# Housing Search Needs and Preferences Assessment

*Note on Form Purpose and Use: This form is used by a qualified Housing Search Entity during an initial interview with an Enrollee. The form assesses housing specific preferences and needs as well as potential barriers to housing access. This information will be used to help plan a housing search. A copy will be provided to the Enrollee and his/her Case Manager, as appropriate, and Housing Programs Coordinator.*

Enrollee Name: \_ \_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Enrollee Date of Birth (M/D/YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ State: MA Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Today’s Date (M/D/YY): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Housing Search Entity Name and Agency: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

## Preferred Setting

### Regional Preference

Greater Boston (Suffolk and parts of Middlesex and Norfolk Counties)

Northern (Essex and part of Middlesex Counties)

Southern (Plymouth, Bristol, Barnstable, Dukes, Nantucket, and part of Norfolk County)

Central (Worcester county)

West (Franklin, Hampshire, Hampden, and Berkshire Counties)

### Neighborhood Type Preferences

Urban

Suburban

Rural

### Town Preference and/or Zip Code (please name additional preferences below)

1st Choice: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2nd Choice: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3rd Choice: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Other comments regarding desired housing setting: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

## Location

### During the housing search, the housing search entity will work to find housing which meets as many as your requirements as possible. This information is provided to assist in doing that; however, please remember that housing is a limited resource and housing near all your preferences may not be possible.

### Public Transportation Preferences

Do you require access to public transportation? Yes/No

If yes, do you have any preferences that housing be near:

A specific bus route(s):

A specific subway/train route:

Within paratransit catchment area (please list):

### “Walk to” Preferences

Grocery/Food Store

Laundry

Health Clinic

Pharmacy

Bank

Other (please specify):      \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

## Unit Size Information

Studio or Efficiency Unit

1 Bedroom

2 Bedrooms

2+ Bedrooms

Other (please specify):

I would like to live with:

Live-in Aide

Live with Child(ren) If yes, is there a specific school district you would like to stay in:

Live with Other

Other (please specify):

## Type of Housing

Small scale multi-family

Large apartment complex

Housing with on-site services (such as meals, VNA on-site)

Open to all housing types

## Floor of Unit

Ground floor

Higher floor

No preference

## Accessibility Features Needed

Elevator

No stop, ramped, or flat entry

Design for wheelchair use

Features for low-vision or blind

Features for Auditory Needs (speaking or loud alarms, flashing smoke detectors and doorbells)

Automatic door open or electronic key cards

Roll-in shower

Service animal

Require additional bedroom for medical equipment

Other (please specify):

Other Comments: \_

## Amenities

Laundry in Building

Pets Allowed

Off-street Parking

Bath/Shower

Shower Only

Building Security On Site

Air Conditioning

Allow smoking in building

DO NOT allow smoking in building

Other (please specify):

### Landlord/Property Manager on Site

Yes

No

### Setting Provides Meals

Yes

No

### Setting Provides Planned Activities

Yes

No

## Barriers to Housing Access

Any criminal history (will appear on Criminal Offense Record Inquiry)

Any outstanding court involvement issue such as warrant or unresolved court appointment

Eviction in history (will appear on credit report)

Housing court involvement

Past due accounts with utilities (will appear on credit report)

No experience as lease holder for rental housing.

No ability to document any rental history

Poor credit history (will appear on credit report)

Requires 3 or more bedrooms

History of destruction of property

Significant need for tenancy readiness coaching and supports

Previous behavior in subsidized housing including eviction, unpaid debts, fraud

Comments: *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

## Housing History

Has history of name on rental lease.

Has documentation to prove rental history (old leases, landlord contacts)

Has documentation to prove past residency in community of interest today.

Has previously had a housing subsidy. If yes, where and when: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Has previous military service

Homeless prior to entering the facility. If yes, please describe: *\_*

Additional comments on housing history: *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

Possible Housing References:

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## Long Term Waiting List Applications

Yes – apply to long term waiting lists to open options in the future

No – only focus on the immediate need for housing

Is your name on other housing waiting lists? If yes, please list:      \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously applied for group home options or rest homes?

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## Top Priorities

When finding housing, it is not usually possible for all preferences to be met. The ideal setting is a match between available options and the most critical priorities. Is there anything is very important to you to have or not have in housing?(please list)

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## Comments and Notes

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