

# EMERGENCY HOUSING PAYMENT ASSISTANCE

HAVE YOU RECENTLY LOST YOUR JOB?

HAS YOUR INCOME DROPPED?

ARE YOU BEHIND ON RENT?

DO YOU NEED HELP MOVING TO A NEW HOME?

WE CAN HELP!!

#### TO APPLY:

Go to Metro Housing's online application to begin the process bit.ly/Rentrelief



Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) is a program that can provide eligible households with back rent (arrears) and utility shut offs to help people with low income stay housed or move into their next home. Immigration status is not required for this funding. Applicant is eligible for up to \$7,000 per household.

#### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Households of any size or composition, including individuals, families with children of all ages, couples without children, and unaccompanied youth
- The household must be at or below 50% of AMI (to include all household members with income).
- Those at risk of homelessness/housing instability.

Federal immigration status has no impact on eligibility for most available funding.

### HOW CAN FUNDS BE USED?

Funds can be used to stay in current housing or move using funds the following ways:

- · Rental arrearages
- Security deposits
- · First and last month's rent
- · Utility shut offs

There are some restrictions on rental assistance for individuals or families residing in subsidized housing or who have a rental youcher.

Individual programs may have different requirements.

## WHAT IS THE INCOME LIMIT?

The family must provide documentation/ proof that they are currently experiencing a housing crisis. Examples include:

Household Size	Annual Income Limit (50% AMI)
1	\$49,100
2	\$56,100
3	\$63,100
4	\$70,100
5	\$75,750
6	\$81,350
7	\$86,950
8	\$92,550

## HOW DO I APPLY?

If you think you might be eligible for RAFT, go to the online application at bit.ly/Rentrelief. You will be asked to upload your ID, proof of financial request (Housing crisis), proof of current housing, income, and landlord contact information if applicable.

If you have any questions about the program, you can contact Metro Housing's Housing Hub for additional resources and referrals at ResourceLine@MetroHousingBoston.org.