

Opioid Settlement Funding Presentation

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- Increase the self-sufficiency of Vermonters
- Strengthen Vermont communities
- Eliminate the causes and symptoms of poverty.

How We Work

- We administer federal and state funds that support organizations.
- We provide training and technical assistance.
- We focus on funding that leads to strong results for Vermonter communities.
- We promote approaches informed by evidence and research to improve policy and practice.



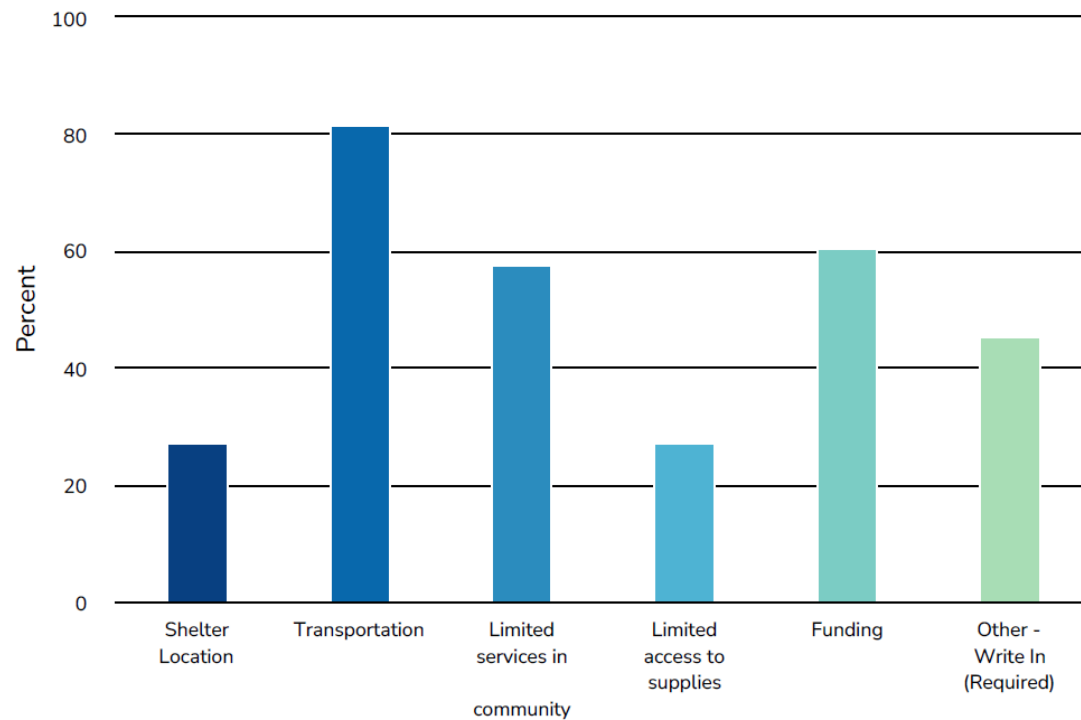
Vermont Office Economic Opportunity and Vermont Department of Health Substance Use Survey

[OEO DSU shelter survey report - complete only.pdf -](#)

- During the Spring of 2024, The Vermont Department of Health (VDH) Division of Substance Use Programs (DSU) and The Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) conducted a survey on substance use in shelters.
- The survey was used to gather data and information on what shelters are currently seeing, and what the current barriers are when trying to access services and support related to substance use.
- 18 shelter partners/ community action agencies were represented

Key Findings From Survey

10. What are the barriers for guests in accessing these services?



- Transportation was the biggest barrier for guests in accessing substance use services and support.
- Followed by sustainable funding and limited resources in the community
- Write in answers included a strong need for medical support as well as supplies

OEO's Request for Funding

- Based on the survey and OEO's close work with shelter staff- Our request is to utilize the Opioid Settlement Funding as a grant opportunity for shelter staff to utilize, focusing on the three most needed categories of support:
 - Transportation
 - Harm reduction tools, supplies and trainings
 - On site Medical Staff
- Shelter staff could then request funding out of the \$800,000 to support any of the supports above. An organization could use the funds for one category or all three.

Questions?

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