Addendum C: Stakeholder Interview Instrument

Vermont Housing Assessment-Stakeholder Interview

Bowen National Research has been retained by the Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development to conduct a statewide housing needs assessment. Answering the following questions will provide valuable data and insight as they relate to addressing housing issues in Vermont.

All individual responses will remain confidential and only aggregate results will be presented in our report.

1. Please provide your contact information.

Name: _____
Organization: _____
Email Address: _____
Phone Number: _____

2. What type of organization do you represent (select all that apply)?

☐ Agency on Aging/Senior Services   ☐ Landlord

☐ Community Action Agency   ☐ Local Government/Municipal Official

☐ Community Land Trust   ☐ Property Management Company

☐ Disabled/Special Needs Service Provider   ☐ Realtor Association/Board of Realtors

☐ Economic Development   ☐ Regional Development Corporation

☐ Homeless Service Provider   ☐ Regional Planning Commission

☐ Homeownership Center   ☐ Service Provider (mental health, veterans, etc.)

☐ Housing Authority   ☐ State Agency

☐ Housing Developer

Other (please specify) _____

3. Does your organization provide services on a local, regional, or statewide level?

⊙ Local

⊙ Regional

⊙ Statewide

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4. If local or regional, what county(ies) do you serve (select all that apply)?

☐ Addison   ☐ Lamoille

☐ Bennington   ☐ Orange

☐ Caledonia   ☐ Orleans

☐ Chittenden   ☐ Rutland

☐ Essex   ☐ Washington

☐ Franklin   ☐ Windham

☐ Grand Isle   ☐ Windsor

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5. On a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being the highest), rank the degree of overall housing demand in your service area, regardless of style and type.

☐ 1 (Low Demand)   ☐ 2   ☐ 3   ☐ 4   ☐ 5 (High Demand)

6. On a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being the highest), rank the degree of need for each of the housing types in your service area.

	1 (Lowest)	2	3	4	5 (Highest)
Rental	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Homeowner (For-Sale)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Small Family (1-2 Bedrooms)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Large Family (3+ Bedrooms)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Single-Person/Young Professionals	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Student	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Senior Apartments (Independent Living)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Senior Care Facilities (Assisted and Nursing)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Special Needs	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Homeless	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Farm Labor/Migrant	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

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7. On a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being the highest), rank the need for each of the housing styles in your service area.

	1 (Lowest)	2	3	4	5 (Highest)
Apartments	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Duplex/Triplex/Townhomes	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Condominiums	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Detached Houses (Single-Family Homes)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Mobile Homes/Manufactured Housing	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

8. On a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being the highest), rank the need for housing in your service area for each household income level.

	1 (Lowest)	2	3	4	5 (Highest)
$0 - $25,000	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Between $25,000 & $50,000	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Between $50,000 & $75,000	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Between $75,000 & $100,000	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
More than $100,000	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

9. What data did you rely on to assess the relative needs in questions 5 through 8?

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10. On a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being the highest), rank the degree to which each of the following housing issues are experienced in your service area.

	1 (Not at all)	2	3	4	5 (Often)
Foreclosure	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Limited Availability	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Overcrowded Housing	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Proximity to Community Services (grocery, healthcare, etc.)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Rent Burdened/Affordability	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Substandard Housing (quality and condition)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Other (please specify) [   ]

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11. On a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being the highest), rank the priority that should be given to each of the following construction types of housing in your service area.

	1 (Low Priority)	2	3	4	5 (High Priority)
Adaptive Reuse (i.e. warehouse conversion)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
New Construction	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Renovation/Revitalization	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

12. On a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being the highest), rank the priority of funding types that should be given to housing development in your service area.

	1 (Low Priority)	2	3	4	5 (High Priority)
Homebuyer Assistance	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Project-Based Rental Subsidy	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Tax Credit	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other Rental Housing Assistance	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other Homeowner (for-sale) Housing Assistance	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Other (please specify) [＿＿＿＿＿＿＿＿＿＿]

13. On a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being the highest), rank the importance of the following as it relates to the proximity to new housing development in your service area?

	1 (Low Priority)	2	3	4	5 (High Priority)
Downtown/Village	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Jobs	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Rural - Large Lots, Open Space	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Schools	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Services	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Utilities	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Walkable Community	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Other (please specify) [＿＿＿＿＿＿＿＿＿＿]

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14. Are there any specific housing development programs that should be given priority as it relates to housing development in your service area?

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15. Are there any specific housing development programs (local or state level) that are not currently offered in your service area and should be explored?

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Barriers to Housing Development

16. What common barriers or obstacles exist in your service region that you believe limit residential development (select all that apply)?

☐ Availability of Land   ☐ Lack of Infrastructure

☐ Cost of Labor/Materials   ☐ Local Government Regulations ("red tape")

☐ Cost of Land   ☐ State Government Regulations

☐ Community Support   ☐ Transportation

☐ Financing

Other (please specify) [   ]

17. What suggestions/recommendations do you have to reduce or eliminate these barriers (responses will be limited to 500 characters)?

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Homeless Housing

18. Are you knowledgeable about homeless housing needs in your service area?

☐ Yes

☐ No

19. On a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being the highest), rank the need for housing in your service area for each homeless group below.

	1 (Lowest)	2	3	4	5 (Highest)
Homeless Individuals	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Homeless Families	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Homeless Veterans and their Families	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Homeless Youth	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

20. On a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being the highest), rank the types of housing for the homeless you believe would best serve your service area.

	1 (Lowest)	2	3	4	5 (Highest)
Emergency Shelters	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Permanent Supportive Housing	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Single-Room Occupancy	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Transitional Housing	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Vouchers (rental assistance)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

21. What are the obstacles to the development of housing for homeless populations in your service area?

22. Provide any recommendations on ways to address the needs of the homeless population in your service area.

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Non-Homeless and Special Needs Housing

23. Are you knowledgeable about non-homeless/special needs housing in your service area?

☐ Yes

☐ No

24. On a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being the highest), rank the need for housing in your service area for each of the non-homeless and special needs groups below.

	1 (Lowest)	2	3	4	5 (Highest)
AIDS/HIV	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Alcohol/Substance Abuse	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Ex-Offenders	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Farm Labor/Migrant Workers	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Physical/Developmental Disabilities	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Severe Mental Illness	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Victims of Domestic or Dating Violence/Sexual Assault/Stalking	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Unaccompanied Youth/Youth Aging Out of Foster Care	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

25. On a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being the highest), rank the types of non-homeless/special needs housing you believe would best serve your service area.

	1 (Lowest)	2	3	4	5 (Highest)
Emergency Shelter	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Group Homes	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Permanent Supportive Housing	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Transitional Housing	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

26. What are the obstacles to the development of housing for non-homeless and special needs populations in your service area?

27. Provide any recommendations on ways to address the needs of the non-homeless and special needs populations in your service area.

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