



# 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	Conf Cmte Funding
<b>Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program (7004-9024)</b>	Appropriation was \$85,347,706, then increased to \$88.9M through Supplemental Funding, then 9C cut to <b>\$86,547,706</b>	<b>\$97,503,438</b>	<b>\$100,000,000</b>	Increases the income cap to 80% and allows targeting to lower incomes; deletes historic language and includes data management and data and reporting language	<b>\$100,000,000</b>	Increases the income cap to 80%, includes allowance for spending on a data/voucher management system, and mandates faster distribution of vouchers.	<b>\$100,000,000</b>	Increases the income cap to 80%, includes allowance for spending on a data/voucher management system, and mandates faster distribution of vouchers.	<b>\$92,734,677</b>
<b>Emergency Assistance (7004-0101)</b>	<b>\$178,941,843</b> (projected spending after Supplemental Funding. FY17 Appropriation was \$155,533,948 (with a \$400,000 9C earmark cut)	<b>\$164,696,546</b>	<b>\$155,883,948</b>	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.	<b>\$166,046,546</b>	Includes an expansion of eligibility to include those at imminent risk of homelessness. Earmarks included: new HomeWorks program, transportation benefits, playspace by Horizons for Homeless Children, and Homes for Families technical assistance.	<b>\$166,046,546</b>	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.	<b>\$155,878,948</b>
<b>HomeBASE (7004-0108)</b>	<b>\$31,943,664</b>	<b>\$31,079,696</b>	<b>\$31,079,696</b>	Includes Sober Living Programs but maintains the cap and referral language; restores data, reporting and oversight language	<b>\$32,579,696</b>	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.	<b>\$32,579,696</b>	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.	<b>\$30,147,305</b>
<b>RAFT (7004-9316)</b>	<b>\$13,000,000</b>	<b>\$13,000,000</b>	<b>\$15,000,000</b>	Removes the expansion to households without children	<b>\$18,500,000</b>	Includes the expansion to households without dependents under the age of 21.	<b>\$18,500,000</b>	Includes the expansion to households without dependents under the age of 21.	<b>\$15,000,000</b>



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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.	Not Included
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.	Not Included
Tenancy Preservation Program (7004-3045)	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$750,000		\$500,000		\$500,000		\$625,000
Housing Court Expansion (New Item)	N.A.	\$1,000,000	x	Not included in the House budget.	\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000

Conf Committee Notes	HFF Recommendation
Income cap maintained at \$80% AMI; allows targeting vouchers to households earning less than 30% AMI; maintains data and reporting language; allows spending on a voucher management system	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
No change to eligibility; maintains existing data and reporting, adds reporting requirement on families no longer eligible due to an increase in income over 115% of the FPL; includes playspace and HFF earmarks, as well as additional earmarks totaling over \$1M	Funding: Adequate funding Language: address eligibility concerns and increase data and reporting requirements. Maintain technical assistance and playspace language.
Maintains \$8,000 benefit; includes sober living programs; maintains the \$300,000 cap; reduces 24mo bar for families terminated from the program to 12 months	Funding: \$35M; Language: 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; restore advance payment language. Reduce 24 month bar on households terminated from HB to 12 months.
Includes expansion up to \$2M for households without dependent children 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.

Conf Committee Notes	HFF Recommendation
N/A	Language - Insert reporting and coordination language.
	Funding: \$3M
	Funding: \$1M
	Funding: \$1.2M