

Vermont Office of Economic Opportunity Emergency Shelter Grants Program - State Fiscal Year 2008

In State Fiscal Year 2008 (July '07 through June '08) the Vermont Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) made grants to 36 non-profit programs providing emergency shelter for the homeless and prevention assistance to those at-risk of becoming so. These funds were made available from the Vermont Legislature (\$692,000) and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (\$360,813).

Overnights Sheltered

- These programs provided emergency shelter for **3,459** persons (**2,686** adults and **773** children).
- The number of families sheltered during this period was **455** (consisting of: **1,121** persons).
- The number of single individuals sheltered during this period was **2,338**.
- Shelters provided a total of **100,473** bednights.
- The average length of a shelter stay was **29** days.

Prevention/Social Services

Vermont's network of ESG-funded programs expended ***\$2,052,246**, on Prevention and Social Services in such areas as back rent assistance, mortgage arrearage assistance, short-term shelter at motels, and aid to prevent utility disconnections. This prevention work kept **9,348** households (consisting of **24,680** persons, and **10,214** children) sheltered for an additional **514,523** bed nights.

*This figure includes **\$113,200** in ESG prevention dollars and other funds used primarily for utility assistance.

Outcome Measures

- Participants enrolled in educational or literacy programs and attending regularly: **618**
- Households moving from shelter to permanent housing: **993**
- **2,991** Families, and **455** individuals at risk of homelessness had their housing stabilized.
- Of the **1,913** homeless participants seeking employment, **737** found employment.