



Commonwealth of Massachusetts
**Department of Housing and
Community Development**



Dear Emergency Rental Assistance Recipient,

While our communities are starting to see signs of pre-pandemic life, we know many tenants are still struggling with the economic, community, and health effects of COVID-19. The Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) is releasing additional financial support for tenants dealing with ongoing employment challenges and housing instability.

Since you have already received housing assistance through the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP), **YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR AN ADDITIONAL THREE MONTHS OF FUTURE RENTAL ASSISTANCE (RENTAL STIPENDS)**. If you are still experiencing a financial hardship related to COVID-19 and need additional rental assistance, please complete the ERAP Recertification Form within 30 days. If you do not complete the form within 30 days, you may not be considered for additional funds at this time. Funding is not guaranteed.

[CLICK HERE TO APPLY FOR ADDITIONAL RENTAL ASSISTANCE](#)

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

- ✓ Applicants must have been awarded ERAP funds.
- ✓ Applicants must be receiving their last month of future rental assistance through ERAP (stipends) in July 2021.
- ✓ Applicants must have received less than the maximum limit for ERAP assistance, including arrears payments and monthly rental payments.
- ✓ Applicants must not have an income-based subsidy (e.g. rent that increases or decreases based on income, like Section 8 or MRVP, because ERAP cannot fund prospective rental assistance for households who have income-based rental subsidies)

NEXT STEPS TO RECERTIFY YOUR APPLICATION -

If you are still experiencing a financial hardship related to COVID-19 and need additional rental assistance, please complete the ERAP Recertification Form, either online or as a printable PDF document, at the link above within 30 days.

HOW TO GET HELP

If you have any questions or need any further assistance, please reach out to your local ERAP Regional Administering Agency (RAA) or visit www.mass.gov/covidhousinghelp for additional resources. For assistance understanding this letter, language assistance, or reasonable accommodations, please contact:

RAA	Phone Number
Berkshire Housing Development Corp. (BHDC)	(413) 499-1630
Community Teamwork, Inc. (CTI)	(978) 459-0551
Housing Assistance Corp. (HAC)	(508) 771-5400
Way Finders, Inc.	(413) 233-1500
Metro Housing Boston	(617) 859-0400
RCAP Solutions	(978) 630-6602
South Middlesex Opportunity Council, Inc. (SMOC)	(508) 872-4853
Neighbor Works Housing Solutions	(781) 422-4200
Lynn Housing Authority and Neighborhood Development (LHAND)	(781) 581-8600
Franklin County Regional Housing & Redevelopment Authority	(413) 863-9781
Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance (CMHA)	(508) 752-5519

Best,

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