# **Local Consumer Programs**

As part of our services to consumers, the Attorney General's Office provides grants to a statewide network of Local Consumer Programs (LCPs). These nonprofit programs handle many consumer complaints in their own regions of the state where their local knowledge and community involvement enable them to provide effective assistance to consumers, allowing the Attorney General's Office to focus on statewide patterns of deceptive and unfair trade practices and on more complex complaints.

There are currently 21 LCPs partnering with the Attorney General's Office to assist consumers.

The LCPs provide information to callers concerning state and federal consumer protection laws. In addition, they offer free voluntary phone-based mediation services to consumers who have filed complaints concerning problems they may have encountered with businesses. The staff of the LCPs receive over 10,000 written complaints each year.

Information gathered by the LCPs is available to the Attorney General's Office. The AGO uses the information to identify trends and it may form the basis for legal actions filed on behalf of large numbers of affected consumers.

Download a copy of the AGO Consumer Advocacy & Response Division Brochure



# **Local Consumer Programs for FY 2017**

#### **Statewide**

Neighborhood of Affordable Housing, Inc. 143 Border Street. East Boston, MA 02128 Phone: 617-567-5882

Email contact page: noahcdc.org/askaguestion

Website: noahcdc.org

Service Area: Statewide\*

\*HOME OWNER/MORTGAGE CASES ONLY. Complaints and Requests for Assistance must first be submitted to the Attorney General's Consumer Advocacy & Response Division (CARD) for a referral to this Consumer Assistance provider

## **Berkshire County**

Berkshire County Regional Housing Authority 1 Fenn Street, 4th Floor Pittsfield, MA 01201 Phone: (413) 344-4861

Fax: (413) 443-8137 Email: katea@bcrha.com

Website: http://bcrha.com/dispute-resolutionmediation-program/

Service Area: Adams, Alford, Becker, Cheshire, Clarksburg, Dalton, Egremont, Florida, Great Barrington, Hancock, Hinsdale, Lanesborough, Lee, Lenox, Monterey, Mount Washington, New Ashford, New Marlborough, North Adams, Otis, Peru, Pittsfield, Richmond, Sandisfield, Savoy, Sheffield, Stockbridge, Tyringham, Washington, West Stockbridge, Williamstown, Windsor

#### **Boston**

City of Boston, Mayor's Office Consumer Affairs and Licensing Division City Hall, Room 817

Boston, MA 02201-2039 Phone: (617) 635-4165 Fax: (617) 635-4174 Email: mocal@boston.gov

Website: https://www.boston.gov/departments/consumer-affairs-and-licensing

Service Area: Boston, Allston, Brighton, Charlestown, Dorchester, East Boston, Hyde Park, Jamaica

Plain, Mattapan, Roslindale, Roxbury, South Boston, West Roxbury

## **Cambridge**

Cambridge Consumers' Council 831 Massachusetts Avenue Cambridge, MA 02139 Phone: (617) 349-6150

Fax: (617) 349-6148

Email: consumer@cambridgema.gov

Website: https://www.cambridgema.gov/consumercouncil

Service Area: Cambridge, Somerville, Waltham

### **Cape Cod**

Consumer Assistance Council, Inc. 149 Main Street Hyannis, MA 02601 Phone: (508) 771-0700

Toll-free: (800) 867-0701 Fax: (508) 771-3011

Email address: <a href="mailto:info@consumercouncil.com">info@consumercouncil.com</a>
Website: <a href="mailto:www.consumercouncil.com">www.consumercouncil.com</a>

Service Area: Aquinnah, Barnstable, Bass River, Bourne, Bournedale, Brewster, Buzzard's Bay, Cataumet, Cotuit, Cummaquid, Centerville, Chappaquiddick Island, Chatham, Chathamport, Chilmark, Craigville, Dennis, Dennisport, East Dennis, East Fairhaven, East Falmouth, East Harwich, East Sandwich, Eastham, East Orleans, Edgartown, Falmouth, Forestdale, Gosnold, Gray Gable, Harwich, Harwichport, Hatchville, Hyannis, Hyannisport, Madaket, Marston Mills, Martha's Vineyard, Mashpee, Monument Beach, Nantucket, National Seashore, New Seabury, Nickerson State Park, North Chatham, North Eastham, North Falmouth, North Harwich, North Truro, Oak Bluffs, Orleans, Osterville, Otis Air Force Base, Pocasset, Provincetown, Sagamore, Sagamore Beach, Sandwich, Siasonset, South Brester, South Chatham, South Dennis, South Harwich, South Mashpee, South Orleans, South Truro, South Wellfleet, South Yarmouth, Surfside, Teaticket, Tisbury, Truro, Vineyard Haven, Waquoit, Wellfleet, West Barnstable, West Brewster, West Chatham, West Dennis, West Falmouth, West Harwich, West Tisbury, West Yarmouth, Woods Hole, Yarmouth, and Yarmouthport

