

Massachusetts HomeBASE Housing Assistance

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HomeBASE provides housing assistance to families who are eligible for EA Emergency Family Shelter. As part of the HomeBASE program, **you and your family may be eligible to receive up to \$30,000 over a two-year period**, with the possibility of a third year of assistance.



Is my family eligible for HomeBASE?

Requirements:

- Be Massachusetts residents
- Meet program [income standards](#)
- Be pregnant or have children who are under 21 years old
- Be homeless due to a fire, flood, natural disaster, condemnation, or foreclosure, or flee domestic violence, or be evicted without fault, or have a child at risk of serious health and safety issues
- Be living in or qualify for EA Emergency Family Shelter. HomeBASE is also available to families living in non-EA domestic violence shelters or residential treatment programs

What does the HomeBASE program pay for?

HomeBASE can cover rent, security deposits, broker's fees, furniture, moving expenses, utilities, and overdue rent and/or utility payments. HomeBASE also provides you with a case manager who assists you and your family in finding community support for education, employment, job training, and childcare.

Who do I speak to about HomeBASE?

- Contact an EA Emergency Family Shelter staff or a caseworker. A referral is then made to HomeBASE.
If eligible, a HomeBase provider will call or email you in 1 to 2 business days.
- If you have not received information about HomeBASE and you are eligible for or you are on a waitlist for EA Emergency Family Shelter, call the Massachusetts Emergency Family Shelter Contact Line at 866-584-0653 from Monday through Friday, 8am to 5pm.
- HomeBASE is not a separate application. You do not need to reapply if you have already applied for EA Emergency Family Shelter.

Is the HomeBASE program right for me and my family?

HomeBase provides emergency shelter and short-term assistance, **once the program ends, you and your family would be responsible for paying the market rate for rent**. Seek housing that would be affordable for you after the program ends. HomeBASE does not guarantee long-term housing [stability](#), and families sometimes find themselves back in shelter once their HomeBASE assistance runs out.

If you cannot afford rent once the HomeBASE program ends, you may be evicted.

- If evicted, you may lose access to your personal belongings and have to pay legal fees.
- Evictions become part of your rental history and negatively impact your credit score which makes it difficult to secure housing or loans in the future.
- Evictions can also make you ineligible for certain housing benefits.

Families can pursue other types of housing assistance while receiving HomeBASE benefits.