



Commonwealth of Massachusetts
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Public Housing Notice 2015-06

Memorandum

To: LHA Executive Directors
From: Steven Carvalho, Associate Director,
Division of Public Housing and Rental Assistance
Subject: 2015 Snow Removal's Costs
Date: February 26, 2015

As we are all aware, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has experienced an extraordinary amount of snow this winter season. As a result, the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) will implement the Snow Removal Cost Initiative again this year to benefit local housing authorities (LHAs). Each LHA with state-aided public housing units will receive a one-time budget exemption of \$35 per unit to assist with snow removal costs incurred for the 2014-2015 winter season. Please note that the chapter 689 program does not qualify for this initiative.

Here is what you need to do:

For LHAs with a fiscal year-end of 3/31/15, please include a DHCD Approved Exemption—Direct Reimbursement in your chapter 400-1 FY2016 Budget.

If you have not submitted your current fiscal year's budget for FY2015, please include this DHCD Approved Exemption—Direct Reimbursement in your chapter 400-1 FY2015 Budget.

For all other LHAs who have submitted their FY2015 budget please submit a budget revision for your chapter 400-1 Budget and include these costs in the form of DHCD Approved Exemption—Direct Reimbursement. LHAs should submit this budget revision as soon as possible, **NO LATER than the 11th month of the current fiscal year.**

In each of these situations, the amount of this exemption should not exceed \$35.00 per unit as reported in your state consolidated 400-1 operating budget.

Thank you for your cooperation and please contact Ayo Yakubu-Owolewa, Finance Manager, for the Bureau of Housing Management at 617-573-1233 or ayo.yakubu-owolewa@MassMail.State.MA.US, if you have any questions.