

HOUSING TOOL

Support for Current Residents
(Renters and Owners)



Tool

OFFICE OF HOUSING STABILITY

Collection of services including legal support, landlord counseling, dispute resolution and provides referrals for financial support to prevent evictions

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UNIFORM RELOCATION ASSISTANCE

Federal law that establishes relocation support for federally funded programs that require the acquisition of real estate or displace persons from their homes

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STREAMLINING ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING SEARCH ENGINES

Streamlines access to income-restricted housing, by improving awareness and simplifying housing search engines such as [Metrolist](#) and [MyMassHome](#)

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NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Provide renter protections through notification requirements for non-renewal of leases

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CONDO CONVERSION REQUIREMENTS

Provide renter protections through providing tenants with notice of the intent to convert

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HARDSHIP PERSONAL TAX EXEMPTION

Prevent foreclosure by releasing eligible residents from paying all or a portion of their real estate taxes

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**BOSTON HOME
CENTER
FORECLOSURE
PREVENTION
SERVICES**

Offer homeowners counseling and consultation with lenders on loan modifications

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**BOSTON HOME
CENTER HOME
EQUITY LOANS**

Provide financial support to homeowners for repairs to alleviate and fund maintenance costs

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**SENIORS
SAVE
PROGRAM**

Provide financial support to senior homeowners for repairs by alleviating and funding maintenance costs

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Preserving Naturally Occurring
Affordable & Income-Restricted Housing



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**RENTAL
ASSISTANCE
DEMONSTRATION
CONVERSION (RAD)**

Designed to address deferred maintenance in public housing and bridge the loss of affordable housing

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Affordable & Income-Restricted Housing



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**MAYOR'S OFFICE OF
HOUSING (MoH)
AFFORDABLE
HOUSING INVENTORY**

An inventory of existing subsidized housing and proactively monitoring and intervening to preserve it

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**ACQUISITION
OPPORTUNITY
PROGRAM**

Provides financial assistance to socially responsible developers for the acquisition and conversion of “naturally occurring affordable housing”

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Producing New Housing



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**SQUARES +
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ZONING**

Rezone transit oriented areas to equitably spread density across Boston's neighborhoods by increasing the opportunity for mixed-use development and multi-family housing

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**CREATE NEW
PUBLIC
HOUSING**

Add units permissible under federal "faircloth" laws (an amendment prohibiting HUD from funding the construction or operation of new public housing)

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**INCLUSIONARY
ZONING**

Requires that 17-20% of units in new developments larger than 7 units comply with Inclusionary Zoning (effective October 2024)

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**MAYOR'S OFFICE OF
HOUSING ANNUAL
FUNDING FOR
AFFORDABLE
HOUSING**

Annual funding allocation that supports the Neighborhood Housing Trust Fund, the Community Preservation Act, and Federal HOME Funds

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**PUBLIC LAND
FOR PUBLIC
GOOD**

Identified City-owned land that was vacant or underutilized and presented a high opportunity for redevelopment to advance citywide goals.

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**WELCOME
HOME
BOSTON**

Fast tracks the production of new affordable homes and homeownership opportunities

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Affordable Homeownership
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**BOSTON
HOME
CENTER**

Provide financial and technical assistance to first-time buyers such as home-buying classes and down-payment cost assistance for first-time, low income homebuyers

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Affordable Homeownership
Opportunities



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**BHA FIRST
HOME
PROGRAM**

Create rent to own programs, including for public housing residents

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**HOUSING
INNOVATION
LAB RENT-TO-
OWN PILOT**

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**TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE FOR
ACCESSORY
DWELLING UNITS
(ADUS)**

Provide technical and financial assistance to support construction of ADUs

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BUSINESS TOOL

Support for Current Businesses and Cultural Enterprises



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**BOSTON
MAIN
STREETS**

A network 20 independent nonprofit organizations that use a comprehensive revitalization approach and connects local businesses to services and resources

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**AFFORDABLE
COMMERCIAL
ASSISTANCE
FUND**

Helps subsidize commercial rents in affordable housing developments to sustain small businesses and nonprofits in Boston impacted by the pandemic

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**LEGACY
BUSINESS
PROGRAM**

Provide technical assistance to support and help stabilize businesses of historical, cultural, or societal significance

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**S.P.A.C.E
GRANT
PROGRAM**

Subsidize operating costs and connect small business owners to additional or new storefront spaces that are currently vacant

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Preserving and Protecting Physical Spaces and Places



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**ZONING TO
PRESERVE
EXISTING
COMMERCIAL USES**

Preserve existing commercial uses through zoning in areas experiencing commercial displacement

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ReSTORE

Preserve and improve historic facades and storefronts to increase the vitality of commercial districts and local businesses

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COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT FUND

Support acquisition, preservation and rehabilitation of historic properties

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ACQUISITION OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

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CULTURAL SPACE FUND

Provide grants to cultural organizations to improve and preserve cultural production, practice and performance space, or support emergency relocation costs

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Federal law that establishes reallocation support for tenants that require the acquisition of real estate or that are displaced from their homes

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CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITY FUND

Provide grants to cultural organizations to improve and preserve cultural production, practice and performance space, or support emergency relocation costs

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CULTURAL SPACE READINESS PILOT

Provide grants to cultural organizations to improve and preserve cultural production, practice and performance space, or support emergency relocation costs

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Producing New Commercial and Cultural Space



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**CITYWIDE
CHILD CARE
ZONING**

Makes child care centers and home-based childcare as of right citywide

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**PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT
SUBSIDY FOR
AFFORDABLE
COMMERCIAL/CULTURAL
SPACES**

Work with developers to create new spaces by supporting build-out costs, designated uses, or below market rents through cooperation agreements

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**SQUARES +
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ZONING**

Makes widely used cultural and business uses as-of-right

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