



# How to Apply for RAFT

## What is RAFT?

The Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) program helps homeless families or families at risk of becoming homeless by providing up to \$7,000 to keep current housing or move to new housing

### What can RAFT pay for?

- 1 overdue rent or mortgage
- 2 overdue utilities
- 3 moving-related expenses (first/last month's rent, security, moving trucks, and/or furniture)

**RAFT payments will go to the landlord, utility provider, mortgage servicer, or other vendor.**

### Who is eligible?

- Massachusetts residents at risk of homelessness or housing instability due to potential eviction, loss of utilities, and other housing emergencies. *Immigration status is not considered for RAFT applications*
- Income at or below 50% of Area Median Income (AMI)\*, or 60% of AMI for households who are at risk of domestic violence

\*Check AMI for your city/town here:  
<https://hedfuel.azurewebsites.net/raa.aspx>

**To check if you are eligible for RAFT visit: [www.mass.gov/info-details/how-to-apply-for-raft](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/how-to-apply-for-raft)**

### How to apply for RAFT

**Apply for RAFT online here:**  
<https://applyhousinghelp.mass.gov/>

**Before starting your application, make sure you have the following documents ready to upload:**

- ID for head of household
- Proof of current housing (example: your current lease or rental agreement)
- Proof of eligible housing crisis and overdue payments (examples: a Notice to Quit from your landlord; eviction notice; mortgage statement showing three months behind; or documents showing you cannot stay in your home due to health, safety, or other reasons)
- Proof of income if you are not getting certain DTA or MassHealth programs (examples: paystubs, benefit letters)
- Landlord/property owner contact information. The landlord/property owner will need to complete an application too.

**For more information on how to apply visit: [www.mass.gov/info-details/how-to-apply-for-raft](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/how-to-apply-for-raft)**

### For additional help:

Dial 211 for information about programs in your area or visit [Mass211.org](https://Mass211.org)

If you are eligible for EA Emergency Family Shelter, talk with your case manager about HomeBASE.  
[www.mass.gov/info-details/homebase](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/homebase)

