

# Analysis of Governor’s FY2020 Budget Proposal for Building Blocks Coalition Priorities

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## BUILDING BLOCKS PRIORITIES

Included below are details on the Building Blocks Coalition budget priorities as contained in the [FY2020 Governor's budget](#).

| Line Item | Program                                           | FY20 Request  | Gov FY20 Budget | FY19 Budget   | FY18 Budget  |
|-----------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------|
| 7004-9024 | Mass. Rental Voucher Program                      | \$130,000,000 | \$100,000,000   | \$100,000,000 | \$92,734,677 |
| 7004-9030 | Alternative Housing Voucher Program               | \$7,700,000   | \$6,150,000     | \$6,150,000   | \$5,000,000  |
| 7004-9005 | Public Housing Operating                          | \$72,000,000  | \$65,500,000    | \$65,500,000* | \$64,500,000 |
| 7004-9007 | Public Housing Reform                             | \$1,000,000   | \$1,000,000     | \$1,000,000   | \$950,000    |
| 7004-3036 | Housing Consumer Education Centers                | \$4,000,000   | \$3,000,000     | \$3,000,000   | \$2,221,912  |
| 7004-9316 | Residential Assistance for Families in Transition | \$20,000,000  | \$15,274,232**  | \$20,000,000  | \$15,000,000 |
| 7004-0108 | HomeBASE                                          | \$32,000,000  | 25,825,000      | \$32,000,000  | \$30,147,305 |
| 7006-0011 | Foreclosure Prevention                            | \$1,550,000   | \$2,050,000     | \$1,550,000   | \$2,350,000  |
| 7004-3045 | Tenancy Preservation Program                      | \$1,300,000   | \$1,300,000     | \$1,300,000   | \$500,000    |
| 7004-0104 | Home & Healthy for Good                           | \$2,390,000   | \$2,390,000     | \$2,390,000   | \$2,000,000  |
| 4120-4001 | MassAccess Registry                               | \$80,000      | \$80,000        | \$80,000      | \$80,000     |
| 4000-0007 | Unaccompanied Homeless Youth                      | \$5,000,000   | \$3,300,000     | \$3,300,000   | \$675,000    |
| 7004-0106 | New Lease for Homeless Families                   | \$250,000     | \$250,000       | \$250,000     | -            |
| NEW       | Heat Assistance                                   | \$30,000,000  | -               | -             | -            |

\* Not including earmarks

\*\* Governor Baker expects to make \$4,725,768 available to RAFT through the Housing Preservation and Stabilization Trust Fund, bringing the sum for the program to \$20,000,000

## Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program (7004-9024)

|                  |              |
|------------------|--------------|
| Governor's FY20: | \$100,00,00  |
| FY2019:          | \$ 100,00,00 |
| Difference:      | \$ 0         |

*Building Blocks Request: \$ 130,000,000*

### Description of Changes:

- Changes language requiring that 75% of all new vouchers be targeted to households at or below 30% AMI. New language allows up to 75% of all vouchers to be targeted to those at or below 30% AMI at a household's initial occupancy.
- Adds language that would apply the rules for other subsidy programs regarding maximum tenant payments if an MRVP project-based voucher is used in conjunction with another federal or state subsidy
- Allows tenants to pay more than 40% of their income towards rent following the first year of a tenant's participation in MRVP
- Changes the requirement that certain obligations be imposed on program participants back to an option whether those obligations be imposed
- Removes authorization for DHCD to take all steps necessary to move MRVP participants to another housing program
- Removes reporting requirement for MRVP and AHVP
- Allows funds to be used for a voucher management system

### Language:

For a program of rental assistance for low-income families and elderly persons through mobile and project-based vouchers; provided, that such assistance shall only be paid under the Massachusetts rental voucher program; provided further, that the income of eligible households shall not exceed 80 per cent of the area median income; provided further, that the department may require that ~~not less than~~ up to 75 per cent of ~~all new~~ the vouchers ~~administered by each administering agency under contract to the department~~ be targeted to households whose income at initial ~~occupancy~~ eligibility does not exceed 30 per cent of the area median income; provided further, that the department of housing and community development may award mobile vouchers to eligible households currently occupying project-based units that shall expire due to the nonrenewal of project-based rental assistance contracts; provided further, that the department, as a condition of continued eligibility for vouchers and voucher payments, may require disclosure of social security numbers by participants and members of a

