

HOUSING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE



Facing Homelessness	Overview	Contact Information
<p>Emergency Shelter <i>(For Individuals 18+)</i></p>	<p>This is a list of shelters serving anyone who is at least age 18.</p>	<p>https://hedfuel.azurewebsites.net/iShelters.aspx</p>
<p>Emergency Shelter <i>(For Young Adults Under Age 24)</i></p>	<p>This is a list of emergency housing options for young adults across Massachusetts.</p>	<p>www.mass.gov/info-details/list-of-young-adult-emergency-housing-options-supports-ages-24-and-under</p>
<p>Emergency Assistance Family Shelters <i>(For Families At Or Below 115% Of Federal Poverty Guidelines)</i></p>	<p>Emergency Assistance provides temporary emergency shelter to low-income families with children and to homeless pregnant women who have no safe place to live</p> <p>Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a MA resident • Must have needy children under the age of 21, or be pregnant <p>AND the reason for homelessness is one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No-fault fire, flood, natural disaster, condemnation, or foreclosure OR • Fleeing domestic violence (current or within past 12 months) OR • No-fault eviction OR • Child(ren) are exposed to a substantial health and safety risk 	<p>To apply for shelter services, please call 866-584-0653 and speak with a Homeless Coordinator.</p> <p>There is no application form for emergency services online. You must call for assistance and visit one of the ten locations in Massachusetts.</p> <p>Emergency Assistance applicants must provide all requested verification within 30 days.</p> <p>Nearest office: DHCD New Bedford 160 West Rodney French Boulevard New Bedford, MA 02744</p>
<p>Housing for Victims Of Domestic Violence</p>	<p>The Department of Transitional Assistance has domestic violence specialists who help domestic abuse victims get benefits and services.</p> <p>www.mass.gov/info-details/dta-domestic-violence-services</p>	<p>Reach them at 877-382-2363 and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Press the number for your language • Select 2 for a domestic violence specialist • Enter your 5 digit zip code <p>After hours, call SAFELINK: 877-785-2020</p>

Facing Eviction	Overview	Contact Information
<p>RAFT Program</p>	<p>The Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) program provides up to \$7,000 per household within a 12-month period to help you keep your current housing or to move. RAFT can cover overdue rent, utilities, moving costs, and mortgage costs.</p> <p>You may be eligible for RAFT if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You're at risk for homelessness or housing instability • Your income is less than 50% of your city/town's Area Median Income (AMI) • Your income is less than 60% of your city/town's AMI and you are at risk of domestic violence 	<p>www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-raft-emergency-help-for-housing-costs</p>
<p>Eviction Support Tools: Legal Overview</p>	<p>An overview of eviction supports: www.mass.gov/info-details/eviction-legal-services-and-mediation</p>	<p>An overview of eviction supports: www.mass.gov/info-details/eviction-legal-services-and-mediation</p>
<p>Eviction Support Tools: Community Mediation</p>	<p>Massachusetts Community Mediation Centers offer free pre-court mediation between landlords and tenants for lease disputes and mediation for eviction cases in district courts.</p>	<p>Local Housing Mediation: Martha's Vineyard Mediation Program www.mvmediation.org/housing-program 15 Merchant's Court, Ste. 5 Vineyard Haven, MA 02568 (508) 693-2199</p>
<p>Eviction Support Tools: Legal Help</p>	<p>You may be eligible for free legal help if your household income is under 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, and if you are a tenant and your landlord has given you a Notice to Quit.</p>	<p>Local Legal Help: South Coastal Counties Legal Services www.sccls.org/contact.asp 22 Bedford Street Fall River, MA 02722 1 (800)244-9023</p>

Support For Paying Rent	Overview	Contact Information
<p>Homebase: <i>(A Program to Help Families Eligible for EA Emergency Family Shelter Find Stable Housing)</i></p>	<p>If your family is eligible for the EA Emergency Family Shelter program, you may also be eligible for HomeBASE, which covers expenses such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First and last month's rent & security deposit for a new apartment • Monthly financial assistance to help pay rent in MA • Furniture, moving expenses, and utilities • Overdue rent and/or utility payments <p>With HomeBASE, a case manager will help you find community supports for education, job training, finding a job, and childcare.</p>	<p>Phone: 866-584-0653</p> <p>Website: www.mass.gov/info-details/homebase</p>
<p>Federal Section 8 Vouchers</p>	<p>The Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers Program (HCVP) pays a portion of your rent each month. You can use some vouchers anywhere as long as the unit meets health and safety standards. Other vouchers are for specific housing units. The amount of money paid depends on your family's income.</p>	<p>Application: www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-the-section-8-housing-choice-vouchers-program-hcvp</p>
<p>MRVP: Massachusetts Rental Vouchers Program</p>	<p>You may be eligible for this program if your income is up to 80% of the Area Median Income. Check your town's Area Median Income.</p>	<p>You can apply through the Common Housing Application for Massachusetts Programs (CHAMP) website: https://publichousingapplication.ocd.state.ma.us/</p>
<p>AHVP: Alternative Housing Vouchers Program <i>(For People Under 60 With A Disability)</i></p>	<p>Some state housing authorities offer vouchers to people under 60 years old with a disability. You may be eligible if you make up to 80% of your area's median income.</p>	<p>You can apply through the CHAMP website: https://publichousingapplication.ocd.state.ma.us/</p>

Affordable Rental Housing	Overview	Contact Information
<p>Public Housing</p>	<p>Public housing is available for low-income family, elderly, and disabled people in 240 towns in Massachusetts. These units are owned by Local Housing Authorities (LHAs).</p> <p>You may be eligible for public housing if your household earns less than 80% of the area median income. Here are the income limits for Public Housing.</p> <p>There are also programs for families where at least one member is older than 59 years old or is disabled.</p> <p>There are two types of public housing, single family/occupant and shared housing.</p>	<p>To apply for single-family or single-occupant Public Housing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can apply online using the Common Housing Application for Massachusetts Programs (CHAMP) website You can also apply in person at a Local Housing Authority (LHA). Look up your LHA. <p>To apply for Congregate (shared) Public Housing, fill out one of these application forms below and mail it to your LHA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application for Congregate State-Aided Public Housing Application for Housing Situation Priority for Congregate Housing <p>Note: You should mail an application to each of the Local Housing Authorities that you want to apply to.</p>
<p>MassHousing</p>	<p>MassHousing maintains a list of affordable units for rent. You can filter for Section 8, accessible, elderly, and workforce housing (housing for people who make a little too much to qualify for subsidized housing)</p>	<p>Website: www.masshousing.com/en/renters</p>
<p>Housing Navigator</p>	<p>The Housing Navigator Tool is a free online tool makes it simple to search for affordable rentals statewide.</p>	<p>Website: www.housingnavigatoroma.org</p>