



Senate ARPA Amendments

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Please co-sponsor the following amendments to S.2564 that will help everyone have a safe, healthy, and affordable home!

#	Amendment	Sponsor	Description
<u>257</u>	Housing and Eviction Representation Program	Sen. DiDomenico	Provides \$12.4 million for a program to provide housing stability and homelessness prevention to those at risk of eviction and would provide legal representation to tenants and qualified owner occupant landlords to improve equity in legal representation
<u>270</u>	Massachusetts Healthy Homes Initiative	Sen. Keenan	Provides \$25 million to support the rehabilitation of homes to address a wide range of health and safety issues, including but not limited to, lead paint abatement, replacement of lead water pipes, elimination of mold, and other health hazards
<u>71</u>	Expanding Access to Affordable Homeownership	Sen. Crighton	Provides \$300 million to expand resources for first time homebuyers, including down payment assistance and access to mortgages, focused on residents of disproportionately impacted communities
<u>124</u>	Housing Stability Community Based Organization Grant Program	Sen. Gomez	Creates a \$5M grant program for community-based organizations to support outreach efforts about emergency resources and to assist households with applying for housing assistance
<u>142</u>	First Time Homebuyer Assistance	Sen. Cyr	Expands homeownership assistance to include debt reduction programs (like help paying down student loans) to help first time homebuyers
<u>265</u>	Replenishing Depleted RAFT Funds	Sen. Keenan	Creates a \$20 million reserve for the Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) program
<u>192</u>	Commonwealth Builders	Sen. Collins	Provides an additional \$75 million for the Commonwealth Builders program to create more affordable homeownership opportunities
<u>76</u>	Affordable Rental Housing Production	Sen. Finegold	Provides an additional \$75 million to build new affordable rental housing
<u>65</u>	Supportive Housing	Sen. Moore	Provides an additional \$150 million to build new supportive housing

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#257 – Housing and Eviction Representation Program

Sponsored by Sen. DiDomenico

Sen. DiDomenico's amendment provides \$12.4 million for housing and eviction representation for those at risk of eviction. Legal assistance will be provided by the Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation (MLAC) to tenants and qualified landlords to improve equity in legal representation. Providing access to an attorney during eviction cases is proven effective at securing fair and favorable outcomes, preventing homelessness, reducing trauma, and creating stronger communities.

#270 – MA Healthy Homes Initiative

Sponsored by Sen. Keenan

Sen. Keenan's amendment provides \$25 million to support the rehabilitation of homes to address a wide range of health and safety issues, including lead paint removal, replacement of lead water pipes, elimination of mold and other health hazards. The Massachusetts housing stock is among the oldest in the country. These funds will help approximately 1,000 homes across the Commonwealth safe for families, children, and seniors.

#71 – Affordable Homeownership Opportunities

Sponsored by Sen. Crighton

Sen. Crighton's amendment increases the homeownership financing investments for first-time homebuyers to \$300 million. This investment expands resources for first-time homebuyers, including down payment assistance and access to mortgages, targeting those in disproportionately impacted communities.

#124 – Community Based-Organizations Grant Program

Sponsored by Sen. Gomez

Sen. Gomez's amendment provides \$5 million for a new grant program for community-based organizations to support outreach efforts about emergency resources and to assist households with applying for housing assistance. This will help communities that have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 to access the state's rental assistance programs and save people's homes while also supporting property owners.

#142 – First Time Homebuyer Assistance

Sponsored by Sen. Cyr

Sen. Cyr's amendment allows funds for homeownership assistance to be used for debt reduction programs, like for paying down student loans, in order to help first-time homebuyers. The amendment would help break down additional barriers to homeownership that can help lower mortgage interest rates and repair credit.

#265 – Replenishing Depleted RAFT Funds

Sponsored by Sen. Keenan

Sen. Keenan's amendment creates a \$20 million reserve to support the RAFT program. During the COVID-19 pandemic, RAFT has helped to prevent thousands of evictions and keep families stably housed. This amendment will ensure that RAFT will continue to assist eligible households with resources to prevent or end their housing instability and homelessness.

#192 – Commonwealth Builders

Sponsored by Sen. Collins

Sen. Collins's amendment provides an additional \$75 million for the Commonwealth Builders program to create more affordable homeownership opportunities for households with low- and moderate-incomes. This will build more homes to further reduce the racial homeownership and wealth gaps in Massachusetts.

#76 – Affordable Housing Production

Sponsored by Sen. Finegold

Sen. Finegold's amendment provides an additional \$75 million for creating new affordable rental homes in communities across Massachusetts. Together, this investment could create safe, healthy, and affordable homes for a more than 6,000 residents across the Commonwealth.

#65 – Affordable Housing Production

Sponsored by Sen. Moore

Sen. Moore's amendment provides an additional \$150 million for creating new affordable homes with supportive services in communities across Massachusetts. Together, this investment could create safe, healthy, and affordable homes with access to services for our most vulnerable residents, including survivors of trafficking/domestic violence, persons experiencing homelessness, seniors, and those with serious behavioral health or substance abuse challenges.