



NAMI Convention

Overview of Subsidized Housing

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Housing & Recovery

When people have a safe and affordable



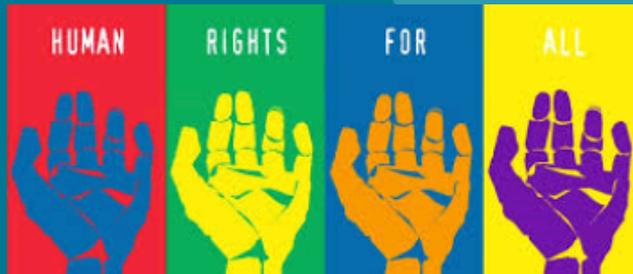
They spend less time in



Having a roof over your head allows people to focus on recovery- employment, symptom management, community involvement, opportunity, security, family, etc.

Who is housing “ready”? **EVERYONE**
Think of housing as a human right, everyone deserves a safe and affordable place to live.

Applying for independent housing starts **TODAY!**

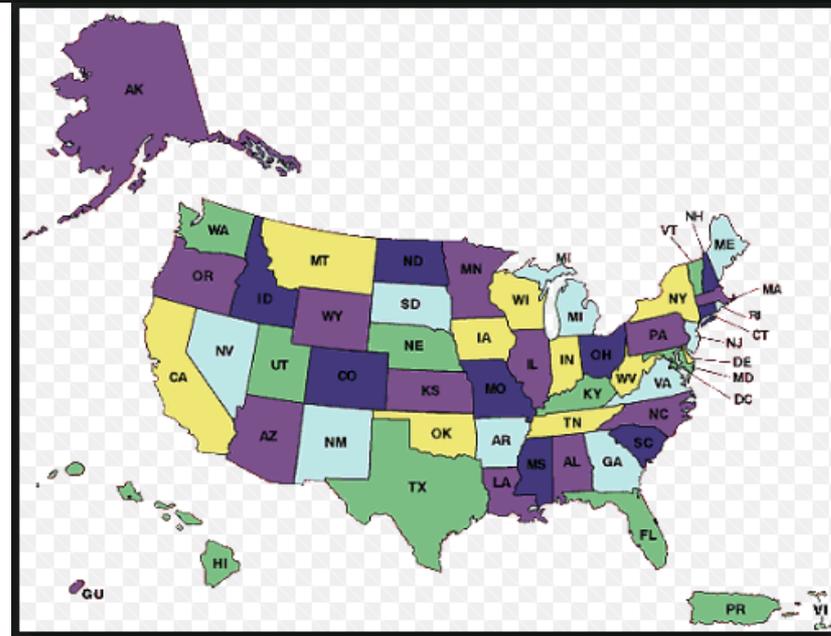


Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher

- Applying is easy! [Click Here](#) for Online Application
- Request for [Status Form](#)
- 30% of income



