



Homes for Families FY18 Analysis and Recommendations on Key Housing Programs

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Program	FY17 Funding	H1 Proposed Funding	House Funding	House Notes	SWM Funding	SWM Notes	Senate Funding	Senate Notes	HFF Recommendation
Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program (7004-9024)	Appropriation was \$85,347,706, then increased to \$88.9M through Supplemental Funding, then 9C cut to \$86,547,706	\$97,503,438	\$100,000,000	Increases the income cap to 80% and allows targetting to lower incomes; deletes historic language and includes data management and data and reporting language	\$100,000,000	Increases the income cap to 80%, includes allowance for spending on a data/voucher management system, and mandates faster distribution of vouchers.	\$100,000,000	Increases the income cap to 80%, includes allowance for spending on a data/voucher management system, and mandates faster distribution of vouchers.	Funding: \$120M; Language: adopt Governor's language including raising the income cap to 80% AMI, allowing spending on a voucher management system, targeting, and deleting historic language. Re-insert data and reporting language; insert language to increase rent cap to current Fair Market Rents; mandate faster distribution of vouchers
Emergency Assistance (7004-0101)	\$178,941,843 (projected spending after Supplemental Funding. FY17 Appropriation was \$155,533,948 (with a \$400,000 9C earmark cut)	\$164,696,546	\$155,883,948	Reduces reporting frequency; maintains technical assistance language; restores oversight language (No changes made to EA eligibility or funding). \$350,000 added for two earmarks: HomeWorks pilot afterschool program and Portal to Hope DV/SA program. Horizons Playspace not included.	\$166,046,546	Includes an expansion of eligibility to include those at imminent risk of homelessness. Earmarks included: new HomeWorks program, transportation benefits, playspaced by Horizons for Homeless Children, and Homes for Families technical assistance.	\$166,046,546	Includes an expansion of eligibility to those at imminent risk of homelessness and new data and reporting requirements. Earmarks include: new HomeWorks program, transportation benefits, playspaces by Horizons for Homeless Children, and Homes for Families T.A.	Funding: Adequate funding Language: address eligibility concerns and increase data and reporting requirements. Maintain technical assistance and playspace language.
HomeBASE (7004-0108)	\$31,943,664	\$31,079,696	\$31,079,696	Includes Sober Living Programs but maintains the cap and referral language; restores data, reporting and oversight language	\$32,579,696	Increases HomeBASE benefit to \$10,000/household with increased funding to cover the cost. Includes mandate that the HB/EA regulations be modified to reduce 24 month bar on households terminated from HB be reduced to 12 months. Includes sober living programs as part of expansion to HB to DV and recovery programs.	\$32,579,696	Increases HomeBASE benefit to \$10,000/household with increased funding to cover the cost. Reduces the 24 month bar on households terminated from HB to 12 months. Includes sober living programs as part of expansion to HB to DV and recovery programs and removes the \$300,000 cap on this expansion.	Funding: \$35M; Language: Adopt Governor's proposed name update; add Sober Living Programs and eliminate the cap and simplify language of HB Expansion to DV/SA programs; restore data and oversight language; add language to make HomeBASE renewable to prevent families who are timing off the program to become homeless again; retore advance payment language. Reduce 24 month bar on households terminated from HB to 12 months.
RAFT (7004-9316)	\$13,000,000	\$13,000,000	\$15,000,000	Removes the expansion to households without children	\$18,500,000	Includes the expansion to households without dependents under the age of 21.	\$18,500,000	Includes the expansion to households without dependents under the age of 21.	Funding: \$18M; Language: If expanding eligibility, maintain language that provided further, an amount not less than the fiscal year 2017 appropriation shall be made available to eligible families with children under the age of 21.



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End Homelessness Reserve Fund (1599-0017)	\$1,000,000 (through FY16 Close Out Supplemental Budget)	\$1,000,000	x	Not included in the House budget.	x	Not included in the SWM budget.	x	Not included in the SWM budget.	Language - Insert reporting and coordination language.
Housing Stabilization and Preservation Trust Fund (7004-4778)	(Primarily funded out of surpluses)	\$3,000,000	x	Not included in the House budget.	x	Not included in the SWM budget.	x	Not included in the SWM budget.	Funding: \$3M
Tenancy Preservation Program (7004-3045)	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$750,000		\$500,000		\$500,000		Funding: \$1M
Housing Court Expansion (New Item)	N.A.	\$1,000,000	x	Not included in the House budget.	\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000		Funding: \$1.2M