



Citizens' Housing and Planning Association, Inc.

Building Blocks Analysis for FY2018 Post-Veto Budget

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BUILDING BLOCKS PRIORITIES

Included below are details on the Building Blocks Coalition budget priorities.

Click here for the Governor's Post-Veto budget: <http://www.mass.gov/bb/gaa/fy2018/>

Line Item	Program	Post-Veto Budget	Veto	Conference Budget	Gov's FY18 Budget	FY17
7004-9024	MRVP	\$92,734,677	\$0	\$92,734,677	\$97,503,438	\$86,547,706
7004-9030	AHVP	\$4,600,000	-\$400,000	\$5,000,000	\$4,600,000	\$4,600,000
7004-9005	Public Housing Operating	\$62,979,593	-\$1,520,407	\$64,500,000	\$64,500,000	\$64,500,000
7004-9007	Public Housing Reform	\$950,000	\$0	\$850,000	\$1,172,132	\$800,000
7004-9316	RAFT	\$13,000,000	-\$2,000,000	\$15,000,000	\$13,000,000	\$13,000,000
7004-0108	HomeBASE	\$30,147,305	\$0	\$30,147,305	\$31,079,696	\$31,943,664
7006-0011	Foreclosure Prevention	\$1,550,000	-\$800,000	\$2,350,000	\$1,650,000	\$2,350,000
New 0336-0003	Housing Court Expansion	\$750,000	-\$250,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$0
7004-3045	Tenancy Preservation Program (TPP)	\$500,000	-\$125,000	\$625,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
7004-3036	HCECs	\$2,041,992	-\$180,000	\$2,221,992 (w/ \$180,000 in earmarks)	\$2,291,992	\$2,291,992
7004-0104	Home & Healthy for Good	\$2,000,000	-\$40,000	\$2,040,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
4120-4001	MassAccess Registry	\$80,000	\$0	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000
4000-0007	Unaccompanied Homeless Youth	\$0	-\$675,000	\$675,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
New 7004-0106	New Lease	\$0	-\$125,000	\$125,000		

Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program (7004-9024)

Veto: \$ 0

Post-Veto: \$ 92,734,677

FY2017: \$ 86,547,706

Difference: **\$ 6,186,971**

Language Changes from Vetoes:

- The governor made no changes.

Description of Language Changes in FY2018 Budget:

- Increases income eligibility for the program from 50% AMI to 80% AMI;
- Allows DHCD to target up to 75% of new vouchers to extremely low income households;
- If DHCD imposes certain obligations for voucher holders, those obligations are required to include job training, counseling, and household budgeting and education. Currently, those obligations are optional;
- Removes language prohibiting the compensation of state employees from MRVP
- Requires reporting on MRVP for the last 3 years. Currently, reporting is only required for the previous year; and
- Authorizes DHCD to create a voucher management system.

Alternative Housing Voucher Program (7004-9030)

Veto: **-\$ 400,000**

Post-Veto: \$ 4,600,000

FY2017: \$ 4,600,000

Difference: **\$ 0**

Language Changes from Vetoes:

- The governor made no changes.

Description of Language Changes in FY2018 Budget:

- Removes the word “transitional” from the program language to better align the program language to its actual use.

Public Housing Authority Operating Subsidy (7004-9005)

Veto: -\$ 1,520,407

Post-Veto: \$ 62,979,593

FY2017: \$ 64,500,000

Difference: -\$ 1,520,407

Language Changes from Vetoes:

- The governor made no changes.

Description of Language Changes in FY2018 Budget:

- The FY2018 budget did not make any changes to the line-item language.

Public Housing Reform (7004-9007)

Veto: \$ 0

Post-Veto: \$ 950,000

FY2017: \$ 800,000

Difference: \$ 150,000

Language Changes from Vetoes:

- The governor made no changes.

Description of Language Changes in FY2018 Budget:

- Includes authorization to create an online portal for public housing

Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (7004-9316)

Veto: -\$ 2,000,000

Post-Veto: \$ 13,000,000

FY2017: \$ 13,000,000

Difference: \$ 0

Language Changes from Vetoes:

- Eliminates expanded eligibility to serve households that include elders, persons with disabilities, and unaccompanied youth.