Framingham Project Based



Applying for Section 8 Online

*****IMPORTANT NOTICE - JUNE 28, 2019*****

DATABASE ACCESS - TRANSITION TO NEW VENDOR

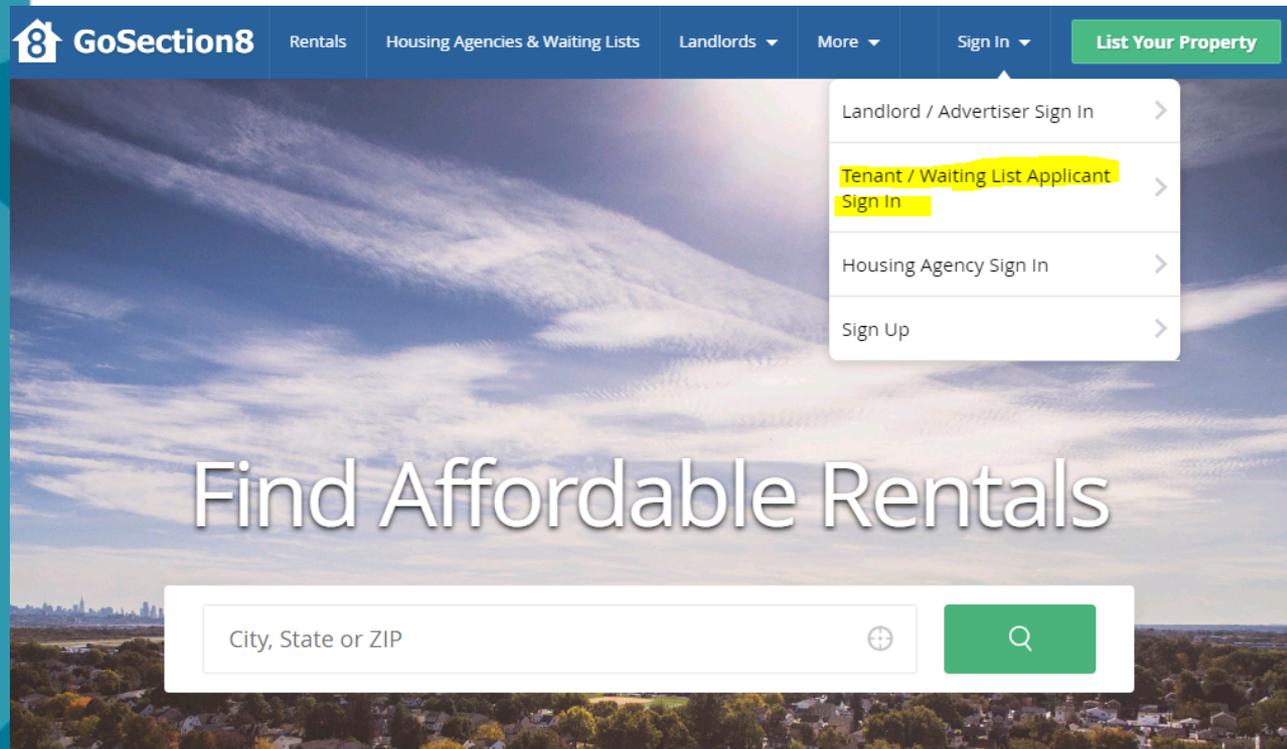
The current CWL online database access will be **shut-down this evening, Friday, June 28, 2019**. Access to the current system will resume next week. Please do not make any changes in the old CWL system after today as they will not update in the new GoSection8 system. Access will remain for PHAs for viewing and reference only.

APPLICANT OUTREACH

Starting the week of July 15th, GoSection8 will conduct an **electronic outreach to current applicants on the CWL** who have provided an email address on their pre-application to inform them of the switch of systems.

STEP ONE

Gosection8.com



GoSection8 Rentals Housing Agencies & Waiting Lists Landlords More Sign In List Your Property

Landlord / Advertiser Sign In
Tenant / Waiting List Applicant Sign In
Housing Agency Sign In
Sign Up

Find Affordable Rentals

City, State or ZIP

Applying for Section 8 Online Cont.

Personal Information

First Name

Adrienne

Last Name

Cassidy

Email Address

looking4ahome2010@gmail.com

Phone Number

508

808

3111

Additional Information

Voucher Status

I Have a Voucher

Select "I have a Voucher" if you receive Government rent assistance.

Move Date

Choose a date



As Soon As Possible

Do you have pets?

Yes No

Accessibility Needs:

Yes No

Email and SMS Preferences

I would like landlords to contact me with move-in specials & lease incentives.

Yes No I would like to receive New Rental Alerts via email.

By clicking "Sign Up", you agree to our [Terms of Use](#).

Sign Up



OR

Already have an account? [Sign In Here](#)

Provide more information to find the best rentals.

Date of Birth

mm/dd/yyyy



Current Zip Code

Main Reason you Wish to Move?

Select Reason...

Do you have any children in the following Age Group?

