

Massachusetts Housing Leadership Academy



Empowering local officials to create thriving communities with the diverse types of homes needed for people of all ages, incomes, and abilities

The Massachusetts Housing Leadership Academy is CHAPA's free, six-month fellowship designed for:

- Mayors
- City and Town Councilors
- Select Board Members
- Planning Board Members
- Zoning Board of Appeal Members
- Finance Committee Members
- Members of boards and commissions who can impact housing
- Build a deeper understanding of the Commonwealth's housing challenges and local housing solutions that can address them
- Receive expert guidance and one-on-one support from CHAPA's award-winning Municipal Engagement team on community engagement strategies to build local support for housing creation
- Join a community of leaders and peers dedicated to building more vibrant, affordable communities



Learn more at bit.ly/MAHousingLeadershipAcademy



Program Components:

- In-person orientation and post-graduation social events featuring Massachusetts housing leaders
- Monthly virtual cohort meetings with local officials for peer-to-peer learning and direct support
- Monthly virtual workshops led by expert speakers on:
 - Root causes of Massachusetts' housing challenges
 - Policy tools available to local communities to spur housing production
 - Effective community engagement, messaging, and political organizing
- Optional one-on-one community engagement consulting and direct support from CHAPA's Municipal Engagement Initiative team



The Massachusetts Housing Leadership Academy requires a time commitment of ~25 hours over six months. Fellows are expected to attend all cohort meetings and workshops.

Applications open:
November 5, 2025

