

Public Housing

Public housing is housing that is owned by a local housing authority or regional administrating agency. Like subsidized housing, public housing is limited to people with low and moderate income who pay part of that income to rent each month. Some public housing opportunities are funded by the state, and others are funded by the federal government. There are public housing opportunities especially for older adults or people with disabilities, and some that are for anyone who meets income eligibility rules.

[You can use the worksheet in our Finding Home guide to keep track of where you plan to search for housing and where you've applied.](#)

State Public Housing

Common Housing Application for Massachusetts Programs (CHAMP)

You can apply for state-aided public housing using the Common Housing Application for Massachusetts Programs (CHAMP). You can also use CHAMP to update an existing application. CHAMP is an online application. You can also apply for public housing using a printed application. Note that you do NOT need to fill out the printed CHAMP if you have already completed the online application.

Common Housing Application for Massachusetts Programs (CHAMP)

<https://publichousingapplication.ocd.state.ma.us/>

How to Apply for Public Housing

www.mass.gov/guides/how-to-apply-for-public-housing

Local Housing Authorities

Some local housing authorities maintain their own application process and waitlist. As you apply to the CHAMP, check your list of cities and towns from Part 2. If any of those cities or towns are not on the list of participants for the CHAMP, you can call that housing authority directly to ask about their state-aided public housing opportunities.

Local Housing Authority Contact Listing

www.mass.gov/info-details/local-housing-authority-contact-listing

Many housing authorities set aside housing especially for older adults and people with disabilities of any age, including some supportive housing options. You can also ask about these housing opportunities when you call the housing authority.

Supportive Housing

www.mass.gov/info-details/supportive-housing-eligibility



Federal Public Housing

You can use the HUD Resource Finder to search for federally funded public housing. Make sure to select Public Housing Buildings and Public Housing Developments from the layer menu to identify these properties. Once you've located opportunities, you can call that housing authority directly to ask about their federally funded public housing application process and waitlist. Many housing authorities set aside housing especially for older adults and people with disabilities of any age. You can also ask about these housing opportunities when you call the housing authority.

HUD Resource Finder

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