



MASSACHUSETTS HOUSING AND SHELTER ALLIANCE

INITIATING SOLUTIONS TO END HOMELESSNESS

Massachusetts FY 11

Line Item	Final Budget FY'10	House Proposal FY'11	Senate Proposal FY'11	Conference Committee Report FY'11
7004-0102 Services for Homeless Individuals	\$36,281,684	\$37,643,335	\$37,292,852	\$37,292,852
7004-0104 <i>Home & Healthy for Good</i>	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000
7002-0017 Homeless Management Information System(HMIS)	\$800,000	Earmarked with no \$ amount	Earmarked with no \$ amount	Earmarked with no \$ amount*
5046-0000 Mental Health Services (Earmark for Homeless Individuals)	No Earmark	No Earmark	No Earmark	No Earmark*
5046-2000 Special Initiative to House the Homeless Mentally Ill	\$20,134,424	\$20,134,424	\$20,134,424	\$20,134,424
7004-3045 Tenancy Preservation Program	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
7004-9024 Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program	\$29,997,061	\$35,400,000	\$35,200,000	\$35,400,000*
9110-1700 Residential Placement for Homeless Elders	\$136,000	\$136,000	No Line Item	\$136,000*
4512-0200 Division of Substance Abuse Services	\$75,924,448	\$75,924,448	\$74,515,802	\$75,924,448*

*Full Percentage of the funding is only committed if the FMAP funds are passed by US Congress

FY'11 Conference Committee Report

7004-0102 For the homelessness program to assist individuals who are homeless or in danger of becoming homeless, including assistance to organizations which provide shelter, transitional housing and services that help individuals avoid entry into shelter or successfully exit shelter; provided, that no organization providing services to the homeless shall receive less than an average per bed/per night rate of \$12.92; provided further, that the department may allocate funds to other agencies for the purposes of this program; provided further, that no funds shall be expended for costs associated with the homeless management information system; provided further, that the department shall, in consultation with the interagency council on housing and homelessness and 3 agencies funded under this item in fiscal year 2010 that provide services in eastern, central and western Massachusetts, respectively, conduct a study and develop recommendations to standardize shelter contract rates across each of said geographic regions to effectively combat the differences in operating requirements across the commonwealth; provided further, that the report shall be provided to the secretary of administration and finance and the chairs of the house and senate committees on ways and means no later than September 30, 2010; and provided further, that programs that currently provide shelter may renegotiate how they will use their shelter fund, with the agreement of the department and the host cities or towns, to provide alternative services that have proven to be effective including housing first models, transitional housing and diversion away from shelters \$37,292,852

7004-0104 For the home and healthy for good program operated by the Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance for the purpose of reducing the incidence of chronic homelessness in the commonwealth; provided, that the Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance shall be solely responsible for the administration of this program; provided further, that the Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance shall file a report with the clerks of the house and senate, the undersecretary of the department of housing and community development and the chairs of the house and senate committees on ways and means not later than March 1, 2011, detailing the implementation of this program; and provided further, that the report shall include information on the number of people served, the average cost per participant, the demographics of those served, whether participants have previously received government services and any projected cost-savings in other state-funded programs \$1,200,000

7002-0017 For the provision of information technology services within the executive office of housing and economic development, including the homeless management information system
\$2,467,930

General Fund 83.792%
FMAP Budget Relief Fund 16.208%

5046-0000 For adult mental health and support services; provided, that the department shall allocate funds in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 from item 5095-0015 to this item, as necessary, pursuant to allocation plans submitted to the house and senate committees on ways and means 30 days prior to any such transfer, for residential and day services for clients formerly receiving care at department facilities; provided further, that the department shall report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the distribution of funds per adult and child planning population and the types of services received in each region for fiscal year 2011, not later than February 7, 2011; and provided further, that Program of Assertive Community Treatment (PACT) services provided by the department in fiscal year 2010 may continue to be provided in fiscal year 2011

	\$325,755,802
General Fund	99.386%
FMAP Budget Relief Fund	0.614%

5046-2000 For homelessness services; provided, that services may include community support and emergency psychiatric services

\$20,134,424

7004-3045 For a tenancy preservation program for neutral party consultation services in eviction cases before the housing court department of the Massachusetts trial court for individuals with disabilities and for families that contain individuals with disabilities if the disability is directly related to the reason for eviction

