

Emergency Housing Help

Mass Coalition for the Homeless
(781) 595-7570

Emergency homelessness resources for families, individuals and people who have experienced domestic violence.

Community Care Services
(508) 821-7777 - Taunton; or
(508) 689-7880 - Fall River

Offers housing placement services to help families transition from homelessness.

Massachusetts DTA
Dept. of Transitional Assistance, Health & Human Services, 1567 North Main St., Fall River: (508) 646-6200 for Westport residents; or 1-(800) 249-2007 for statewide hotline. Emergency shelter information.

For Seniors

Westport Council on Aging
(508) 636-1026

Massachusetts State Government
1-(888) 243-5337
Elder Hotline, information on rental assistance.

Massachusetts Dept. of Elder Affairs
(617) 727-7750 or 1-(800) 243-4636
Maintains list of facilities and resources for senior housing.

U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)
1-(800) 225-5342

Maintains listings of affordable housing and senior housing. Bristol County housing list is available at www.hud.gov/apps/section8.

Westport Housing Assistance Office

The Town of Westport, along with state and other agencies, offers a variety of programs to help income-qualified families and others seeking help in renting, buying and affording a home. We encourage you to make use of these programs and refer family, friends, and neighbors who may be eligible.

For further information:

* Stop by the Housing Assistance Office, Westport Town Hall, 816 Main Road, Westport or call the office at (774) 264-5126, ext. 2026

* Call the Westport Housing Authority at (508) 675-2039

* Visit the Town of Westport website:
www.westport-ma.com

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TOWN OF WESTPORT

HOUSING ASSISTANCE OFFICE



Westport Affordable Housing Trust Fund

Town Hall, 816 Main Street,
Westport, MA 02790

**Call: (774) 264-5126
Ext. 2026**

First Time Homebuyers

NeighborWorks of Southern Mass.

(774) 328-9925

First-time homebuyers, counseling and classes.

South Shore Housing

(781) 422-4200 or (900) 242-0957

Housing case management and education.

MassHousing

(617) 854-1000 or (800) 882-1154

Loans available for moderate income buyers.

U.S.D.A. Rural Development

1 - (800) 352-8015

Low interest loans for first-time homebuyers.

U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)

1 - (800) 569-4287

TTY: 1 - (800) 877-8339

FHA loans for affordable homes.

Veterans Affairs

1 - (800) 729-5772

Home loan programs for veterans.

Help With Utility Bills

NSTAR

1- (800) 592-2000

For payment plans, discount rates, and information on fuel assistance.

Massachusetts Cold Relief Hotline

1-800-632-8175

Massachusetts Utility Shutoff Program

(877) 886-5066 or (617) 727-8400

Affordable Rental Housing

Westport Housing Authority

(508) 675-2039

Operates local public housing programs.

U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)

1 (800) 955-2232

Housing rental programs and affordable homes.

For a Bristol County list of affordable housing, visit: www.hud.gov/apps/section8.

South Shore Housing

(781) 422-42000 or (900) 242-0957

Maintains listings of affordable homes.

Fall River Housing Authority

(508) 675-3500

General/Legal Resources

U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)

(617) 994-8200 or TTY (617) 565-453

Enforces federal fair housing laws.

Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination

(617) 727-3990

Massachusetts Attorney General's Office

(617) 727-2200 or TTY (617) 727-4765

Massachusetts Division of Banking

1- (900) 495-BANK

Helping those facing foreclosure in the next 7 days by working to delay the process until a housing counselor is reached.

South Coastal Counties Legal Services, Inc.

21 So. Sixth Street, New Bedford

(508) 996-8576

South Coastal Counties Legal Services, Inc.

22 Bedford Street, 1st Floor, Fall River

(508) 676-6265 or 1-800-287-3777

Free legal advice, representation for civil matters (non-criminal) for veterans, battered women, elderly, disabled persons

For Individuals With Disabilities

Westport Commission on Disability – Westport Without Barriers

(508) 636-6537

Mass. Rehabilitation Commission

Programs and resources for people with disabilities. 600 Washington Street, Suite 2, Boston. 1-800-245-6543 or (617) 204-3815 (Voice/TDD)

Massachusetts Office on Disability

(617) 727-7440, V/TTY 1-(800) 322-2020

Technical assistance, troubleshooting.

Home Maintenance & Repair

Mass Lead Paint Removal Program

1- (800) 532-9571

MassHousing

(617) 854-1185

Home improvement, septic system repair and lead paint removal loans.

Westport Dept. of Health

(508) 636-1015

MassSave

1- (866) 527-7283

Low interest loans on energy efficiency improvements.

GENERAL SUPPORT SERVICES

People Acting in Community Endeavors

166 William Street, New Bedford

Housing services, fuel assistance

Coastline Elderly Services

1646 Purchase Street, New Bedford

(508) 999-6400

Comprehensive services for the elderly

Community Care Services, Inc.

275 North Street, New Bedford

(508) 990-0972 (Ext. 10)

Housing search support, landlord/tenant mediation, advocacy for families in Housing Court, transportation

Greater New Bedford Career Center

618 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford

(508) 990-4000

One-stop career center offering counseling, training, education, job search assistance

Immigrants Assistance Center

58 Crapo Street, New Bedford

(508) 996-8113

Helps immigrants overcome language, cultural, social, and economic barriers

www.immigrantsassistancecenter.com

Citizens For Citizens Inc.

264 Griffin Street, Fall River

(508) 679-0041 or <http://cfcinc.org/>

Fuel assistance programs, senior, health and child care programs, Head Start, emergency services

United Way of Greater Fall River

80 North Main Street, Fall River

(508) 678-8361

Heating & housing assistance, counseling, domestic violence and emergency shelters, health care, and basic needs. www.mass211.org or 1-877-211-6277

Catholic Social Services

1600 Bay Street, Fall River

(508) 674-4681 or <http://www.cssdioc.org/>

Offering comprehensive services: homelessness, immigration issues, housing, disabilities, mental health counseling, elder health services, foreclosure

SERVICES FOR VETERANS

Veteran's Transition House

20 Willis Street, New Bedford

(508) 992-5313 (Ext. 22)

Offering supportive services for veterans and their families. For more information visit

www.vetshouse.org

Volunteers of America – Massachusetts

Bristol County Office

5 Post Office Square, Taunton

(774) 301-4477 or www.voamass.org

Support services for veterans and their families.

Veterans, Inc.

(508) 845-6176 (Ext. 330)

Supportive services for veterans and their families. www.veteransinc.org

Veterans Administration Homeless

Veterans Program

National Homeless Veterans Hotline

(877) 424-3838

Crisis hotline 24/7 for emergency services

FORECLOSURE PREVENTION

Fall River/New Bedford Housing

Awareness Partnership

(774) 888-6450

Community-based banks providing foreclosure prevention loan products and counseling

MassHousing “HomeSaver Foreclosure Prevention Program”

HomeSaver is a counseling and loan program that helps borrowers who are unable to repay their mortgage, offering a proactive step homeowners can take before foreclosure becomes a possibility.

www.masshousing.com