Check all that apply

0 - 4 years

5 - 10 years

11 - 13 years

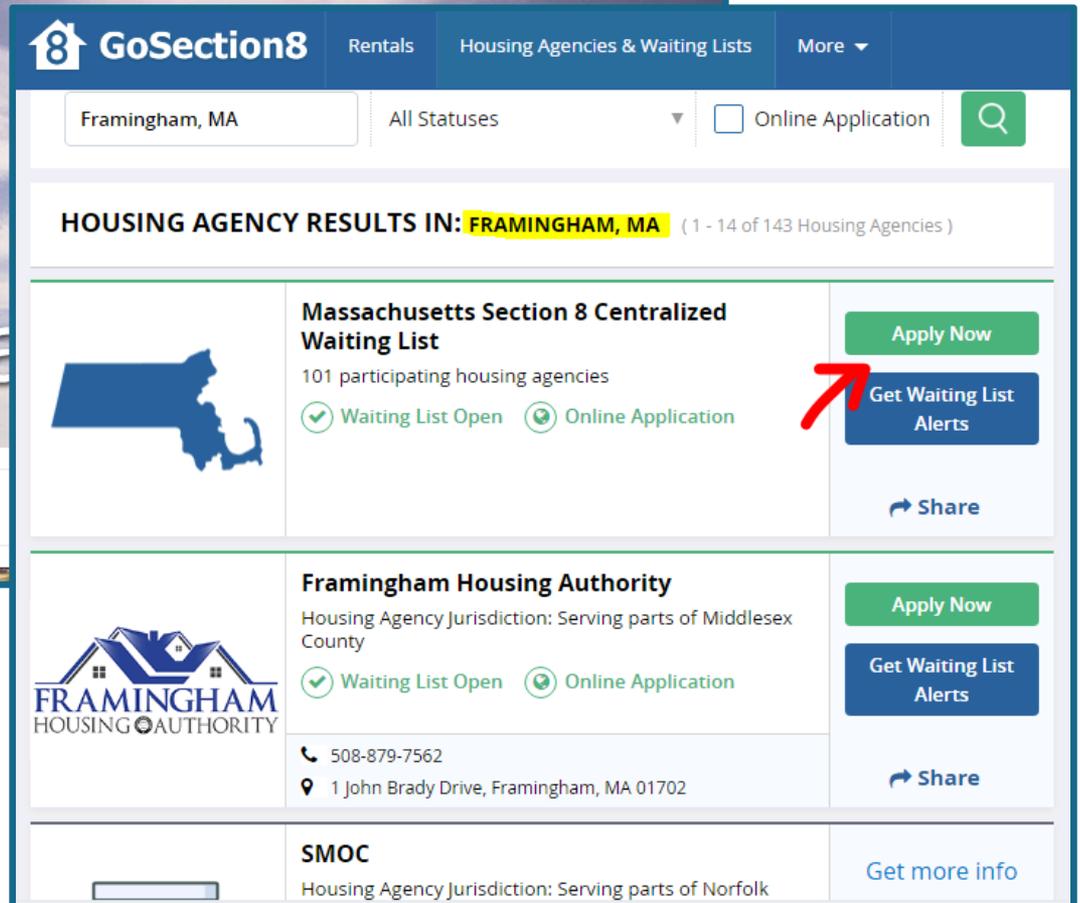
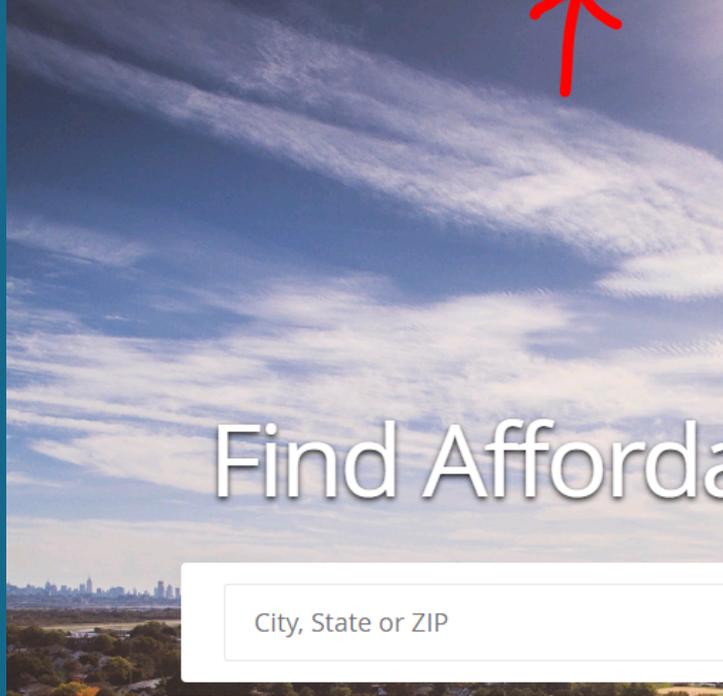
14 - 18 years

I am the head of the household

By Clicking "Get Started Now", you agree to Columbia's [Terms of Use](#).