participant's household in the Massachusetts rental voucher program for use in verification of income with other agencies, departments and executive offices; provided further, that if a participant or member of a participant's household fails to provide a social security number for use in verifying the household's income and eligibility, then that household shall no longer be eligible for a voucher or to receive benefits from the voucher program; provided further, that the monthly dollar amount of each voucher shall be the department-approved monthly rent of the unit less the monthly amount paid for rent by the household; provided further, that any household that is proven to have caused intentional damage to its rental unit in an amount exceeding 2 months of rent during any 1 -year period shall be terminated from the program; provided further, that if ~~the use of~~ a mobile ~~voucher~~voucher's use is or has been discontinued, then the mobile voucher shall be reassigned; provided further, that subsidies shall not be reduced due to the cost of inspections; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, each household holding a voucher shall pay at least 30 per cent,~~but~~ of its income as rent, except that the household payment in any project-based unit that is subsidized under another federal or state subsidy or public housing program shall be subject to applicable limits on tenant-paid rent under such federal or state program; provided further, that at initial occupancy, each household holding a voucher shall pay not more than 40 per cent,~~of its income as rent~~ of its income as rent; provided further, that following initial occupancy, a household holding a mobile voucher may, but shall not be required to, pay more than 40 per cent of its income as rent in order to maintain occupancy of a particular housing unit where the rent payable to the landlord less the maximum voucher payment based on household size and income, unit size and contract rent would exceed 40 per cent of household income; provided further, that the department shall establish the amounts of the mobile vouchers and the project-based vouchers so that the appropriation in this item ~~shall~~is not ~~be~~ exceeded by payments for rental assistance and administration; provided further, that the department shall not enter into commitments which shall cause it to exceed the appropriation set forth in this item; provided further, that the department may impose certain obligations for each participant in the Massachusetts rental voucher program through a 12 -month contract which shall be executed by the participant and the department; provided further, that such obligations ~~shall~~may include, but shall not be limited to, job training, counseling,

household budgeting and education, as defined in regulations promulgated by the department and to the extent ~~said~~these programs are available; provided further, that each participant shall be required to undertake and meet these contractually established obligations as a condition for continued eligibility in ~~said~~the program; provided further, that for continued eligibility, each participant shall execute ~~such~~this 12 -month contract ~~not~~no later than September 1, ~~2018~~2019 if ~~said~~the participant's annual eligibility recertification date occurs between June 30, ~~2018~~2019 and September 1, ~~2018~~2019 and otherwise not later than the annual eligibility recertification date; provided further, that any participant who is over the age of 60 years or who is disabled may be exempt from any obligations unsuitable under particular circumstances; ~~provided further, that the department may assist housing authorities at their written request in the immediate implementation of a homeless prevention program utilizing alternative housing resources available to them for low income families and the elderly by designating participants in the Massachusetts rental voucher program as at risk of displacement by public action through no fault of their own; provided further, that the department shall report to the house and senate committees on ways and means and joint committee on housing not later than December 15, 2018 on the utilization of rental vouchers during the last 3 fiscal years under this item and item 7004 9030; provided further, that the report shall include, but not be limited to, the number and average value of rental vouchers currently distributed in the commonwealth, in each county and in each municipality; provided further, that the report shall comply with state and federal privacy standards; provided further, that the department shall expend funds from this item for costs related to the completion of the voucher management system; and provided further, that the department shall make its best effort to complete and implement the voucher management system not later than June 30, 2019; and provided further, that notwithstanding any special or general law to the contrary, funds may be expended from this item for the costs of a voucher management system.~~

## Alternative Housing Voucher Program (7004-9030)

Governor's FY20: \$ 6,150,000  
FY2019: \$ 6,150,000  
Difference: \$ 0

*Building Blocks Request: \$ 7,700,000*

### Description of Changes:

- Adds clarifying language to program description saying that AHVP is for non-elderly persons with disabilities
- Removes reporting requirement
- Adds language saying AHVP does not create any enforceable legal rights in any party or an enforceable entitlement to any form of housing

