

Funding Requests made to members of the Senate Health & Welfare Committee

Organization	Base	One-Time	Amount in House passed Budget	Sec.	Description
Vermont Food Bank		\$6,000,000	\$1,500,000 (ARPA) for Vermonters Feeding Vermonters	G.600	to address the sustained, increased need for access to food in communities throughout Vermont, including increased need for food, distribution, and services caused by the Pandemic and forces like record-high inflation. There is \$1.5M (ARPA \$) in Sec. G.600 (Climate response investments) for the Foodbank to support Vermonters Feeding Vermonters, which promotes farm viability and access to healthy food for Vermonters with low income.
Substance Misuse Prevention	\$3,500,000		\$612,500	B.313	For substance misuse prevention. Gov. Rec. budget included \$3.5M for the Substance Misuse Prevention Coalition (as listed in the ups and downs). The House-passed budget reduced this to \$612,500 for the Substance Misuse Prevention Council. (Request from the Collaborative).
VT's Free & Referral Clinics	\$102,800				Asking for a 10% increase in their base grant (\$1,028,000) through the Health Dept. According to their letter, their grant, which is shared among 9 clinics, has been level-funded for 4 consecutive years.
Health Care Advocate	\$270,000		\$270,000 (one-time)	B.1100	The HCA and VT Legal Aid asked for \$270K and \$150K respectively. The House appropriated these but on a <u>one-time</u> basis. HCA and VLA is asking for this increase to be on-going base.
	\$120,000		\$120,000	B.300	The HCA is also asking for \$120,000 to hire an additional attorney to support the HCA's increased workloads. House Passed budget included this.
Early Childhood Leadership Institute (ECLI)		\$140,000			ECLI provided training, support and networking strength for rising leaders in the early care and learning professions. First 5 years funded with a combination of Federal, State, and local support. Ended abruptly with the COVID and the passing of the project coordinator.
AHEC Primary Care Loan Repayment Program	\$793,000				Currently funded at \$667,111/annually. The request is for it be restored to the 2009 level of \$1,460,000. (Request from the Vermont Medical Society, American Academy of Pediatrics - VT Chapter, Vermont Academy of Family Physicians, and the Vermont Psychiatric Association).
Early Childhood Educator Outreach and Recruitment Initiative		\$125,000			Direct CDD to contract with a non-profit entity to undertake a coordinated, resourced, time-limited outreach and recruitment initiative to attract educators and caregivers into the field. The money would support a consultant or temporary staff person for a year to work with schools, CTEs, CCV, DOL, etc. (Request from Let's Grow Kids).
Pre-Apprenticeship Program	\$100,000	Either One-time or base			\$100K to continue the Pre-Apprenticeship program that was initially funded in Act 45 (H.171) of 2021. Currently the funds flow from VTDOL to CDD to contract our to the Vermont Association for the Education of Young Children (VTAEYC). Currently VTAEYC is waiting to hear back from CDD as to whether they can carry forward funds from this year. If so, then they would only need \$60,000. The request is for this to be either one-time or base. (Request from Let's Grow Kids).

