

### **Fiscal Year 2026 House Budget Amendment Priorities**

#### **#1030 - Western Massachusetts Network to End Homelessness**

*Sponsored by Rep. Lindsay Sabadosa*

Funds the Network at \$100,000 for the Network to support coordination and collaboration to prevent and end homelessness across Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin and Berkshire Counties.

#### **#654 and #1256 – Fair Housing Centers**

*Sponsored by Rep. Patricia Duffy and Rep Christopher Hendricks*

Provides \$150,000 for the Holyoke-based Massachusetts Fair Housing Center and \$75,000 for the South Coast Fair Housing Center to support their vital work in addressing housing discrimination, which is now especially critical in view of the attempted federal budget cuts.

#### **#1401 – Housing Consumer Education Centers (HCECs)**

*Sponsored by Rep. Rob Consalvo*

Restores the House Ways and Means' funding cut to HCECs to level funding at \$8.974 million. HCECs in western Massachusetts provide the critical front door to RAFT and other support services for people experiencing housing instability and the imminent threat of homelessness.

#### **#1276 – Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT)**

*Sponsored by Rep. Marjorie Decker*

Strengthens RAFT by increasing the 12-month benefit cap to \$10,000, moves access more "upstream" by prohibiting EOHLC to require a notice to quit and includes additional administrative improvements.

#### **#1 - Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT)**

*Sponsored by Rep. David LeBoeuf*

Improves RAFT by eliminating the requirement for a notice to quit or utility shut off to access benefits. Also requires EOHLC to establish criteria for demonstrating that a household is experiencing or is at risk of homelessness.

#### **#368 – Home and Healthy for Good (HHG)**

*Sponsored by Rep. James Hawkins*

Restores funding for HHG to \$8.89 million to address the needs of individuals experiencing homelessness through the successful Housing First model.

#### **#1344 - Safe Havens**

*Sponsored by Rep. Lindsay Sabadosa*

Restores funding to Safe Havens to the Governor's FY26 budget proposal at \$29.71 million in order to protect funding for the program in the state budget (this program has been partially funded from a federal pandemic relief funding source). Safe Havens provides vital transitional housing across western Massachusetts for long-term chronically homeless individuals.

**#1263 – Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program (MRVP)**

*Sponsored by Rep. Vanna Howard*

Increase funding to \$270 million for approximately 800 new vouchers.

**#435 – HomeBASE**

*Sponsored by Rep. Chistine Barber*

Improves the HomeBASE program by increasing benefit caps for recipients and making it easier for families experiencing housing challenges to access benefits.

**#1534 Fair Housing Trust**

*Sponsored by Rep. Dave Rogers*

Provides \$4 million for the Trust to support activities to prevent and eliminate housing discrimination.

**#864 - "Homeless IDs"**

*Sponsored by Rep. Jim O'Day*

Adds \$75,000 to the MA Transportation Trust Fund to provide free standard Mass IDs to eligible people experiencing homelessness and provide fee waiver and documentation standards for youth and adults experiencing homelessness to access standard Mass IDs.

**#1221 – Unaccompanied Homeless Youth**

*Sponsored by Rep. Jim O'Day*

Increases funding to \$12 million for housing and services for youth experiencing homelessness.

**#467 - Cliff Effect Pilot**

*Sponsored by Rep. Patricia Duffy*

Funds the Bridge to Prosperity Pilot at \$150,000 to promote economic and housing stability for working families facing the "cliff effect."

**#1649 – Healthy Homes Program**

*Sponsored by Rep. Shirley Arriaga*

Provides \$5 million to address issues such as mold and asbestos to keep people in their homes and improve the quality of aged housing stock.

**#285 - First-Time Homebuyer and Foreclosure Prevention**

*Sponsored by Rep. Samantha Montanoto*

Restores funding to \$3.05 million to provide a crucial tool that keeps people in their homes when experiencing housing challenges.

**#731 and #1351 – Public Housing**

*Sponsored by Rep. Paul McMurtry and Rep. David Biele*

Increases funding to \$119 million to provide more for the operation and maintenance of the 43,000 homes provided by public housing.

**#1402 – Alternative Housing Voucher Program (AHVP)**

*Sponsored by Rep. Rob Consalvo*

Codifies the Alternative Housing Voucher Program into state statute, protecting this program that provides mobile and project-based subsidies to people with disabilities who are under the age of 60.

**#851 – Tenancy Preservation Program (TPP)**

*Sponsored by Rep. Andy Vargas*

Provides \$42,755 to support TPP and to preserve the line item.

**#570 – MBTA Communities**

*Sponsored by Rep. Brad Jones*

Expands the scope of the MBTA Communities Act to include all cities and towns in Massachusetts.

**#1640 - Regional Transit Authority**

*Sponsored by Rep. Natalie Blais*

Increases operating funds for RTA by \$13 million and includes language that sustains FY25 grant programs that make service free, improve connectivity and close transit gaps.

**#1602 - Community Transit Grant Program**

*Sponsored by Rep. Tricia Farley-Bouvier*

Increases funding for the Community Transit Grant Program to \$8 million to help close gaps in transit for older adults, people with disabilities and low-income communities.