

# RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM UPDATES

The Attorney General's Office is providing information to assist tenants and landlords struggling with housing issues. **Help is available for everyone.**

## Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT)

Families can receive up to \$7,000 per household to help with rent or utility bills.

The RAFT program helps keep households in stable situations when facing eviction, loss of utilities, and other housing emergencies caused by loss of income, increase in expenses, or both.

RAFT funds may be available to households with income up to 50% or 60% of the Area Median Income (AMI). Apply online at: **[ApplyHousingHelp.Mass.Gov](https://www.applyhousinghelp.mass.gov)**.

RAFT is available to ALL Massachusetts residents, regardless of immigration status.

## Homeowners Assistance Fund (HAF)

HAF provides financial assistance to help homeowners who are behind on their mortgage payments due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

If a homeowner's application is approved, funds will be paid directly to a homeowner's mortgage servicing company and applied to the loan.

HAF will provide financial assistance to eligible homeowners who have missed at least 3 mortgage payments to help them avoid foreclosure.

Homeowners earning up to 150% AMI may be eligible for help. Check your eligibility online at **[MassMortgageHelp.org](https://www.massmortgagehelp.org)**.

## Eviction Help: Renewed Ch. 257 Protections

If you are in the process of applying for rental assistance, then you can NOT get evicted for non-payment of rent. Tenants must still show up for the housing court date and let the judge know that they have a pending application.

*These protections have been renewed until March 31st, 2023.*

Contact the Attorney General's Consumer Hotline for Assistance:  
(617)-727-8400 or **[bit.ly/massgov-emergency-housing-assistance](https://bit.ly/massgov-emergency-housing-assistance)**.



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