Get Started Now

Applying for Section 8 Online Cont.



GoSection8 Rentals Housing Agencies & Waiting Lists More ▾ My Account ▾

Framingham, MA All Statuses Online Application

HOUSING AGENCY RESULTS IN: FRAMINGHAM, MA (1 - 14 of 143 Housing Agencies)

	Massachusetts Section 8 Centralized Waiting List 101 participating housing agencies ✔ Waiting List Open ✔ Online Application	Apply Now Get Waiting List Alerts Share
	Framingham Housing Authority Housing Agency Jurisdiction: Serving parts of Middlesex County ✔ Waiting List Open ✔ Online Application ☎ 508-879-7562 📍 1 John Brady Drive, Framingham, MA 01702	Apply Now Get Waiting List Alerts Share
	SMOC Housing Agency Jurisdiction: Serving parts of Norfolk	Get more info

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 **Massachusetts Section 8 Centralized Waiting List**

101 participating housing agencies

✔ Waiting List Open
✔ Online Application

[Welcome](#)
[Income Requirements](#)
[Participating Housing Agencies](#)
[FAQs](#)

[Find Application](#)
[Apply Now](#)

Hi Adrienne , [Not Adrienne? Switch Account](#)

Set up a password to apply for a Waitlist

We'll ask for this password every time you sign in, please review our password tips to help keep your account secure.

Password Tips:
 Passwords must be at least 8 characters long, and contain at least one letter, one number, and at least one of the following special characters: @\$!%*#-=?&

Email Address

Password ⓘ

Confirm Password

[Save](#)



Welcome to the Massachusetts Section 8 Centralized Waiting List

The Massachusetts Section 8 Centralized Waiting List is a partnership of 101 Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts which streamlines their application process for a Section 8 Voucher. The centralized waiting list opened on January 6, 2003 and will remain open and accept applications indefinitely.

Applicants submit one application to the centralized waiting list system, operated by GoSection8.com, and their application is automatically added to the waiting list for all 101 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.

We are happy to announce our new partnership with GoSection8.com!

Applying for Section 8 Online Cont.

Find My Application

To review and update your waiting list application online, please fill out the form below.



Last Name

Social Security Number

 I'm not a robot


Find Application

We couldn't find your application



Call us at **(866) 466-7328** for assistance regarding the waiting list application process.

Or

Start over [Find my Application](#)

Get Started

Fill in the form below to get started with your waiting list application.



Last Name

Social Security Number

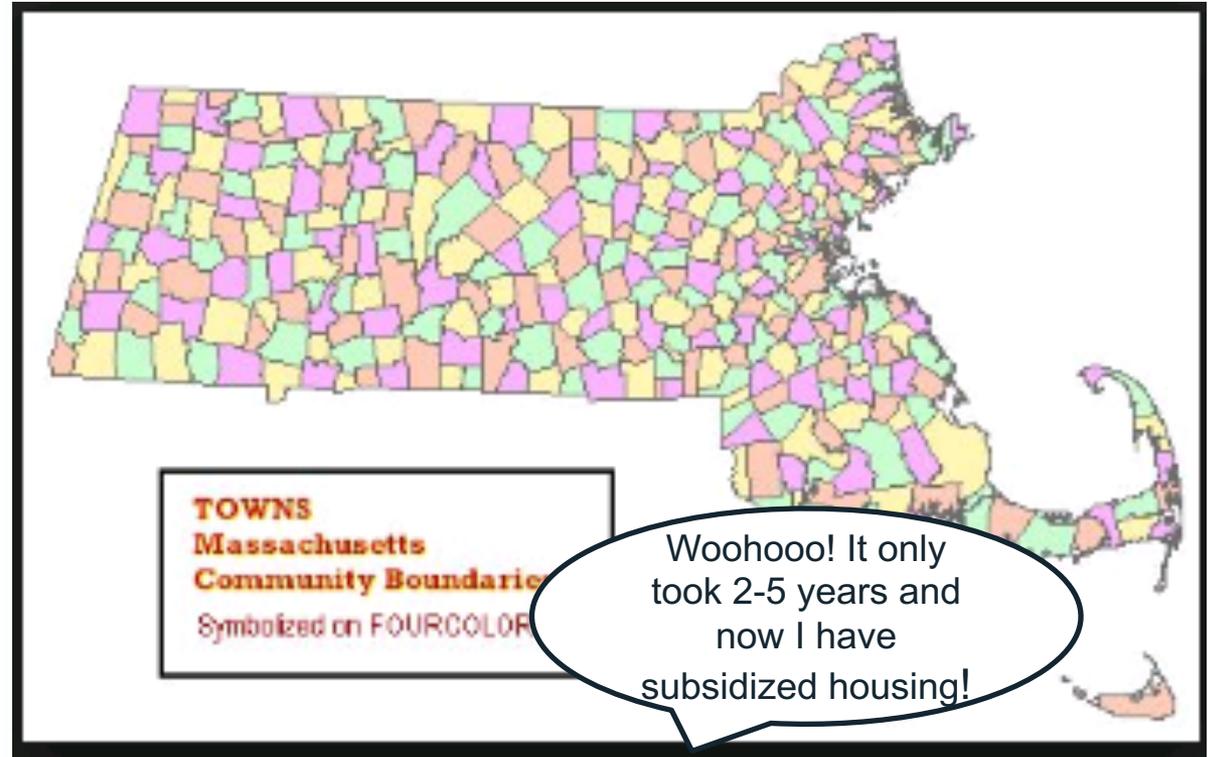
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Get Started

