

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.

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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 | Conference Budget | Senate FY24 Budget | House FY24 Budget | FY24 Gov's Budget | FY23 Budget |
|-----------|---|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 7004-9024 | Mass. Rental Voucher Program | \$250,000,000 | \$179,597,023* | \$179,597,023* | \$173,247,567* | \$168,247,567 | \$154,000,000 |
| 7004-9030 | Alternative Housing Voucher Program | \$26,000,000 | \$16,863,078** | \$16,863,078** | \$14,108,528** | \$14,108,528 | \$13,685,355 |
| 7004-9316 | Residential Assistance for Families in Transition | \$250,000,000 | \$190,000,000 | \$195,000,000 | \$180,602,462 | \$162,602,462 | \$150,000,000 |
| 7004-9005 | Public Housing Operating | \$184,000,000 | \$107,000,000 | \$107,000,000 | \$102,000,000 | \$92,000,000 | \$92,000,000 |
| 7004-3036 | Housing Consumer Education Centers | \$10,185,000 | \$10,474,000 | \$8,974,000 | \$9,700,000 | \$8,774,000 | \$9,700,000 |
| 7004-9007 | Public Housing Reform | \$7,700,000 | \$1,315,000 | \$1,250,000 | \$2,200,000 | \$2,200,000 | \$1,000,000 |
| 7004-0104 | Home & Healthy for Good | \$8,390,000 | \$8,890,000 | \$6,390,000 | \$8,890,000 | \$4,162,300 | \$6,390,000 |
| 7004-0108 | HomeBASE | \$60,000,000 | \$37,070,445 | \$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 | \$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 | \$2,042,755 | \$1,800,000 |
| 4120-4001 | MassAccess Registry | \$150,000 | \$150,000 | \$150,000 | \$150,000 | \$150,000 | \$150,000 |
| 4000-0007 | Unaccompanied Homeless Youth | \$12,000,000 | \$11,000,000 | \$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 | \$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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