

CHAPA'S FY2024 BUDGET PRIORITIES

The Goal: 200,000 Homes in Thriving Communities by 2030



CHAPA BELIEVES THAT EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE A SAFE, HEALTHY, ACCESSIBLE, AND AFFORDABLE HOME IN COMMUNITIES THEY CHOOSE.

CHAPA has a bold plan to cultivate a stronger housing ecosystem statewide by the end of the decade so that all our people, cities, and towns thrive.

Our plan sets a goal of creating **200,000 homes — including 40,000 affordable and 20,000 deeply affordable homes** — by 2030.

As we work towards our goal, we need to ensure housing stability for those that need assistance right now, preserve our existing affordable homes and public housing, and create new deeply affordable homes.

We can create more equitable and thriving communities by investing in programs for affordable housing, homelessness prevention, and community development in the FY2024 state budget by focusing on CHAPA's **top budget priorities**:

- Invest **\$250 MILLION IN MASSACHUSETTS RENTAL VOUCHER PROGRAM** to create 6,000 new vouchers, implement Small Area Fair Market Rents, and allow vouchers to cover security deposits to make vouchers more flexible for renting homes.
- Expand the **ALTERNATIVE HOUSING VOUCHER PROGRAM WITH \$26 MILLION** to create 250 new vouchers and allow project-basing of vouchers to create more deeply affordable and accessible homes for people with disabilities.
- Preserve **PUBLIC HOUSING WITH \$184 MILLION** in operating subsidy to ensure housing stability for the current and future public housing residents at the nearly 43,000 deeply affordable homes provided by local housing authorities.
- Restore **RESIDENTIAL ASSISTANCE FOR FAMILIES IN TRANSITION (RAFT) WITH \$250 MILLION** to allow households facing a housing emergency to access \$7,000 in annual benefits and remove harmful requirements for residents to have a Notice to Quit or utility shut off before being able to apply.
- Fund a **FAIR HOUSING TRUST FUND WITH \$1.5 MILLION** to help support organizations and communities working to prevent housing discrimination, affirmatively further fair housing, and foster inclusive communities free from barriers that restrict access to opportunity for all.

CHAPA also asks that you support all of our FY2024 state budget priorities!

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The following lists each of CHAPA's FY2024 state budget priorities for affordable housing, homelessness prevention, and community development programs.

Line-Item	Program	FY2024 Requests	FY2024 Gov's Budget	FY2023 Budget
7004-9024	Mass. Rental Voucher Program	\$250,000,000	\$168,247,567	\$154,000,000†
7004-9030	Alternative Housing Voucher Program	\$26,000,000	\$14,108,528	\$13,685,355‡
7004-9316	Residential Assistance for Families in Transition	\$250,000,000	\$162,602,462	\$150,000,000*
7004-9005	Public Housing Operating	\$184,000,000	\$92,000,000	\$92,000,000
7004-3036	Housing Consumer Education Centers	\$10,185,000	\$8,774,000	\$9,700,000
7004-9007	Public Housing Reform	\$7,700,000	\$2,200,000	\$1,000,000
7004-0104	Home & Healthy for Good	\$8,390,000	\$4,162,300	\$6,390,000
7004-0108	HomeBASE	\$60,000,000	\$42,070,445	\$59,411,201
7006-0011	Foreclosure & Housing Counseling	\$3,050,000	\$1,500,000	\$3,050,000
7004-3045	Tenancy Preservation Program	\$2,042,755	\$2,042,755	\$1,800,000
4120-4001	MassAccess Registry	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
4000-0007	Unaccompanied Homeless Youth	\$12,000,000	\$10,545,850	\$9,500,000
7004-0106	New Lease for Homeless Families	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
NEW	Fair Housing Trust Fund	\$1,500,000	-	-
NEW	Access to Counsel Program	\$7,000,000	-	-

† Includes language to carryover unspent funds from FY22 bringing total FY23 funding for MRVP to an estimated \$175 million
 ‡ Includes language to carryover unspent funds from FY22 bringing total FY23 funding for AHVP to an estimated \$19.2 million
 * An estimated \$60 million in unspent RAFT funds from FY22 carried over into FY23 bringing total FY23 funding for RAFT to about \$210 million.

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