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Public Housing/Project Based

- CHAMP
- Contacting Individual Housing Projects for Federal Housing



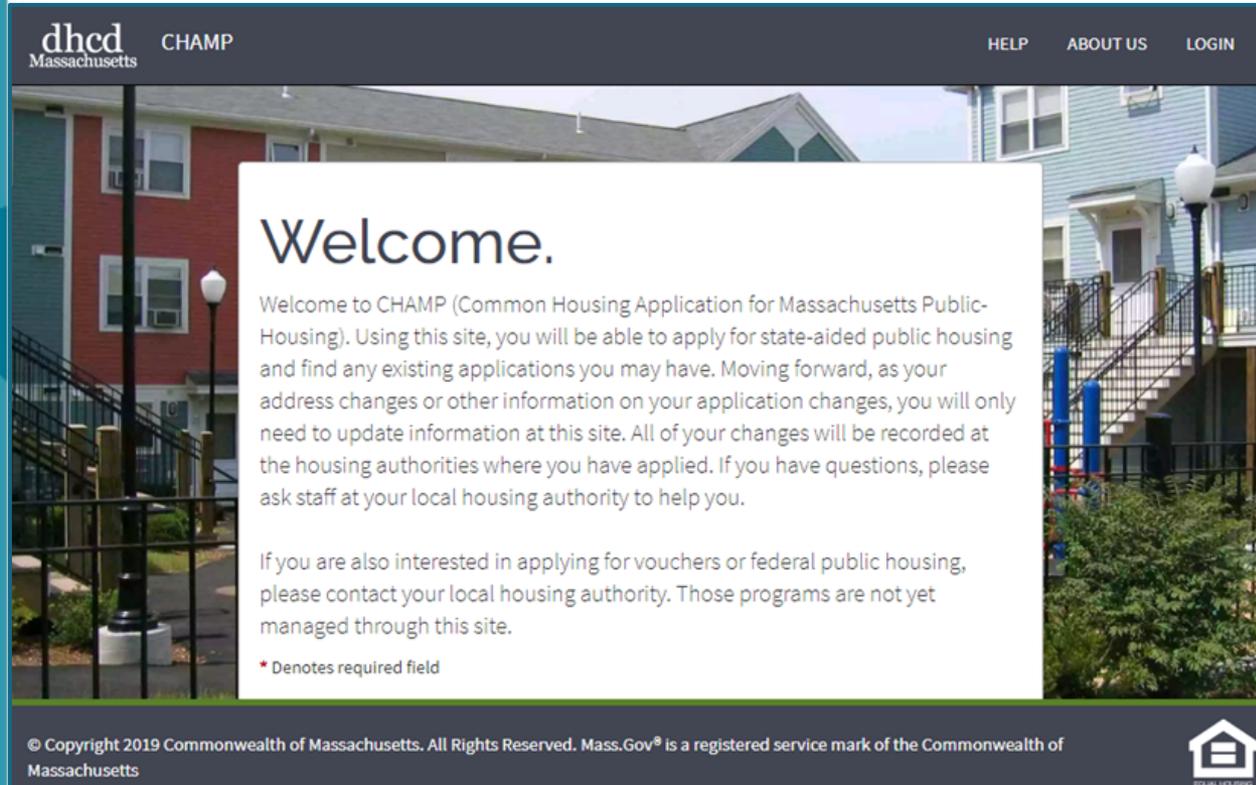
APPLY NOW!



