



Housing First
for Hampden, Hampshire,
Franklin and Berkshire Counties

FY2022 Final Senate Budget and The Western Massachusetts Network (“Network”) Requests

Program	FY22 Network Request	Senate Budget	House Budget	Gov. FY22 Budget	FY2021 Budget
Mass. Rental Voucher Program	\$160,000,000	\$150,000,000	\$148,446,598	\$122,645,860	\$135,000,000
RAFT	\$54,700,000	\$16,274,232*	\$26,725,768	\$16,274,121	\$54,700,000
Homeless Individuals Assistance	\$56,355,000	\$56,355,000	\$56,355,000 Total: \$57,855,000**	\$53,355,000	\$56,355,000
HomeBASE	\$45,000,000	\$25,970,612	\$25,970,612	\$25,970,612	\$29,058,618
Housing Consumer Education Centers	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$4,750,000	\$4,750,000
Unaccompanied Homeless Youth	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$8,000,000
Home and Healthy for Good	\$3,890,000	\$3,890,000	\$3,890,000	\$2,890,000	\$3,890,000
Tenancy Preservation Program	\$1,800,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,800,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,500,000
Alternative Housing Voucher Program	\$14,200,000	\$14,200,000***	\$14,200,000***	\$5,621,601	\$12,526,596
Safe Havens for Franklin/Hampshire	\$422,000	\$422,000 (presumed part \$1 million line-item funding)	\$100,000	0	0

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

Western MA Network to End Homelessness	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$25,000	0	0
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*includes language that decouples RAFT and HomeBASE (so families can receive both if needed) through FY22 and allows for the cap on assistance to remain at \$10,000 for the remainder of FY21 and up to \$7,000 for all of FY22 (see below for more on use of federal funds).

**includes \$1,500,000 carried over from FY21 that shall 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 Mass. Coalition for the Homeless):

Mass Rental Voucher Program (MRVP):

Funding: \$150,000,000 (\$129,981,667 in new appropriations plus not less than \$20,018,333 in unspent funds from FY21)

Language: Includes language so that voucher holder would not have to pay more than 30% of their income toward rent from current standard of 40% of income, with an option for mobile voucher holders to pay more than 30% of their income toward rent; additional language so that at least 75% of newly issued vouchers would be targeted to households with incomes at or below 30% area median income at time of initial occupancy

Final House budget: included \$128,428,265 in new FY22 appropriations. Language: allows 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:

Final Senate Budget:

Funding: \$16,274,232 in direct appropriations, to be combined with federal, public, and private resources

Language: Includes language that decouples RAFT and HomeBASE through FY22 and allows for the cap on assistance to remain at \$10,000 for the remainder of FY21 and up to \$7,000 for all of FY22. Language also directs combining with other resources and distributing the resources equitably "provided further, that funds appropriated under this item shall be in addition to the federal sources for emergency rental assistance, utility assistance and other forms of assistance pursuant to section 501 of subtitle A of title V of division N of the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 and section 3201 of subtitle B of title III of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 including, but not limited to, \$350,540,803 for the federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program as referenced in section 2D; and provided further, that the department shall distribute funds under this item as well as said federal sources and other public and private sources of short-term rental and mortgage assistance in a manner that prioritizes: (A) those communities most affected by the impacts of the 2019 novel coronavirus; and (B) geographic equity"

Final House Budget:

Funding: \$26,725,768 total: \$22,000,000 in recommended direct appropriations plus \$4,725,768 from the Housing Preservation and Stabilization Trust Fund

Language: Retains \$10,000 cap on annual benefits indefinitely and decouples RAFT and HomeBASE indefinitely; includes tracking and reporting language

HomeBASE Program

Senate Ways and Means:

Funding: \$25,970,612

Language: Does not include language on providing additional benefits to families who have timed out/would otherwise time out of HomeBASE before securing permanent housing; includes language on tracking and reporting and 90-day advance notice language

Final House Budget:

Funding: \$25,970,612

Language: Does not include language on providing additional benefits to families who time out of HomeBASE before securing permanent housing; includes language on tracking and reporting and 90-day advance notice language

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