

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 the goal, we need to ensure housing stability for households that need assistance right now.

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 (MRVP)** to create 6,000 new vouchers and allow Small Area Fair Market Rents (SAFMRs) to make the vouchers more flexible to use for renting.
- Expand **ALTERNATIVE HOUSING VOUCHER PROGRAM (AHVP)** with **\$26 MILLION** investment and allow project basing of AHVP 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 current and future public housing tenants.
- Restore **RESIDENTIAL ASSISTANCE FOR FAMILIES IN TRANSITION (RAFT)** with **\$250 MILLION** allocation to allow \$10,000 annual benefit and removing burdensome requirement of Notice to Quit for accessing RAFT.
- Fund a **STATEWIDE OFFICE OF FAIR HOUSING** with **\$1.5 MILLION** to help prevent housing discrimination while ensuring everyone is doing their part to affirmatively further fair housing.

QUESTIONS? Contact CHAPA's Senior Policy Advocate **Abhi Kurve** at akurve@chapa.org or 617-910-7953.



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

Line-Item	Program	FY2024 Requests	Senate FY2024 Budget	House FY2024 Budget	FY2024 Gov's Budget	FY2023 Budget
7004-9024	Mass. Rental Voucher Program	\$250,000,000	\$179,597,023*	\$173,247,567*	\$168,247,567	\$154,000,000
7004-9030	Alternative Housing Voucher Program	\$26,000,000	\$16,863,078**	\$14,108,528**	\$14,108,528	\$13,685,355
7004-9316	Residential Assistance for Families in Transition	\$250,000,000	\$195,000,000	\$180,602,462	\$162,602,462	\$150,000,000
7004-9005	Public Housing Operating	\$184,000,000	\$107,000,000	\$102,000,000	\$92,000,000	\$92,000,000
7004-3036	Housing Consumer Education Centers	\$10,185,000	\$8,974,000	\$9,700,000	\$8,774,000	\$9,700,000
7004-9007	Public Housing Reform	\$7,700,000	\$1,250,000	\$2,200,000	\$2,200,000	\$1,000,000
7004-0104	Home & Healthy for Good	\$8,390,000	\$6,390,000	\$8,890,000	\$4,162,300	\$6,390,000
7004-0108	HomeBASE	\$60,000,000	\$39,570,445	\$42,070,445	\$42,070,445	\$59,411,201
7006-0011	Foreclosure & Housing Counseling	\$3,050,000	\$3,050,000	\$3,050,000	\$1,500,000	\$3,050,000
7004-3045	Tenancy Preservation Program	\$2,000,000	\$2,042,755	\$2,042,755	\$2,042,755	\$1,800,000
4120-4001	MassAccess Registry	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
4000-0007	Unaccompanied Homeless Youth	\$12,000,000	\$11,000,000	\$10,545,850	\$10,545,850	\$9,500,000
7004-0106	New Lease for Homeless Families	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$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 FY23 bringing total FY24 funding for MRVP to an estimated \$199.5 million

** Includes language to carryover unspent funds from FY23 bringing total FY24 funding for AHVP to an estimated \$26 million

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