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| Proposal                         | OSAC Funding Request | Notes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| Recovery Residences              | \$1.4M               | Sustain FY26 funding for supporting VDH Funded VTARR certified recovery residences to ensure ongoing access to recovery residence services to those individuals in early recovery.                                                                            |
| Outreach and Engagement Services | \$455,500            | Sustain funding for outreach and engagement staff in VDH's Preferred Provider network to provide targeted outreach to individuals in need of but not seeking substance use disorder treatment as well as individuals who are at risk of leaving SUD services. |

# Recovery Residences - VDH

**Summary:** Continued funding for recovery residences certified by the Vermont Alliance of Recovery Residences (VTARR) per Legislative intent

**FY26 Funding:** \$1,400,000

**FY27 Request:** Sustain funding from FY26 level at \$1.4 million to continue to support VTARR certified recovery residences funded by VDH to continue to provide access to quality recovery residence services for individuals in early recovery to support continued engagement with SUD services and sustained, long term recovery. Funding for basic operational, staffing and facility costs.

# Recovery Residences - VDH

**Outcomes and Accomplishments:** For FY25 the certified recovery residences served **317 individuals**. The median amount of time people stayed at a recovery residence was **99 days**. During the same time period, 158 individuals left recovery residences. Of those leaving the certified recovery residences:

- more than half transitioned to their own permanent housing or returned to the community with friends and family.
- over 85% reported connections with recovery supports services and over half reported connections to treatment services
- over 60% reported having more positive relationships than they had when they entered the recovery residence
- The unemployment rate decreased 40%

# Outreach and Engagement Services - VDH

**Summary:** Sustain funding per Legislative intent language for staff employed in the Preferred Provider specialty substance use disorder treatment network for outreaching and engaging in services individuals with substance use disorders.

**FY26 Funding:** \$1,976,000

**FY27 Request:** Use carryforward plus an ask of \$455,499 to sustain service level.

# Outreach and Engagement Services - VDH

**Outcomes and Accomplishments:** This work fills a crucial need to find and engage individuals in need of substance use disorder treatment and recovery services who are not seeking out those services or who are at risk of stopping services. Hiring and retaining staff has been a challenge which has led to some vacancy savings. Despite those challenges, in FY25, outreach and engagement staff:

- worked with over 1100 community partners to connect with individuals and groups in need of treatment services or who are at risk of stopping care. Community partners include but are not limited to law enforcement, programs serving the unhoused community including hotel/motels, mental health programs, loved ones, probation and parole, peer run programs, Recovery Centers, Department for Children and Families, courts, primary care providers, free clinics, hospitals, employers in high-risk industries, EMS, treatment providers, restorative justice organizations, schools, food pantries, and encampments.
- performed over 3100 outreaches to individuals who are in need of services or who are at risk of stopping care