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Way Finders can help by providing needs assessments to determine eligibility to be considered for financial assistance, as well as provide information and referrals to other available resources.

Meet with a Way Finders' Homeless Prevention Counselor at the following locations to determine if you are eligible to be considered for financial assistance.

# Way Finders Springfield Housing Center

322 Main Street Springfield, MA 01105 **Monday-Thursday 8:30am to 2:30pm** 

### **Springfield Housing Court**

37 Elm Street Springfield, MA 01102 **Thursday 8:00am to 4:00pm** 

### **Hadley Housing Court**

116 Russell Street Hadley, MA 01035 **Monday 8:00am to 12:00pm** 

#### **Community Action**

17 New South Street Suite 116 Northampton, MA 01060

Monday 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Appointments 1:00pm - 3:00pm\* Walk-ins 3:00pm - 4:00pm

Tuesday 8:30am - 12:30pm

Appointments 8:30am - 10:30am\* Walk-ins 11:30am - 12:30pm

Wednesday 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Appointments 2:00pm - 4:00pm\* Walk-ins 1:00pm - 2:00pm

#### **Amherst Community Connections**

236 North Pleasant Street Amherst, MA 01002

Wednesday 8:30-12:00pm

Appointments 8:00am - 10:30am\* Walk-ins 10:30am - 12:00pm

\*Appointments can be made by calling 413-233-1500



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Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) funds are now available for families, couples, and individuals.

RAFT funds can help you in a variety of ways, including:

Rent Arrears
Mortgage Arrears
Utility Arrears
Security Deposits
Move-in Costs (First/Last/Security)
Utility Deposits
and more...

If you aren't eligible for financial assistance, Way Finders' Homeless Prevention Counselors will provide you with information for other resources available in the community.

Please call 413-233-1500 Monday - Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm with any questions or to confirm assessment times and days.









# What do you need to bring to the assessment?

- Birth Certificates for all household members
  - Long form for any dependent children
- Social Security Cards for all household members
- Picture ID for all household members 18 & over
- Confirmation of Full-time Student Status if child is 18-20 (if applicable)
- All Income Verification cannot be more than 60 days old
  - Last 4 Weekly Paystubs or
  - Last 2 Bi-Weekly Paystubs
  - Social Security
  - Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) Cash & Food Stamps
  - Child Support Payments
  - Pension or Annuity
  - Casual Labor Notarized Letter
  - Notarized Letter Stating Zero Income for anyone 18 or older who isn't working
  - Any Other Source of Income
- You MUST have a documented crisis/emergency <u>Examples:</u>
  - Doubled-up/Homeless Letter
  - Summary Process
  - 14-Day Notice
  - Eviction
  - Failed Inspection Report
  - Board of Health Condemnation Order
  - Utility Shut-off
  - Notice of Mortgage Default (over 30 days past due)
- Letter of Lead Compliance from potential landlord if there are children under 6 years old