CCFAP Increase	\$4,900,000	\$4,914,233	B.318	To support both the Gov. Rec. and the House passed increase to CCFAP. It would increase reimbursement rates, double the number of days that child care programs can be closed, and days that children can be absent from care for which the program will continue to pay tuition costs. (Request from Let's Grow Kids, American Heart Association).
Child Care Capacity Building and Business Development Support for Child Care Programs.	\$0			Request to establish in statute a child care capacity development program to support child care programs of all types to open, expand, and sustain their business operations. (Request from Let's Grow Kids).
Vermont's Tobacco Control Program	\$612,500	\$612,500 (one-time)	B.1100	The House Passed budget includes \$612,500 in <u>one-time</u> funding for the Tobacco Control Program. They are asking for this to be base fundng. The Coalition for Tobacco Free Vermont's original ask was for \$1M. (Request from the American Heart Association).
Medicaid Post-Partum Coverage	\$951,000 (General Fund)	\$951,000	B.307	BAA required AHS to amend Medicaid's State Plan Amendment to extend coverage to include services for post-partum. The esimated annualized costs for this once implemented are \$2.16 million gross / \$951,000 state GF. (Request from the American Heart Association).
Vermont Donor Milk Center (VDMC).	\$50,000			The VDMC received \$25K in FY22. They expect these funds to be depleted by the end of the current quarter. They are asking for \$50K in FY23 to continue to support low income families and maintain equitable access while bridging the gap in infant nutrition. (Request from Primmer Piper, Eggleston & Cramer on behalf of the VDMC).
Increase HCBS rates to 10%	\$16,153,928 (This is \$6.8M GF above House)	9,358,272	(GF above Gov. Rec.) B.301	Gov. Rec. increased rates by 3% (\$15.4M gross / \$6.8M GF). House increased rates another 4% (\$21.3M gross /9.4M GF) to 7% total. This request is to raise them by another 3% to get to 10% which would be \$15.4M gross / \$6.8M GF above what the House Passed. In total 10% would be \$52.1M gross / \$22.9 GF above last year. (Request from the Area Agencies on Aging).
Increase Medicaid rates for Adult Day Services to \$25/hr	\$2,975,000 See description for scenarios / estimates			Increase in Medicaid reimbursement rates to \$25/hr for Adult Day Services. Current rate is \$17.24 and increases to \$17.76 under Gov. Rec. 3% increase. Estimates = \$2.975M with Gov Rec. 3%, \$2.5M with House 7%, or \$2.28M with 10% increase. (Request from the Area Agencies on Aging).
Resource Center for Justice-Involved Vermonters	\$150,000			One-time funding for pilot establishing a Resource Center to assist justice-involved people throughout Vermont who have substance use disorders. (Request from Vermonters for Criminal Justice Reform).
Childrens's Integrated Services (CIS) Community Data System Expansion (ALL REGIONS OF THE STATE)	\$1,591,590			Request is to use one-time ARPA funds (over 3-years) to build on the Family Center of Washington County (FCWC) model to expand the Salesforce Community data system solution across all 12 regional CIS fiscal agents and their subcontractors in VT. While this is an ask for one-time ARPA funds to fund this expansion over 3-years, it could have on-going costs of approx. \$320,000 annually thereafter.
OR	OR			

CIS Data System Expansion (4 COUNTIES ONLY)	\$312,900			Modified CIS proposal for a one-time investment (over two years) to expand to four regions only (Springfield, Bennington, Brattleboro, and Northeast Kingdom CIS regions). It is esimated to cost \$177,450 in year 1 and \$135,000 in year 2. (Request from the Winston Prouty Center and the Family Center of Washington County).
Comprehensive Care Clinic for HIV/AIDS at UVMHN	\$100,000			To address increased needs for mental health substance use disorder services for this population by offering more outreach services to see patients who are unable or unwilling to present to a medical facility. \$50,000 to support mobile outreach and \$50,000 to hire a .5 FTE social worker. (Request from Dr. Devika Singh and Zpora Perry from UVMHC).
988 Criss Line	\$1,350,000	\$440,159	B.314	\$440K GF in the Gov. Rec. for suicide prevention. Request is to increase the GF to \$1.35M along with the creation of a designated trust fund to continue funding indefinitely. (Request from the VT Suicide Prevention Center (VTSPC) and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP)).
Zero Suicide Program Expansion	\$1,200,000	\$260,000	B.314	To allow for the expansion of the VT Suicide Prevention Centers Zero Suicide Program including expansion to 10 designated agencies and preferred providers including primary care practices). There is \$260K in the budget already. (Request from the VTSPC and AFSP).
Statewide Director for Suicide Prevention	\$125,000	\$115,000	B.314	For the creation of a new full-time position within DMH for the purpose of directing, across state government and in collaboration with community partners to create policies and programs to reduce suicide by death. (Request from the VTSPC and AFSP).
Elder Care Clinician Program and Vet to Vet Visitor Program Expansion	\$100,000	\$100,000	B.314	To allow DAIL to expand the Elder Care Clinician program or the Vet to Vet Visitor Program or both. (Request from the VTSPC and AFSP).
Diaper Bank	\$180,000			To ensure a supply of diapers for statewide distribution until the middle of next year. (Request from the Junior League of Champlain Valley -- Diaper Bank).
HIV/AIDS Services Funding	\$390,000	\$295,000	B.312	The House supported most of the request but did not fund the Twin States Network request for \$95K. With the closure of the Vermont People with AIDS Coalition, Twin States has stepped in to fill a peer-to-peer need that does not exist elsewhere. (Request from Vermont Cares on behalf of AIDS Project of Southern VT, HIV/HCV Resource Center, and Twin States Network).
HIV Prevention Funding	\$360,000	\$360,000	B.312	This supports the House Budget which included \$360,000 to Vermont AIDS service organizations. (Request from Vermont Cares on behalf of AIDS Project of Southern VT, HIV/HCV Resource Center, and Twin States Network).
TOTAL	Base \$34,103,228	One-time \$8,549,490		