\$250,000

7004-9024 For a program of rental assistance for low-income families and elderly persons through mobile and project-based vouchers; provided, that rental assistance shall only be paid under a program to be known as the Massachusetts rental voucher program; provided further, that the income of the households shall not exceed 200 per cent of the federal poverty level; provided further, that the department may award mobile vouchers to eligible households currently occupying project-based units that shall expire due to the nonrenewal of project-based rental assistance contracts; provided further, that the department, as a condition of continued eligibility for vouchers and voucher payments, may require disclosure of social security numbers by participants and members of participants' households in the Massachusetts rental voucher program for use in verification of income with other agencies, departments and executive offices; provided further, that any household in which a participant or member of a participant's household shall fail to provide a social security number for use in verifying the household's income and eligibility shall no longer be eligible for a voucher or to receive benefits from the voucher program; provided further, that the vouchers shall be in varying dollar amounts and shall be set by the department based on considerations, including, but not limited to, family size, composition, income level and geographic location; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the monthly dollar amount of each voucher shall be the department-approved total monthly rent of the unit less the monthly amount paid for rent by the household; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the use of rent surveys shall not be required in determining the amounts of the mobile vouchers or the project-based units; provided further, that any household which is proven to have caused intentional damage to its

rental unit in an amount exceeding 2 month's rent during any 1-year lease period shall be terminated from the program; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a mobile voucher whose use is or has been discontinued shall be re-assigned within 90 days; provided further, that the department shall pay agencies \$32.50 per voucher per month for the costs of administering the program; provided further, that subsidies shall not be reduced for the cost of accommodating the cost of the inspections; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, each household 120 holding a project-based voucher shall pay at least 30 per cent but not more than 40 per cent of its income as rent, and each household holding a mobile voucher shall pay at least 30 per cent but not more than 40 per cent of its income as rent; provided further, that the department shall establish the amounts of the mobile vouchers and the project-based vouchers so that the appropriation in this item is not exceeded by payments for rental assistance and administration; provided further, that the department shall not enter into commitments which shall cause it to exceed the appropriation set forth in this item; provided further, that the households holding mobile vouchers shall have priority for occupancy of the project-based dwelling units in the event of a vacancy; provided further, that the department may impose certain obligations for each participant in the Massachusetts rental voucher program through a 12-month contract which shall be executed by the participant and the department; provided further, that such obligations may include, but shall not be limited to, job training, counseling, household budgeting and education, as defined in regulations promulgated by the department and to the extent these programs are available; provided further, that each participant shall be required to undertake and meet these contractually established obligations as a condition for continued eligibility in the program; provided further, that for continued eligibility, each participant shall execute this 12-month contract on or before September 1, 2010, if the participant's annual eligibility recertification date occurs between June 30, 2010 and September 1, 2010, and otherwise on or before the annual eligibility recertification date; provided further, that any participant who is over the age of 60 years or who is disabled may be exempted from any obligations unsuitable under particular circumstances; provided further, that no funds shall be expended from this item in the AA object class for the compensation of state employees; provided further, that the department may assist housing authorities, at their written request, in the immediate implementation of a homeless prevention program utilizing alternative housing resources available to them for low-income families and the elderly by designating participants in the Massachusetts rental voucher program as at risk of displacement by public action through no fault of their own; provided further, that participating local housing authorities may take all steps necessary to enable them to transfer mobile voucher program participants from the Massachusetts rental voucher program into another housing subsidy program; and provided further, that the department of housing and community development shall strive to avoid a reduction in the value of the Massachusetts rental voucher from its value as of June 30, 2010

.....	\$35,400,000
General Fund	93.785%
FMAP Budget Relief Fund	6.215%

9110-1700 For residential assessment and placement programs for homeless elders
..... \$136,000
FMAP Budget Relief Fund 100.000%

4512-0200 For the division of substance abuse services, including a program to
reimburse driver alcohol education programs for services provided for court adjudicated
indigent clients; provided, that programs may receive the amount of funding in fiscal year
2011 as received in fiscal year 2010 \$75,924,448
Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Fund 98.145%
FMAP Budget Relief Fund 1.855%