### **Fall River**

Fall River Community Development Agency One Government Center, 4th floor Fall River, MA 02722 Phone: (508) 679-0131

Phone: (508) 679-013 Fax: (508) 679-0752

Email address: ksoares@fallriverma.org

Website: www.fallriverma.org

Service Area: Fall River

# **Franklin County**

Consumer Protection Office Northwestern District Attorney's Office 13 Conway Street Greenfield, MA 01301 Phone: (413) 512-5902

Phone: (413) 512-590. Fax: (413) 773-3278

Website: https://northwesternda.org/consumer-protection

Email address: <u>NWD.CPU@state.ma.us</u>

**Service Area**: Ashburnham, Ashfield, Athol, Barre, Bernardston, Buckland, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Erving, Gardner, Gill, Greenfield, Hardwick, Hawley, Heath, Hubbardston, Leverett, Leyden, Monroe, Montague, New Braintree, New Salem, Northfield, Oakham, Orange, Petersham, Phillipston, Princeton, Rowe, Royalston, Rutland, Shelburne, Shutesbury, Sterling, Sunderland, Templeton, Warwick, Wendell, Westminster, Whately, Winchendon

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# **Hampshire County**

Consumer Protection Office Northwestern District Attorney's Office 1 Gleason Plaza Northampton, MA 01060 Phone: (413) 586-9225

Fax: (413) 584-3635

Email address: NWD.CPU@state.ma.us

**Service Area**: Amherst, Belchertown, Chesterfield, Cummington, Easthampton, Florence, Goshen, Granby, Hadley, Hatfield, Haydenville, Huntington, Leeds, Middlefield, Northampton, Pelham, Plainfield, South Hadley, Southampton, Ware, Westhampton, Williamsburg, and Worthington

### Haverhill

Consumer Protection Program Haverhill Community Action, Inc.

3 Washington Square, 4th Floor Haverhill, MA 01832

Thomas Joy, Director Laurie DiFruscio, Program Coordinator Phone: (978) 373-1971 ext. 236

Fax: (978) 373-8966

Email address: tjoy@communityactioninc.org Website: www.communityactioninc.org

**Service Area**: Amesbury, Beverly, Beverly Farms, Bradford, Boxford, Byfield, Essex, Georgetown, Gloucester, Groveland, Hamilton, Hawthorne, Haverhill, Ipswich, Lanesville, Magnolia, Manchester, Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport, Rockport, Rowley, Salisbury, Topsfield, West Boxford, West Newbury, and Wenham

#### Lawrence

Greater Lawrence Community Action Council, Inc. 305 Essex Street
Lawrence, MA 01840
Phone: (978) 681-4990
Email address: mfinelli@glcac.org

Website: www.glcac.org

Service Area: Andover, Danvers. Lawrence, Methuen, Middleton, North Andover, Peabody

### Lowell

Middlesex Community College Law Center 33 Kearney Square Lowell, MA 01852 Phone: (978) 656-3342

Fax: (978) 441-1749

Email address: <a href="mailto:lawcenter@middlesex.mass.edu">lawcenter@middlesex.mass.edu</a>/lawcenter

**Service Area**: Ashby, Ayer, Billerica, Bolton, Burlington, Chelmsford, Devens, Dracut, Dunstable, Fitchburg, Groton, Harvard, Lancaster, Leominster, Lexington, Lincoln, Littleton, Lowell, Lunenburg, North Reading, Pepperell, Reading, Shirley, Stoneham, Tewksbury, Townsend, Tyngsborough, Wakefield, Westford, Wilmington, and Woburn

### Medford

Medford Consumer Advisory Commission Medford City Hall 85 George P. Hassett Drive Medford, MA 02155 Phone: (781) 393-2460 Fax: (781) 393-2108

Email: medfordconsadv@yahoo.com

Service Area: Arlington, Everett, Malden, Medford, and Winchester

### Metro West (Natick)

Consumer Assistance Office - Metro West, Inc. 209 West Central Street, Suite 311

Natick, MA 01760 Phone: (508) 651-8812 Fax: (508) 647-0661 Email: help@caomw.org Website: https://caomw.org

