



Progress on Transitioning from the Pandemic-era GA Emergency Housing Program

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Act 113 Changes to the GA Housing Program

Act 113: "The utilization of hotel and motel rooms pursuant to this subdivision shall be capped at 1,100 rooms per night between September 15, 2024, through November 30, 2024, and between April 1, 2025, through June 30, 2025. (2) The maximum number of days that an eligible household receives emergency housing in a hotel or motel under this section, per 12-month period, shall not exceed 80 days."

General Assistance Housing Data as of November 4, 2024

District	Rooms	Households	Adults	Children
Barre District Office	75	73	99	31
Bennington District Office	55	55	63	22
Brattleboro District Office	88	84	109	33
Burlington District Office	196	194	236	51
Hartford District Office	33	33	39	<12
Middlebury District Office	<12	<12	<12	<12
Morrisville District Office	<12	<12	<12	<12
Newport District Office	<12	<12	<12	<12
Rutland District Office	129	126	155	53
Springfield District Office	36	36	46	<12
St Albans District Office	46	46	54	12
St Johnsbury District Office	14	14	17	<12
Grand Total	693	680	843	233

Who Reached 80 days as of November 4, 2024

Eligibility Category	Households
Age 65+	66
Court Ordered/Constructive Eviction	46
Disabled (201G-VR)	164
Disabled (SSI/SSDI)	346
Domestic Violence	34
Families with Children	195
Natural Disaster	*
Pregnant	*
Death of a Spouse, Domestic Partner, or Minor Child	*
Grand Total	870

Approximately 50 additional households will exhaust their nights by the middle of November

Shelter Capacity Increase

- Shelter capacity continues to grow, the Office of Economic Opportunity Housing Opportunity Grant Program Awards Summary can be reviewed here: <https://dcf.vermont.gov/oeo/resources/awards>
- Below is a summary of investments made with the \$10 million one-time funding allocated this fiscal year. In addition to the projects below, the Agency of Human Services is supporting two new Family Shelters.

Provider(s)	Year-Round Shelter Opening in Winter 2024- 2025	Seasonal Winter 2024-2025 Shelter	Project Status
Committee on Temporary Shelter (COTS)	N/A	30 beds/households	Award made – pending acquisition of the building.
Champlain Housing Trust & CVOEO Voices Against Violence	9 households = 15 beds	N/A	Award made – aim to open December 2024
Champlain Housing Trust & Spectrum Youth Services	10 beds/households	N/A	Award made – aim to open January 2025
Rutland Housing Trust	21 beds/households	N/A	Working to identify Shelter Operator
Good Samaritan Haven	N/A	5 beds/households	Award made –opened in October 2024
Upper Valley Haven	N/A	5 beds/households	Award made – aim to open December 2024

Family Shelter Capacity Increase

Williston

- Open from November 1, 2024 – March 31, 2024
- Accommodations for 7 families

Waterbury

- Open from November 1, 2024 – March 31, 2024
- Accommodations for 10 families

Emergency Shelter Capacity

County	Total Current Household Capacity	Additional Awarded Projects
Addison	62	
Bennington	31	
Caledonia	35	
Chittenden	147	Williston Shelter open & two seasonal shelters anticipated to open in December/January depending on acquisition and construction
Franklin	25	Two new shelters anticipated to open in Winter (DV/SV & Youth)
Lamoille	28	
Orleans	7	
Rutland	20	
Washington	114	Seasonal shelter now open & Waterbury Shelter
Windham	68	Expanded seasonal capacity anticipated to open in November
Windsor	40	Expanded apartment capacity anticipated to open in November; new seasonal shelter anticipated to open in December
Grand Total	577	

What's still needed

Shelters and Affordable Housing in Vermont

The administration will continue to collaborate with communities, cities and towns to increase shelter capacity and to continue to make more housing affordable for Vermonters and to support shelter development in the meantime.