



Housing First  
for Hampden, Hampshire,  
Franklin and Berkshire Counties

## FY2022 House Ways and Means (“HWM”) Budget and The Western Massachusetts Network (“Network”) Requests\*

Program	FY22 Network Request	HWM Budget	Gov. FY22 Budget	FY2021 Budget
Mass. Rental Voucher Program	\$160,000,000	\$148,446,598**	\$122,645,860	\$135,000,000
RAFT	\$54,700,000	\$26,725,768***	\$16,274,121	\$54,700,000
Homeless Individuals Assistance	\$56,355,000	\$57,855,000****	\$53,355,000	\$56,355,000
HomeBASE	\$45,000,000	\$25,970,612	\$25,970,612	\$29,058,618
Housing Consumer Education Centers	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$4,750,000	\$4,750,000
Unaccompanied Homeless Youth	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$8,000,000
Home and Healthy for Good	\$3,890,000	\$3,890,000	\$2,890,000	\$3,890,000
Tenancy Preservation Program	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,500,000
Alternative Housing Voucher Program	\$14,200,000	\$14,200,000*****	\$5,621,601	\$12,526,596
Safe Havens for Franklin/Hampshire	\$422,000	0	0	0
Western MA Network to End Homelessness	\$75,000	0	0	0

*\*Thanks to CHAPA, Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless and Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance for their budget analyses.*

\*\*includes \$20,018,333 carried over from FY21 in addition to \$128,428,265 in new FY22 appropriations  
\*\*\*includes \$4,725,768 transfer from the Housing Preservation and Stabilization Trust Fund  
\*\*\*\* includes \$1,500,000 carried over from FY21  
revert but shall be made available for the purposes of this item in fiscal year 2022.”  
\*\*\*\*\*includes \$5,514,645 carried over from FY21 in addition to \$8,685,355 in new FY22 appropriations

### **Additional Analysis (courtesy of CHAPA):**

#### **Mass. Rental Voucher Program (7004-9024)**

- Adds language allowing tenant-based vouchers to follow payment standards of other applicable federal or state programs;
- Allows tenant-based voucher holders the option to pay more than 40% of their income after their first year

#### **RAFT (7004-9316):**

- Keeps the \$10,000 maximum benefit cap for RAFT in place after the end of the declared COVID-19 emergency;
- Removes a \$7,000 cap in benefits in the six months following the end of the declared COVID-19 emergency;
- Permanently de-links RAFT and HomeBASE benefits to allow households to access the maximum benefit for each program even after the end of the declared COVID-19 emergency;
- Removes language creating a rental and mortgage arrearage program

#### **HomeBASE (7004-0108)**

- Permanently de-links RAFT and HomeBASE benefits to allow households to access the maximum benefit for each program even after the end of the declared COVID-19 emergency;
- Removes language that appears to limit HomeBASE to US citizens or other lawful and permanent residents. However, HomeBASE may still require social security numbers from all members of a family receiving assistance and the program is still tied to eligibility for Emergency Assistance which also has citizenship requirements.
- Removes language allowing unspent funds from the previous fiscal year to carry into FY22.

#### **Housing Consumer Education Centers (7004-3036)**

- Directs \$200,000 to the Regional Housing Network for coordination and information technology

#### **Home and Healthy for Good (7004-0104)**

- Removes reporting requirements
- Allows unspent funds from FY2021 to carry into FY2022