

2022 ReSOURCE Essential Goods Program Information and Application

Program Description Overview:

ReSOURCE's Essential Goods Program (EGP) allows recipients to attain the items they need for their home at no cost in a way that preserves their dignity. Through a voucher system in conjunction with more than 30 partner agencies across the State, ReSOURCE can make donations of goods for about 1,800 Vermonters each year.

Agency Partners:

Approved partner agencies receive an awarded amount based on a variety of factors including, but not limited to, the number and economic status of the clients they serve. Agency staff are responsible for; (1) interviewing their clients, (2) determining the amount awarded to each beneficiary, and (3) identifying the specific need(s) for which a voucher will be redeemed. Vouchers can be used at any ReSOURCE location and for most items normally sold by ReSOURCE that agency staff consider essential items for an individual client. A list of common essential goods and their prices are provided with the agency's award package.

Reminder: Agencies should direct clients or individuals seeking a computer to ReSOURCE. ReSOURCE has a limited budget set aside to help individuals receive desktop computers (NO LAPTOPS).

ReSOURCE distributes vouchers to participating agencies in the amounts of \$25, \$50, \$100. Each agency will need to specify amounts to ReSOURCE's Essential Goods Program Coordinator once their budget for participating year is awarded.

Program Membership Fee:

ReSOURCE charges a participation fee to partner agencies in order to defray some of the costs of making goods available and completing any necessary repairs to donated goods. Each year we seek to give away more to those in need, but we must balance this need with operating cost increases for space, staff and parts.

Membership fees in 2022 will be 25% of the face value of each voucher issued. Invoices to each agency will be generated as vouchers are created and should be paid within 30 days of the invoice date.

Participating Agency	ReSOURCE
Pay 25% cost share of award amount	Provide essential goods including furniture, appliances, housewares, building materials, and computers.
Consistently follow guidelines for issuing vouchers, track distribution of vouchers, and of voucher budget limit. <i>BE SURE YOUR CLIENTS UNDERSTAND THE TERMS OF VOUCHERS USE.</i>	Provide quarterly reconciliation report to agency showing vouchers redeemed and remaining unused balance.
Write a letter and tell stories to support Essential Goods Program and/or provide photos of showing impact and benefit.	Fundraise to support Essential Goods Program. Letters of support are imperative. Forward letters of support to coordinator.
Attend meeting(s) as needed	Coordinate and facilitate meeting(s) as needed

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Agency Name, Address, and Region Served:

Program Contact person (Name, Phone, Email):

Fiscal Contact (Name, Phone, Email):

The clientele our agency works with most are: (please bold or highlight all that apply or delete those that do not)

Open Door/ Everyone Welcome	Ex-Offenders (in transition or about to be released)
Elderly (includes family & caregivers)	Disabled or disadvantaged
Women	Men
Youth (14-22)	Children's & Families
Veterans	New Americans

Approximately how many clients do you see yearly?

How often do you take on new clients and how many?

Most frequent crisis faced by your clientele? (please bold or highlight all that apply or delete those that do not)

Mental Health	Chronic Medical Issues	Substance Abuse	Homelessness
Domestic Violence	Criminal Records/Incarceration	Probation & Parole	Legal Issues
Transportation Issues	Home Damage (fires, floods, natural disasters, repairs)	Housing Problems (eviction, back rent)	Debt/ Low Income
Education/ Employment issues (little or lack of)	Lacks Networks/ Natural Supports	Limited/ No Access to Basic Needs	Physical Disability

Are you currently helping your clients obtain vital goods outside of ReSOURCE's Essential Goods Program? If yes, how do they obtain goods?

If the 25% cost share would be extremely challenging for your agency and you need to request a cost share waiver, please explain below and provide the size of agency operating budget.

Please provide a factual example using client first name or pseudo name only, of how, for current program partners, ReSOURCE's Essential Goods Program (EGP) has provided important support or, for prospective partners, the EGP could be valuable.

EGP Award Request for the 2022 year: \$_____

By adding your name and position below, you indicate that you are authorized to request these funds.

Name:

Position:

Date:

Send application as a PDF or Word document to EssentialGoods@resourcevt.org