

## Massachusetts Expands its Rental Voucher Program (MRVP)



The Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has expanded its rental voucher program (MRVP) to help more families in Massachusetts live affordably and safely.

DHCD has partnered with shelter providers to determine families that have stayed the longest in shelters, families staying in a Domestic Violence shelter, and those who have a prior relationship with the Department of Children and Families (DCF). Providers are then submitting MRVP applications on behalf of the identified families to Metro Housing. Metro Housing has approximately 200 applicants

currently in the screening process.

Additionally, DHCD recently consolidated some underutilized voucher categories allowing Metro Housing staff to begin the process of contacting applicant households. Metro Housing anticipates that nearly 100 new vouchers will be issued in the coming months.