

Housing Resources for Individuals and Families

Learn more about housing resources by dialing 211

Contact your local Community Action Agency at masscap.org



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Emergency Assistance (EA) Family Shelter

*for more information go to mass.gov and search: *Review Eligibility & Apply for Emergency Assistance (EA) Family Shelter*

Eligibility:

- You're a resident of Massachusetts
- Your family's gross income is at or below 115% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines
- You're pregnant or have a child under 21

and if the reason you need shelter is one of the following:

- No-fault fire, flood, natural disaster, condemnation, or foreclosure
- At risk of domestic violence
- No-fault eviction
- Your children are exposed to a substantial health and safety risk

How to Apply:

- Online through Mass.gov
- By phone: (866) 584-0653
- In-person at offices in Boston, Brockton, Chelsea, Hyannis, Lawrence, Lowell, New Bedford, Salem, Springfield, Worcester)

HomeBASE

HomeBASE helps families who have been found eligible for **Emergency Assistance (EA) Family Shelter** by providing up to \$30,000 over a 2-year period. If your family is found eligible for the Emergency Assistance (EA) Family Shelter program, you may work with a shelter or diversion case worker to apply. They will help you complete the forms required to receive HomeBASE

benefits. Types of housing HomeBASE can pay for: your own apartment, live with a host, co-share an apartment.

Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT)

*for more information go to mass.gov and search: Apply for RAFT (emergency help for housing costs)

Eligibility:

- You're at risk of homelessness or losing your housing
- 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

How to Apply:

- Online through Mass.gov

CHAMP (Common Housing Application for Massachusetts Programs)

Apply for state-aided public housing and state-funded rental vouchers

How to Apply:

Go to publichousingapplication.ocd.state.ma.us

Section 8 Housing

The Centralized Waiting List is a partnership of Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) which streamlines the application process for a Section 8 Voucher. Applicants submit one application to apply to all participating PHAs. Each participating PHA selects participants to their Section 8 Voucher program off of the centralized waiting list in accordance with their local policy.

Eligibility:

- Families, elderly, disabled, and single people whose income falls within the income guidelines
- Must not owe money to this housing authority
- You must have an eligible US citizenship in your household to qualify, and provide social security cards for all family members. Non-citizens may be eligible if they are in certain eligible immigration categories, such as lawful, permanent

residents (green card holders), refugees, asylees , and other special immigrant categories

- A background check of all adult household members will be completed upon selection from the waiting list

How to Apply:

- Apply online at: mass.affordablehousing.com

Maternity Homes

*Availability varies in these homes. Contact the homes to apply

- St. Joseph's Home- Lawrence, MA
- Bethesda House- South Shore
- Friends of the Unborn- Quincy, MA
- St. Mary's Center- Dorchester, MA

Housing Navigator Massachusetts

Housingnavigatorma.org

The #1 affordable housing search engine in MA. Search thousands of available properties. Connect with property managers, review eligibility and income requirements. Apply directly to the property manager to submit your application.

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