### Language:

For ~~the~~ a program of rental assistance ~~program for non-elderly persons with disabilities~~ established ~~in section 16 of~~ under chapter 179 of the acts of 1995; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, ~~the~~ rental assistance ~~program~~ shall be in the form of mobile vouchers; provided further, that the vouchers shall be in varying ~~dollar~~ amounts and set by the department ~~of housing and community development~~ based on considerations including, but not limited to, household size, composition, household income and geographic location; provided further, that any household ~~that~~ which is proven to have caused intentional damage to its rental unit in an amount exceeding 2 ~~months of~~ months' rent during any 1-year lease period shall be terminated from the program; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be no maximum percentage applicable to the amount of income paid for rent by each household holding a mobile voucher; ~~provided further, that,~~ but each household shall be required to pay not less than 25 per cent of its net income, as defined in regulations ~~promulgated~~ adopted by the department, for units if ~~payment of~~ utilities is are not provided by the unit owner or not less than 30 per cent of its income for units if ~~payment of~~ utilities is are provided by the unit owner; provided further, that payments for ~~the~~ rental assistance ~~program~~ may be provided in advance; provided further, that the department shall establish the amounts of the mobile vouchers, so that ~~the~~ this appropriation ~~in this item~~ is not exceeded by payments for rental assistance and administration; provided further, that the department shall not

enter into commitments which ~~shall~~will cause it to exceed ~~the~~this appropriation ~~set forth in this item~~; provided further, that the amount of a rental assistance voucher payment for an eligible household shall not exceed the rent less the household's minimum rent obligation; provided further, that the ~~department shall submit an annual report to the secretary of administration and finance and the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing expenditures, the number of outstanding rental vouchers and the number and types of units leased; and provided further, that the~~ word "rent," as used in this item, shall mean payments to the landlord or owner of a dwelling unit under a lease or other agreement for a tenant's occupancy of the dwelling unit but shall not include payments made by the tenant separately for the cost of heat, cooking fuel ~~or electricity~~and electricity; and provided further, that nothing stated in this item shall give rise to or shall be construed as giving rise to enforceable legal rights in any party or an enforceable entitlement to any form of housing.

### **Public Housing Authority Operating Subsidy (7004-9005)**

|                  |                                                              |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Governor's FY20: | \$65,500,000                                                 |
| FY2019:          | \$ 65,500,000 ( <i>not including \$150,000 in earmarks</i> ) |
| Difference:      | <b>\$ 0</b>                                                  |

*Building Blocks Request: \$72,000,000*

#### **Description of Changes:**

- Removes requirement for LHAs to offer a first preference for elderly public housing units to elderly applicants receiving MRVP assistance
- Removes earmarks
- Includes the percentages are the state funds used to supply the \$65.5 million to the line-item.

#### **Language:**

For subsidies to housing authorities and ~~non-profit~~nonprofit organizations, including funds for deficiencies caused by certain reduced rentals in housing for the elderly, handicapped, veterans and relocated persons under sections 32 and 40 of chapter 121B of the General Laws; ~~provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, all housing authorities operating elderly public housing shall offer first preference for elderly public housing units that are vacant on the effective date of this act, and thereafter, to those persons 60 years of age or older as of June 30, 2018 receiving rental assistance from the Massachusetts rental voucher program; provided~~

~~further~~ provided, that the department may expend funds appropriated in this item for deficiencies caused by certain reduced rentals which may be anticipated in the operation of housing authorities for the first quarter of the subsequent fiscal year; provided further, that no ~~funds~~monies shall be expended from this item to reimburse the debt service reserve included in the budgets of housing authorities; provided further, that no funds shall be expended from this item in the AA object class for the compensation of state employees; provided further, that the amount appropriated in this item shall be considered to meet any and all obligations under said sections 32 and 40 of said chapter 121B; provided further, that any new reduced rental units developed in fiscal year ~~2019~~2020 eligible for subsidies under this item shall not cause any annualization that results in an amount exceeding the amount appropriated in this item; provided further, that all funds in excess of normal utilities, operations and maintenance costs may be expended for capital repairs; ~~provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended on the Winchester Housing Authority; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended on the Pleasant Street Elderly Public Housing Development;~~ and provided further, that the administration shall make every attempt to direct efforts toward rehabilitating local housing authority family units requiring \$10,000 or less in repairs

|                                    |                     |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <u>General Fund</u>                | <u>..... 89.32%</u> |
| <u>Local Capital Projects Fund</u> | <u>..... 10.68%</u> |