[CLICK HERE](#)
[Link to CHAMP](#)

Common Housing Application for Massachusetts Public-Housing

- **CHAMP** is the website where you can apply for state-aided public housing.
- Over 220+ options for housing for adults with disabilities



The screenshot shows the CHAMP website interface. At the top left, the logo for 'dhcd Massachusetts' is displayed next to the text 'CHAMP'. On the top right, there are three navigation links: 'HELP', 'ABOUT US', and 'LOGIN'. The main content area features a large white box with the heading 'Welcome.' followed by a paragraph of text explaining the site's purpose and a note about other housing programs. A small red asterisk icon is used to denote required fields. The background of the website shows a photograph of a modern, multi-story public housing building with red and blue siding.

dhcd Massachusetts CHAMP

HELP ABOUT US LOGIN

Welcome.

Welcome to CHAMP (Common Housing Application for Massachusetts Public-Housing). Using this site, you will be able to apply for state-aided public housing and find any existing applications you may have. Moving forward, as your address changes or other information on your application changes, you will only need to update information at this site. All of your changes will be recorded at the housing authorities where you have applied. If you have questions, please ask staff at your local housing authority to help you.

If you are also interested in applying for vouchers or federal public housing, please contact your local housing authority. Those programs are not yet managed through this site.

• Denotes required field

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Additional Resources for Public Housing

Mass Access Housing Registry- [Click Here](#) for link

- Section 8/subsidized housing
- Not kept up to date



PublicHousing.Com- [Click Here](#) for link

- Website provides lists of subsidized properties by town
- Most will have a waitlist

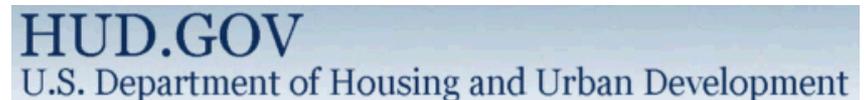


Masshousing.com- [Click Here](#) for link

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Hud.gov- [Click Here](#) for link



[Click Here for MRVP Application](#)

[Click Here for AHVP Application](#)

Mass Rental Voucher Program/Alternative Housing Voucher Program

MRVP

- Chapter 707 Program
- Tenant & Project based vouchers
- Tenant pays 35%-40%
- 2,100 Mobile and 3,000 Project Based
- Eligibility is based on income that does not exceed 80% of Area Median

AHVP

- Established in 1995
- ~500 mobile vouchers
- Applicants can apply by directly contacting any of the 24 issuing administering agencies that have received an allocation of AHVP vouchers

Tracking Applications

			Name of Person Supported	Current Housing Situation	Name of Property/ Housing Entity	Phone/contact info for property	Mailing Address for each Property	Date Application Mailed	Date confirmed that application was accepted	Notes
1			Your Name Here	DMH Housing (contract \$)	Centralized Section 8 Waiting Li	(617) 552-5501	82 Lincoln St, #101, Newton H	9/10/18	9/10/18	hand-delivered
2			Your Name Here	GLE	Boston Housing Authority	617-988-3400	56 Chauncy St Boston 02111	9/12/2018	9/12/2018	Hand delivered
3			Your Name Here	GLE	Metro Boston Housing	(617) 859-0400	1411 Tremont St, Boston	9/12/18	9/12/18	hand-delivered
4			Your Name Here	GLE	SMOC	(508) 872-4853	7 Bishop St, Framingham	9/18/18		incorrect application
5			Your Name Here	GLE	Metro Boston Housing	(617) 859-0400	1411 Tremont St, Boston	9/18/18		incomplete application



Keep A Record of the Places You've Applied for Housing

1. You can print this out, and fill in by hand, or you can type your answers in the gray boxes
2. Call each property two months after sending an application: "I applied around (say date) - can you confirm I made it onto your waitlist?"

