

NEED HELP WITH YOUR MORTGAGE?

Massachusetts Homeowner Assistance Fund is here.

ABOUT MASS HAF

The Massachusetts Homeowner Assistance Fund (Mass HAF) is available for homeowners who are behind on their mortgage payments because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The goal of HAF is to prevent foreclosures and displacements of eligible homeowners. Mass HAF is funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

I'M A HOMEOWNER AND BEHIND ON MY MORTGAGE.

Do I qualify for Mass HAF?

You may qualify for Mass HAF if:

- ✓ You own and live in a condominium, single family-home, or a 2-, 3- or 4-family property in Massachusetts
- ✓ You are behind on your mortgage payments by at least 3 months
- ✓ You or someone in your household had their income go down, or living expenses go up, after January 21, 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes job loss, fewer work hours, paying more for childcare, illness, or being unable to work because you had to take care of a family member
- √ You meet the <u>program's income limits</u> (income limits are 150% of AMI - area median income)

HOW CAN MASS HAF HELP ME?

If you are approved for Mass HAF, you would receive assistance to pay overdue mortgage payments. If you also have overdue payments on property taxes, insurance, or homeowner/condominium fees, you may be able to receive additional assistance.

WILL I RECEIVE THE MONEY DIRECTLY?

No. If you are approved, money will go directly to your mortgage loan servicer (the company that receives your mortgage payments). You will be informed about how much assistance was provided and how it was used.

WILL I NEED TO PAY THE MONEY BACK?

No, the assistance is a grant, not a loan. You will not have to pay the money back.

HOW DO I APPLY?



The application is online. Learn more and apply at www.massmortgagehelp.org. You can also complete a short online screener to see if you qualify.



If you need help with your application, including language assistance or reasonable accommodations, you can call **833-270-2953**, Monday - Saturday, 8am – 7pm. You can also work with a non-profit housing counseling agency who can help you apply. A list of housing counseling agencies can be found on **www.massmortgagehelp.org**.