### **Public Housing Reform (7004-9007)**

Governor's FY20:                 \$ 1,000,000  
 FY2019:                             \$ 1,000,000  
 Difference:                         **\$ 0**

*Building Blocks Request: \$1,000,000*

**Description of Changes:** None

## Housing Consumer Education Centers (7004-3036)

|                  |              |
|------------------|--------------|
| Governor's FY20: | \$3,000,000  |
| FY2019:          | \$ 3,000,000 |
| Difference:      | \$ 0         |

*Building Blocks Request: \$ 4,000,000*

### Description of Changes:

- Allows funds to be given to other administering agencies, as procured by DHCD, in addition to the regional nonprofit housing authorities
- Removes reporting requirements

### Language:

For housing services and counseling; provided, that funds shall be expended as grants to 9 regional housing consumer education centers operated by the regional ~~non-profit housing authorities; provided further, that the grants shall be awarded through a competitive application process under criteria established by the department; provided further, that the department shall submit annual reports to the secretary of administration and finance, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on housing detailing all expenditures of the program, including each regional housing consumer education center, the total number of persons who received information and referral services, the costs for such services rendered per consumer and the identification of consumer issues and trends; and provided further, that the department shall report to the house and senate committees on ways and means not later than January 4, 2019 on possible savings and efficiencies that may be realized through the consolidation of said services~~nonprofit housing authorities unless administering agencies are otherwise procured by the department; provided further, that the funds shall be awarded through a competitive application process under criteria created by the department; and provided further, that no funds shall be expended from this item in the AA object class for the compensation of state employees

## Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (7004-9316)

|                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| Governor's FY20: | \$ 15,274,232* |
| FY2019:          | \$ 20,000,000  |
| Difference:      | \$ 0*          |

*Building Blocks Request: \$ 20,000,000*

*\* Governor Baker expects to make \$4,725,768 available to RAFT through the Housing Preservation and Stabilization Trust Fund, bringing the sum for the program to \$20,000,000*

### Description of Changes:

- Adds language requiring administering agencies to make a finding that RAFT payments will enable a family to retain or find new housing
- Removes reporting requirement
- Changes language that requires at least \$3 million to be spent on expanded populations to language that allows *up to* \$3 million to be spent on expanded populations

### Language:

For a program to provide assistance in addressing obstacles to maintaining or securing housing for families with: ~~(a)~~ a household income not greater than 30 per cent of area median income ~~who~~that are homeless and moving into subsidized or ~~private~~unsubsidized housing or are at risk of becoming homeless; or ~~(b)~~ii a household income greater than 30 per cent but not more than 50 per cent of area median income ~~who~~that are homeless and moving into subsidized or private housing, or are at risk of becoming homeless due to a significant reduction of income or increased expenses; provided, that assistance shall be administered by the department ~~of housing and community development~~ through contracts with the ~~regional~~ HomeBASE agencies; provided further, that not less than 50 per cent of the funds shall be provided to households with an income not greater than 30 per cent of area median income, subject to the department's discretion based on data reflecting program demand and usage; provided further, that in distributing 50 per cent of the funds, the department shall prioritize those families most likely to otherwise require shelter services under item 7004-0101; provided further, that the amount of financial assistance provided to a family shall not exceed \$4,000 in any 12-month period; provided further, that the combined sum of benefits received by a family in a 12-month period from this item and item 7004-0108 shall not be more than the maximum level of short-term housing assistance in said item 7004-0108; provided further, that prior to authorizing a residential assistance payment for a family, the administering agency shall make a finding that the payment will enable the family to retain its current housing, obtain new housing, or otherwise avoid homelessness; provided further, that residential assistance payments may be made through direct vendor payments according to standards to be established by the department; provided further, that the agencies shall establish a system for referring families approved for residential assistance payments, ~~who~~ whom

the agencies determine would benefit from these services, to existing community-based programs that provide additional housing stabilization supports, including assistance in obtaining housing subsidies and locating alternative housing that is safe and affordable for those families; provided further, that the program shall be administered under guidelines established by the department; provided further, that ~~the department shall report quarterly to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the: (i) number of families who applied for assistance; (ii) number of families approved for assistance; (iii) minimum, median and average amount of financial assistance awarded; (iv) total amount of assistance awarded to date, including a breakdown by income category; and (v) number of families falling into each income category; provided further, that the department shall track a family's reason for assistance by the same categories used in item 7004-0101; provided further, that not less than \$3,000,000 shall~~ up to \$3,000,000 may be expended to provide assistance to households of all sizes and configurations including, but not limited to, elders, persons with disabilities and unaccompanied youths; and provided further, that household assistance funds shall be advanced to the administering agencies at the end of each month and before the next month's disbursement, the amount of which shall be estimated based on the prior month's expenditure with a reconciliation not less than annually.

