 4, 2021

This is to notify interested persons of a change to essential payments. Persons in Emergency Housing may be eligible to receive an essential payment when they have exhausted the 84 day maximum and would like to exit Emergency Housing. This one-time essential payment is to help assist with permanent housing.

What has changed?

- Nothing has changed for a household with less than 3 individuals. These households may still be eligible for a one-time payment of \$2,500.
- Households with 3 or more individuals may receive up to \$4,000 as an essential payment.
 - The payment is calculated as follows:
 - Households of 1-2 individuals will receive \$2,500
 - Households of 3 will receive \$3,000
 - Households of 4 will receive \$3,500
 - Households of 5 or more will receive \$4,000

To learn more about essential payments or to get information about Emergency Housing, please contact ESD by stopping into a local district office, on the web at <https://dcf.vermont.gov/esd/covid19>, or by calling 1-800-479-6151.

HAVE QUESTIONS?

call 1-800-479-6151.

NEED LEGAL HELP?

Call 1-800-889-2047 to see if you qualify for free help from Vermont Legal Aid.

RIGHT TO A FAIR HEARING:

If you disagree with a decision we made, you may ask for a fair hearing. The HumanServices Board will:

- Hold a hearing within 10 days (usually).
- Listen to your side of the story.
- Review the facts fairly and objectively.
- Decide if the decision should be upheld or reversed.

You must ask for a fair hearing within 90 days of getting a notice. To do so, call ESD at 1-800- 479-6151 or

the Human Services Board at (802) 828-2536. You can get someone you trust to help you.

RIGHTS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES:

If you have a disability, you may be entitled to free aids & services to help you get benefits. This is called a *reasonable accommodation*. Examples include:

- Having someone write your answers down.
- Giving you documents in other formats. For example: large print, audio, or Braille.
- Having a support person with you when you talk to us.
- Meeting in your home or by phone.
- Giving you more time to get us the documents we need.

Call 1-800-479-6151 if you need this help.

LEARN MORE:

Go to <https://dcf.vermont.gov/esd/covid19>. You can also call 1-800-479-6151 to learn more about Emergency Housing.

If you need interpretation services...

إذا أنت ترغب خدمات الترجمة الفورية اتصل برقم 1-855-247-3092 (Arabic)

Ako su Vam potrebne usluge tumačenja, pozovite 1-855-247-3092. (Bosnian)

စကားပြန် ဝန်ဆောင်မှုလုပ်ငန်းကိုအလိုရှိပါက 1-855-247-3092 သို့ဖုန်းဆက်ခေါ်ပါ။ (Burmese)

Si vous avez besoin de services d'interprétation, appelez le 1-855-247-3092. (French)

Mugihe woba ushaka impfashanyo yo gusigurirwa, hamagara uyu murongo 1-855-247-3092. (Kirundi)

यदि तपाईंलाई दोभाषे सेवाको जरुरत परेमा 1-855-247-3092 मा कल गर्नुहोस्। (Nepali)

Haddii aad u baahan tahay adeegyo turjumaan, wac 1-855-247-3092. (Somali)

Si usted necesita servicios de interpretación, llame al 1-855-247-3092. (Spanish)

Ikiwa unahitaji huduma za ukalimani, piga simu 1-855-247-3092. (Swahili)

Nếu quý vị cần dịch vụ thông ngôn, hãy gọi 1-855-247-3092. (Vietnamese)