



Commonwealth of Massachusetts
**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &
 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

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UTILITY ALLOWANCE SCHEDULE FOR DHCD MTW PROGRAMS

Using MTW flexibilities, the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) implemented a system in April 2014 that calculated participant utility allowance based on average utility spending for tenant-paid heat only. Effective January 2018, DHCD has added a utility allowance for tenant-paid "other electric." Please refer to DHCD's Administrative Plan for further information.

- If you are responsible for paying for heat in your unit, you will receive a utility allowance for heat.
- If you are responsible for paying for "other electric" in your unit, you will receive a utility allowance for "other electric."
- If you are responsible for paying for both heat and "other electric" in your unit you will receive a utility allowance for heat and "other electric."
- If you pay for cooking, hot water heating, and/or any other utility other than heat or "other electric," you will NOT receive a utility allowance to cover the cost of these utilities.
- The amount you receive for a utility allowance is based on the smaller of your unit size or voucher size. For example, if you live in a 3-bedroom unit but your voucher is for a 2-bedroom unit, your utility allowance will be based on a 2- bedroom unit.

Effective Date: January 1, 2018

	Smaller of the Unit Size or Voucher Size							
	0BR	1BR	2BR	3BR	4BR	5BR	6BR	7BR
Heat Utility Allowance	\$50	\$82	\$113	\$141	\$168	\$213	\$258	\$303
Other Electric Utility Allowance	\$27	\$30	\$31	\$32	\$33	\$34	\$35	\$36

MTW Utility Allowance Program Applicability Table	
Program	Apply MTW UA Policy Yes or No
Designated Housing	Yes
FSS Participants	Yes
FUP	Yes
Greater Plymouth Area Supportive Housing	Yes
Housing Options program	Yes
Little MTW (FES: Family Economic Stability)	Yes
Mainstream 1	Yes
Port Ins	Yes
Project Based	Yes
Raising the Next Generation	Yes
Tenant Based	Yes
Section 221 Project	Yes
Section 236 Project	Yes
Section 515 Project for rural housing	Yes
ModRehab	Yes
HOME (Tenant-Based Vouchers only)	No
LIHTC (Tenant-Based Vouchers only)	No
Mainstream 5	No
Port Outs	No
VASH	No
Non-Section 8 Programs	
AHVP	N/A
MRVP	N/A
Shelter Plus Care	N/A
Mod Rehab SRO	N/A
Consistent with Published HUD Guidance	
Enhanced Vouchers	Determinations to be made at the time of Award and one year after, as applicable
MTW Preservation Initiatives & RAD	Determinations to be made at the time of Award and one year after, as applicable