Description of Language Changes in FY2018 Budget:

- Removes the requirement that the same amount of funding from FY17 serve families with children in FY18;
- Removes language requiring an administering agency to make a finding that RAFT assistance will enable a family to retain or find new housing; and

HomeBASE (7004-0108)

Veto: \$ 0

Post-Veto: \$ 30,147,305

FY2017: \$ 31,943,664

Difference: **-\$ 1,796,359**

Language Changes from Vetoes:

- Eliminates language that prevents families from being ineligible because of a violation of a self-sufficiency plan.

Description of Language Changes in FY2018 Budget:

- Lowers the 24-month bar to a 12-month bar for families who have been terminated from HomeBASE;
- Removes language that would protect a disabled or elderly housing family from losing eligibility if they are in compliance with a housing stabilization plan;
- Eliminates language that prevents families from being ineligible because of a violation of a self-sufficiency plan.
- For the program allowing families in DV and substance abuse shelter to access HomeBASE:
 - Removes language referring to this program as a “pilot”
 - Allows families living in sober living programs to access HomeBASE, if otherwise eligible for the program;
 - Reflects the transfer of the DV shelters from DCF to DPH; and
 - Removes the requirement that spaces vacated in DV and substance abuse shelters because of HomeBASE would be filled by dually eligible families referred by DHCD but directs DHCD and DPH to develop guidelines to provide for this

Foreclosure Prevention Counseling (7006-0011) – Retained Revenue

Veto: **-\$ 800,000**

Post-Veto: \$ 1,550,000

FY2017: \$ 2,350,000

Difference: **-\$ 800,000**

Language Changes from Vetoes:

- Eliminates language that directed \$800,000 to HCECs (7004-3036).

Description of Language Changes in FY2018 Budget:

- The language provides for an \$800,000 cut for the line-item.

Housing Consumer Education Centers (7004-3036)

Veto: **-\$ 180,000**

Post-Veto: \$ 2,041,992

FY2017: \$ 2,291,992 (w/ \$150,000 in earmarks)

Difference: **-\$ 250,000**

Language Changes from Vetoes:

- Eliminates \$180,000 in earmarks.

Note:

- The true value of the cuts for HCECs in the post-veto budget is **\$600,000**. This takes into consideration the \$350,000 that HCECs received in FY2017 from an Interagency Service Agreement that provided funding to HCECs from the 7006-0011 line-item.

Housing Court Expansion (0336-0003)

Veto: **-\$ 250,000**

Post-Veto: \$ 750,000

FY2017: \$ 0

Difference: **\$ 750,000**

Tenancy Preservation Program (TPP) (7004-3045)

Veto: **-\$ 250,000**

Post-Veto: \$ 500,000

FY2017: \$ 500,000

Difference: **\$ 0**

Language Changes from Vetoes:

- The governor made no changes.

Description of Language Changes in FY2018 Budget:

- Includes authorization to create an online portal for public housing

Home and Healthy for Good (7004-0104)

Veto: **-\$ 40,000**

Post-Veto: \$ 2,000,000

FY2017: \$ 2,000,000

Difference: **\$ 0**

Language Changes from Vetoes:

- The governor made no changes.

Description of Language Changes in FY2018 Budget:

- Includes authorization to create an online portal for public housing

Mass. Access Affordable Housing Registry (4120-4001)

Post-Veto: \$ 80,000

FY2017: \$ 80,000

Difference: \$ 0

Language Changes from Vetoes:

- The governor made no changes.

Description of Language Changes in FY2018 Budget:

- Includes authorization to create an online portal for public housing

Unaccompanied Homeless Youth (4000-0007)

Veto: \$ 675,000

Post-Veto: \$ 0

FY2017: \$ 2,000,000

Difference: **-\$ 2,000,000**

Description of Language Changes in FY2018 Budget:

- The veto of funding eliminates the program from the budget.

New Lease (7004-0106)

Veto: **-\$ 125,000**

Post-Veto: \$ 0

FY2017: \$ 0

Difference: **\$ 0**

Description of Language Changes in FY2018 Budget:

- The veto of funding eliminates the program from the budget.