



FY2022 House Amendments

FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING, RENTAL ASSISTANCE & HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION SUPPORTED BY CITIZENS' HOUSING & PLANNING ASSOCIATION

Please co-sponsor the following budget amendments to help everyone have a safe, healthy, and affordable home!

#	Program	Sponsor	Description
668	Mass. Rental Voucher Program (MRVP)	Rep. Madaro	Increases funding to \$160 million & makes program improvements: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduces tenant payment share to 30% of income, down from 40% and• Adds tracking and reporting requirements
447	Improvements to HomeBASE	Rep. Barber	Increases funding to \$45 million & makes program improvements: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Allows families & children who would otherwise face a return to homelessness renew HomeBASE when the benefits end• Improve tracking & reporting requirements
91	An Act reducing CPA recording fees for affordable housing	Rep. Nguyen	Reduces Community Preservation Act (CPA) recording fees for affordable housing in those cities and towns that have enacted the CPA.

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#668 - Mass. Rental Voucher Program (MRVP) (7004-9024)

Sponsored by Rep. Adrian Madaro

Rep. Madaro's amendment strengthens MRVP through additional investment, further reducing housing cost burden on renters with MRVP, and improving data reporting.

Specifically, the amendment:

- Increases the FY2022 allocations to \$160 million to help meet the affordable housing need and increase the number of households who can access the program. This funding level could support an estimated 1,800 new rental vouchers;
- Deepens affordability for renters with MRVP by reducing their payment share from 40% of their income (as is currently) to 30%; and
- Directs the Department of Housing and Community Development to collect and report data to better understand the program and to make future evidence-based changes.

#447 - Improvements to HomeBASE (7004-0108)

Sponsored by Rep. Christine Barber

Rep. Barber's amendment increases funding for HomeBASE to \$45 million, extends HomeBASE benefits to families timing out of the program who would otherwise face a return to homelessness, and improves data collection on the program. The amendment makes important program improvements to better support families facing homelessness by allowing:

- Provide a pathway for families to renew their HomeBASE assistance if otherwise facing a return to homelessness provided the family is eligible and remains in good standing; and
- Improves data collection with respect to race and ethnicity data on HomeBASE program participants.

#91 - An Act reducing CPA recording fees for affordable housing (Outside Section)

Sponsored by Rep. Tram T. Nguyen

Rep. Nguyen's amendment reduces Community Preservation Act (CPA) recording fees for affordable housing in those cities and towns that have enacted the CPA.

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