

Housing Resources

BCIL offers Housing Workshops for people with disabilities the first and third Wednesday of every month from 10am-12pm. The workshops take place virtually and cover affordable housing options in the Boston area, how to apply for subsidized housing, and where to look for housing. Please call (617) 338-6665 to register.

Subsidized Housing Applications

Centralized Section 8 Application-

The Massachusetts Section 8 Centralized Waiting List is a partnership of 101 Public Housing Authorities within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts which streamlines their application process for Section 8 Voucher. <https://www.section8.com/MASSCWL>

CHAMP Public Housing Online Application Portal (Common Housing Application for Massachusetts Programs)-

Use this resource for Project Based subsidies. Using this site, you will be able to apply for state-aided public housing and the Alternative Housing Voucher Program (AHVP), and you will also be able to find any existing applications you may have. <https://publichousingapplication.ocd.state.ma.us/>

Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) & Emergency Rent and Mortgage Assistance (ERMA)

The state-funded RAFT and ERMA programs provide eligible households up to \$4,000 per 12-month period that can be used to help retain their housing, obtain new housing, or otherwise avoid becoming homeless. For COVID-related housing crises, the maximum RAFT benefit has increased from \$4,000 to \$10,000 per household, on the condition that the landlord agrees to preserve the tenancy for 6 months, or until June 2021 for households with school-aged children, whichever is longer.

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/MetroHousingBoston1/RAFTERMAApplication>

Housing Search Lists

MassHousingList-

Use the form below to search for MassHousing-financed properties by development name or city/town. You may also access a PDF version of the Housing List by clicking the links below. Contact the site office or management company to inquire about unit availability and the application process.

https://www.masshousingrental.com/portal/server.pt/community/library/332/masshousing_rental_housing_list

Metro Housing Listing-

This list of available units is put together by the City of Boston. <https://www.metrohousingboston.org/apartment-listing-search/?qode=ls-simple-search-keyword=>

Homeless Resources

Emergency Family Shelter Information-

<https://www.mass.gov/how-to/find-emergency-family-shelter>

HomeBase-

HomeBASE is a program of the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) designed to reduce the need for motels and shelters. The goal is to assist families who are facing homelessness to find alternative solutions to entering shelter and/or motels. Additionally, it seeks to reduce the number of families already in shelters and motels by providing financial assistance, resources, and services to quickly re-house these families.

<https://www.metrohousingboston.org/what-we-do/specialized-services/homebase/>