

Housing Opportunity Grant Program

COVID 19 Supplemental - Phase 1

~ State Fiscal Year 2020 Awards Summary ~

The Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) has awarded approximately \$1.8 million in supplemental funding in State Fiscal Year 2020 under the Housing Opportunity Grant Program (HOP) to support COVID-19 related costs at seventeen non-profit community organizations across Vermont.

The Housing Opportunity Grant Program (HOP) provides core funding to operate emergency overnight and day shelter; provide essential services to shelter residents; and provide transitional housing where appropriate. HOP COVID 19 Supplemental Phase 1 funds support expanded activities and costs for emergency shelter and services that immediately resulted from, and are directly related to, COVID-19 emergency. Funds support implementation of COVID-19 related requirements and guidelines for hygiene promotion, sanitation, and social distancing guidelines, including the Governor's "stay home, stay safe" order.

Identified needs include:

- Increased operations and essential service costs to expand or relocate community-based emergency shelter operations, such as
 - Expanded staffing coverage to provide new 24/7 emergency shelter capacity;
 - Extension of the usual season for seasonal emergency shelters;
 - Additional operating costs to reduce capacity/census at current site while maintaining overall emergency shelter capacity (e.g., added sites); or
 - Additional motel costs for emergency shelter projects.
- Additional costs related to staff training and new staffing for emergency shelters to plan/respond to the crisis.
- New/added non-staffing essential services costs to support households in motels paid for by the State or provided as emergency shelter by the agency, including supplies, materials, etc.
- New/added essential services costs related to staff retention and/or expanded staffing onsite or at motels.

A list of awards follows.

COVID-19 HOP Supplemental Phase 1 Awards

ANew Place	\$85,821
Bennington County Coalition for the Homeless	\$58,884
Capstone Community Action	\$30,119
Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO) (project continues through 9/30/2020)	\$530,687
Charter House Coalition	\$65,177
Committee on Temporary Shelter (COTS)	\$81,749
Good Samaritan Haven	\$156,756
Groundworks Collaborative	\$333,467
John Graham Housing & Services	\$60,053
Lamoille Community House	\$73,774
New Story Center	\$8,600
Northeast Kingdom Community Action	\$195,077
Samaritan House	\$50,526
Spectrum Youth & Family Services	\$35,500
Springfield Supported Housing	\$4,725
Upper Valley Haven	\$94,621
Women's Freedom Center	\$17,000