

FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET - HOUSE PASSED BUDGET – HUMAN SERVICES

BASE Highlights:

1. Provides an increase of 7% for DAs/SSAs, ACCS and HCBS providers totaling \$37M.
2. Vermont Legal Aid thru the AHS Secretary's Office: Adds \$120K GF for the Office of Health Care Advocate for an Attorney position.
3. Provides funds at VDH for the following items:
 - a. \$295K GF for AIDS Client-based support as detailed below
 - i. VT Cares - \$135K
 - ii. AIDS Project of Southern VT - \$105K
 - iii. HIV/HCV Resource Center - \$55K
 - b. \$560K GF for HIV Prevention and Syringe Exchange (including the Howard Center)
 - c. \$400K GF for Jenna's House
 - d. \$612,500 GF for Substance Misuse Prevention Coalition
 - e. \$880K GF for SUD Residential Treatment rate increases
 - f. \$1,279,750 GF for sobering beds and recovery housing
4. Adds \$400K GF to DCF OEO for Community Action Agencies for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program.
5. Restores \$130K GF to DCF to postpone the elimination of the Reach Up Medical Review
6. Adds \$100K GF to DAIL for a grant to the Vermont Assoc. for the Blind for technology training for Vermonters.
7. Adds \$496,888 GF and \$ 392,000 FF to DCF Child Development Division for Children's Integrated Services (CIS).
8. Removes \$6.9M GF from the Gov Rec from DCF CDD to expand the provider network for school age children.
9. Agrees with FY23 Governor Recommend Budget for the following initiatives:
 - a. DVHA annual rate adjustments – part of FY22 BAA
 - b. DVHA for Emergency Department rates
 - c. DVHA for Postpartum coverage
 - d. DMH – Expansion of Mobile Crisis Response
 - e. DMH – Suicide Prevention
 - f. DCF – Families First Prevention Services Act
 - g. DCF – Foster Care Rate Increase
 - h. DCF - Child Care Financial Assistance Program (CCFAP) Rate Adjustment

One-time Investments – General Fund – B.1100 Section:

1. Vermont Legal Aid: Adds \$270K GF for the Office of Health Care Advocate and \$150K for the Poverty Law Project.
2. Department of Health: Adds \$540K GF for Recovery Centers and \$612,500 GF for Tobacco Prevention Activities.
3. Green Mountain Care Board: \$4M GF for delivery system reform and value-based payment work. This includes:
 - a. \$2M GF for consultants with expertise in community engagement and healthy system design to provide a patient-focused, community inclusive redesign of Vermont's health care system.

- b. \$1.4M GF to develop a methodology and proposed rules for establishing aligned, fixed payments to hospital.
- c. \$600K GF to support GMCB and AHS in developing and negotiating with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation to included Medicare in Vermont's payment and delivery system transformation initiatives.

One-time Investments – ARPA State Fiscal Recovery – G.600 Section:

- 1. DCF – OEO - \$45M ARPA SFR for Home Weatherization Assistance.
- 2. DCF – Economic Services - \$1.5M ARPA SFR to the Vermont Foodbank to support Vermonters Feeding Vermonters, which promotes farm viability and access to health food for Vermonters with low income.

Other Bills:

- 1. H.728 – Opioid Overdose Response Services:
 - a. \$450K GF to VDH for mobile MAT services.
 - b. \$250K GF to VDH for Substance Use Treatment counseling and/or recovery support for justice involved Vermonters.
 - c. \$180K GF for grants to provide or facilitate connections to substance use treatment, recovery, and harm reduction services at the time of emergency response to overdose.
- 2. H.703 – Workforce Development:
 - a. \$500K ARPA SFR to AHS SO for grants to refugee or New-American focused programs to support employment.
 - b. \$720K GF to DOC for vocational enhancement needs and community-based pilot reentry program at Chittenden Correctional Facility.
 - c. Nursing Programs:
 - i. \$3M ARPA SFR to VDH for Emergency Grants to support Nurse Educators, 3-year program.
 - ii. \$2.4M GF to AHS for Nurse Preceptor Incentive Grants.
 - iii. \$3M ARPA SFR to VSAC for Health Care Employer Nursing Pipeline & Apprenticeship Program.
 - iv. \$100K GF to VDH for the Nursing Forgivable Loan Incentive Program.
 - v. \$2M GF to VDH for VSAC for the Nursing & Physician Assistant Loan Repayment program.
 - vi. \$500K to VDH for the Nurse Educator Scholarship & Loan Repayment Program.
 - d. \$170K GF to AHS Office of Health Care Reform for 3-year limited-service Health Care Workforce Coordinator Position.
 - e. \$1M ARPA SFR to AHS Office of Health Care Reform for Health Care Workforce Data Center – including one position.
 - f. \$1,290,000 GF to DAIL for PILOT employment program embedded in Recovery Centers. Includes 15 positions.