Name of Property	Phone	Mailing Address for each Property	Waitlist Name	Date Application Mailed	Did you make it onto the list?
Ex: Oak Haven Apts	781-123-1234	ATTN: Prop Manager Oak Haven Apts 11 Smith St Boston, MA 02115	Chapter 200 2BR Wheelchair list	5/4/2011	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
1.					<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
2.					<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
3.					<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
4.					<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
5.					<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

Documents Needed to Apply for Housing

- Birth certificate (issued by the city/town with seal)
- Social Security card
- Photo identification
- Verification of Income type and amount
- Housing history for the last 3-5 years
- Certification of disability or homelessness
- Out of pocket medical expenses



Poll & Questions?



AFFORDABLE HOUSING

CALL 211
for more
info!

Eviction Help

<https://www.mass.gov/covid-19-getting-help-with-housing-costs>

What eviction protections are provided under the CDC moratorium?

When the state moratorium expired on October 17, a federal moratorium established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) became effective in Massachusetts. Through December, the CDC moratorium will prevent evictions for non-payment for qualified tenants who submit a written declaration to their landlord. Courts will accept eviction filings and process cases, and may enter judgments, but will not issue an order of execution (the court order that allows a landlord to evict a tenant) until after the expiration of the CDC order. Protection is limited to households who meet certain income and vulnerability criteria. [Declaration may be found here](#), and in a number of [additional languages](#).

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Resources for Renters, Homeowners, and Landlords

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has resources available for individuals and families struggling to make rent or mortgage payments due to COVID-19.

Click below or call 2-1-1 from any phone.

FIND EMERGENCY HOUSING ASSISTANCE

**Emergency Rental and
Mortgage Assistance
Program (ERMA)**
~\$4000 per household

**Residential Assistance for
Families in Transition (RAFT)**
~\$10,000 per household

RAFT & ERMA

Declaration Form:

**HALT IN EVICTIONS TO PREVENT FURTHER SPREAD OF
COVID-19**

- Time is of the essence – there is funding available NOW and the earlier households apply for aid, the quicker they will receive it.

Program Income Eligibility Limits

Metropolitan Area: Boston-Cambridge-Quincy, MA-NH HMFA

Household Size

Program	% of AMI	1 Person	2 Persons	3 Persons	4 Persons	5 Persons	6 Persons	7 Persons	8 Persons
RAFT	50%	\$44,800	\$51,200	\$57,600	\$63,950	\$69,100	\$74,200	\$79,300	\$84,450
ERMA	80%	\$67,400	\$77,000	\$86,650	\$96,250	\$103,950	\$111,650	\$119,350	\$127,050

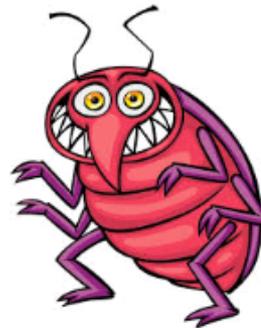


Housing Preservation

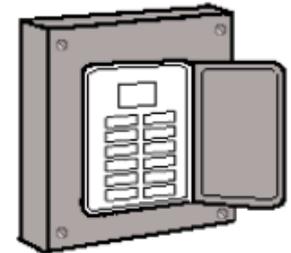


Average Rent By City 2019

1. San Francisco, CA: \$3,500
2. New York, NY: \$2,750
3. San Jose, CA: \$2,490
4. **Boston, MA: \$2,450**
5. Los Angeles, CA: \$2,420
6. Oakland, CA: \$2,350
7. Washington, DC: \$2,100
8. San Diego, CA: \$1,950
9. Seattle, WA: \$1,900



Housing Preservation



Landlord Questions



Tenant:

What do you do for work?

What type of disability?

What is your rental history?

Do you smoke?

Do you have money for first, last, &
Security?

I don't work with vouchers, sorry.

Hello, We're

AWESOME

How can we help you?

- Race
- Color
- Religious creed
- National origin
- Ancestry
- Sex
- Marital status
- Veteran status
- Age
- Handicap/disability
- Gender Identity
- Sexual orientation
- Children
- Public assistance
- Children/Lead Paint
- Section 8 voucher holder

Reporting Discrimination

- The Fair Housing Act
- Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination
 - ❖ (617) 994-6000
- Civil Rights Division
 - ❖ (617) 727-2200



Reasonable Accommodation

- What is reasonable accommodation?
- Financial or Administrative Burden
- 10+ units



Questions?

