

FY2024 SENATE BUDGET AMENDMENT PRIORITIES



The Goal: 200,000 Homes in Thriving Communities by 2030

CHAPA BELIEVES THAT EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE A SAFE, HEALTHY, ACCESSIBLE, AND AFFORDABLE HOME IN COMMUNITIES THEY CHOOSE.

CHAPA thanks the Senate Ways & Means Committee for its FY2024 budget proposal, which included strong investments in affordable housing, homelessness prevention, and community development programs!

As the Senate prepares to debate its budget, CHAPA is working to further strengthen these programs. Please co-sponsor the following amendments to help everyone have a safe, healthy, accessible, and affordable home!

#	Program	Sponsor	Description
195	Public Housing	Sen. Miranda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increases funding to \$125 million to provide more for the operating and maintenance of the 43,000 homes provided by public housing
215	Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT)	Sen. Gomez	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increases RAFT funding to \$250 million for short term rental assistance to eligible households
422	RAFT Improvements	Sen. Rausch	<p>Makes following improvements to RAFT program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prohibits DHCD from imposing a notice to quit requirement on households Requires direct-to-tenant payments in cases where the landlord is not cooperative with the RAFT application process Directs DHCD to provide forward rent payments for households without rental arrearages Directs DHCD to provide multiple months of assistance as long as the award would not exceed the 12-month benefit cap
323	Improvements to HomeBASE	Sen. Jehlen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increases HomeBASE benefit to \$30,000 for every 24 month period Removes income increases as terms for ineligibility
236	Public Housing Reform	Sen. Edwards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides \$1 million for tenant participation funding for state public housing and \$1 million to launch a resident maintenance program

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555	Housing and Services for Unaccompanied Youth Experiencing Homelessness	Sen. Kennedy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increases funding to \$12 million for housing & services for youth experiencing homelessness
182	Home & Healthy For Good	Sen. Feeney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allocates additional \$2.5 million in funds for permanent supportive housing
66	Community Preservation Act (CPA)	Sen. Creem	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows transfer of up to \$30 million from any state budget surplus funds into the state CPA Trust Fund
180	Saving Towards Affordable & Sustainable Homeownership (STASH) Program	Sen. Crighton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allocates \$1 million to STASH to support a matched savings program for first-generation, first-time homebuyers in Massachusetts.
775	MassDREAMS	Sen. Brady	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allocates \$100 million for MassDREAMS to create homeownership opportunities for people in disadvantaged communities

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