Service Area: Acton, Ashland, Bedford, Bellingham, Blackstone, Boxborough, Carlisle, Concord, Dedham, Dover, Franklin, Framingham, Holliston, Hopedale, Hopkinton, Hudson, Marlborough, Maynard, Medway, Mendon, Milford, Millis, Millville, Milton, Natick, Needham, Northbridge, Sherborn, Stow,

Sudbury, Upton, Uxbridge, Wayland, Wellesley, Weston, and Westwood

### **New Bedford**

New Bedford City Hall Department of Community Services City Hall, Room 221 133 William St. New Bedford, MA 02740

Phone: (508) 961-3020

Email Address: consumer@newbedford-ma.gov

Service Area: Acushnet, Attleboro, Berkley, Dighton, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Freetown, Lakeville, Marion, Mattapoisett, Middleboro, New Bedford, North Attleboro, Norton, Raynham, Rehoboth, Rochester, Seekonk, Somerset, Swansea, Taunton, Wareham, Westport.

#### **Newton-Brookline**

Newton-Brookline Consumer Office Newton City Hall 1000 Commonwealth Ave. Newton, MA 02459

Phone: (617) 796-1292 Fax: (617) 796-1293

Email address: consumer@newtonma.gov

Service Area: Newton, Brookline, Belmont, and Watertown.

# **Norfolk County**

Consumer Protection Office Norfolk District Attorney's Office 45 Shawmut Road Canton, MA 02021 Phone: (781) 830-4879

Fax: (781) 830-4801

Email address: joanne.dalabon@state.ma.us

Service Area: Canton, Norfolk, Norwood, Plainville, Quincy, Walpole, and Wrentham

## North Weymouth (MASSPIRG)

MASSPIRG Consumer Action Center Whipple Center 182 Green Street North Weymouth, MA 02191 Phone: (781) 335-0280

Fax: (781) 340-3991

Email address: <u>ifoy@masspirg.org</u> Website: <u>www.masspirg.org</u>

Service Area: Avon, Braintree, Brockton, Easton, Foxboro, Holbrook, Mansfield, Randolph, Sharon,

Stoughton, and Weymouth

#### Revere

Consumer Affairs Office 150 Beach Street Revere, MA 02151 Phone: (781) 286-8114 Fax: (781) 485-2788

Email address: jellis@revere.org

Service Area: Chelsea, Lynn, Lynnfield, Marblehead, Melrose, Nahant, Revere, Salem, Saugus,

Swampscott, and Winthrop.

# **South Shore (Plymouth)**

Consumer Aid Program South Shore Community Action Council 71 Obery Street Plymouth, MA 02360 Phone: (508) 747-7575, ext. 6226

Fax: (508) 747-1250

Email address: <a href="mailto:lmtilley@sscac.org">lmtilley@sscac.org</a>

Website: www.sscac.org

**Service Area**: Abington, Bridgewater, Bryantville, Carver, Cohasset, Duxbury, East Bridgewater, Halifax, Hanover, Hanson, Hingham, Hull, Humarock, Kingston, Marshfield, Norwell, Onset, Pembroke, Plympton, Plymouth, Rockland, Scituate, West Bridgewater, and Whitman

# **Springfield**

Mayor's Office of Consumer Information Springfield City Hall 36 Court Street City Hall, Room 315 Springfield, MA 01103

Phone: (413) 787-6437 Fax: (413) 787-7781

Email address: MOCI@springfieldcityhall.com

Website: www.springfield-ma.gov/

Service Area: Agawam, Blandford, Brimfield, Brookfield, Charlton, Chester, Chicopee, Douglas, Dudley, East Brookfield, East Longmeadow, Granville, Hampden, Holland, Holyoke, Longmeadow, Ludlow, Monson, Montgomery, North Brookfield, Oxford, Palmer, Russell, Southbridge, Southwick, Spencer, Springfield, Sturbridge, Sutton, Tolland, Wales, Warren, Webster, West Brookfield, West Springfield, Westfield, and Wilbraham

#### Worcester

Office of Human Rights and Disabilities Worcester City Hall 455 Main Street, Room 101 Worcester, MA 01608 Phone: 508-799-8486

Fax: 508-799-1218

Email: humanrights@worcesterma.gov

Website: www.worcesterma.gov/ocm/human-rights

**Service Area:** Auburn, Berlin, Boylston, Clinton, Grafton, Holden, Leicester, Millbury, Northborough, Paxton, Shrewsbury, Southborough, West Boylston, Westborough, Worcester