



Staying Healthy Requires Aging in Place.

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In Massachusetts, 39% of extremely low-income renter households are older adults.¹

Please take action today to help us secure **\$10 million in the FY26 state budget to expand an Older Adult Bridge Subsidy Program** to support older adults facing housing instability throughout the Commonwealth.

¹ National Low Income Housing Coalition. (2024). 2024 Massachusetts Housing Profile. https://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/SHP_MA.pdf



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Homelessness among older adults is expected to nearly triple by 2030².

It's a call we all fear we will get. It's the call no one wants to make. But every day across Massachusetts, older adults are telling friends and family they're on the brink of homelessness. From Cape Cod to the Berkshires, communities across the Commonwealth are dealing with the fallout of the housing crisis — and the brunt of this epidemic is being felt by our most vulnerable residents. Whether struggling to afford rent or being forced to decide between this month's medications and groceries, more and more older adults are realizing they no longer have the resources to survive in our state.

The Solution:

So how can we turn the tide and support older adults facing housing instability? **Please join us to answer the call together and work to secure \$10 million in the FY26 budget to expand the bridge subsidy program for low-income older adults, aged 60 years and older, facing housing instability.**

A version of the program currently is funded through the FY25 state budget (line item 7004-0107) as a pilot in the City of Somerville. The expanded program would allow eligible older adults from across the Commonwealth to remain in place while they await approval for long-term subsidized housing through programs such as the Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program (MRVP) and state-funded public housing. Low-income older adults participating in the bridge subsidy program would pay 30% of their income towards rent, mortgage, or other housing costs, with the bridge subsidy making up the difference.

Please take action today to actively support the expansion of the Older Adult Bridge Subsidy Program in FY26!



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