### HomeBASE (7004-0108)

|                  |                     |
|------------------|---------------------|
| Governor's FY20: | \$ 25,825,000       |
| FY2019:          | \$ 32,000,000       |
| Difference:      | <b>\$ 6,175,000</b> |

*Building Blocks Request:* \$ 32,000,000

#### Description of Changes:

- Removes language that would protect a family from losing eligibility because of a single violation of a self-sufficiency plan
- Removes the requirement that the Administration must notify the legislature 90 days before it plans to change eligibility standards or program benefits;
- Removes reporting requirements
- Changes language that requires DHCD to spend \$300,000 for those in domestic violence/substance abuse shelters to allow DHCD to spend *up to* \$300,000 for these households
- Moves language saying the program does not create any enforceable legal rights in any party or an enforceable entitlement to any form of housing

#### Language:

For a program of short-term housing assistance to help families eligible for temporary emergency shelter under item 7004-0101 in addressing obstacles to maintaining or securing housing; provided, that the assistance provided under this item shall include

not less than 12 months of housing stabilization and economic self-sufficiency case management services for each family receiving benefits ~~under this item~~; provided further, that a family shall not receive more than a combined sum of \$10,000 in a 12-month period from this item and item 7004-9316; provided further, that so long as they meet the requirements of their housing stabilization plan, a family that received household assistance ~~under~~ pursuant to this item whose income exceeds 50 per cent of area median income shall not become ineligible for assistance due to exceeding the income limit for a period of 6 months from the date that the 50 per cent level was exceeded; provided further, that ~~a family shall not be deemed ineligible as a result of any single violation of a self-sufficiency plan; provided further, that~~ the department shall take all steps necessary to enforce regulations to prevent abuse in the short-term housing transition program, including a wage match agreement with the department of revenue; provided further, that a family that was terminated from the program or did not make a good faith effort to follow its housing stabilization plan during the term of its assistance shall be ineligible for benefits ~~under said~~ pursuant to item 7004-0101 and this item for 12 months from the last date the family received assistance ~~under said~~ pursuant to item 7004-0101 and this item, including housing stabilization and economic self-sufficiency case management services; provided further, that a family's housing stabilization plan shall adequately accommodate the ages and disabilities of the family members; provided further, that families receiving benefits under this program who are found ineligible for continuing benefits shall be eligible for aid pending a timely appeal ~~under~~ pursuant to chapter 23B of the General Laws; provided further, that families who are denied assistance ~~under~~ pursuant to this item may appeal that denial ~~under~~ pursuant to said chapter 23B, including subsection (F) of section 30 of said chapter 23B and regulations adopted to implement said chapter 23B; provided further, that benefits under this item shall only be provided to residents of the commonwealth who are citizens of the United States or ~~persons~~ aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence or otherwise permanently residing under ~~the~~ the color of the law in the United States; provided further, that the department, as a condition of continued eligibility for assistance ~~under~~ pursuant to this program, may require disclosure of social security numbers by all members of a family receiving assistance ~~under this item~~ hereunder for use in verification of income with other agencies, departments and executive offices;

provided further, that if a family member fails to provide a social security number for use in verifying the family's income and eligibility, then the family shall no longer be eligible to receive benefits from this program; provided further, that the department shall administer this program through the following agencies unless administering agencies are otherwise procured by the department: the Berkshire Housing Development Corporation; Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance, Inc.; Community Teamwork, Inc.; the Housing Assistance Corporation; the Franklin County Regional Housing and Redevelopment Authority; HAP, Inc.; ~~Metro~~[Metropolitan Boston Housing Boston; Partnership, Inc.](#); the Lynn Housing Authority and Neighborhood Development; ~~the~~ South Middlesex Opportunity Council, Inc.; Housing Solutions for Southeastern Massachusetts, Inc.; and RCAP Solutions, Inc.; provided further, that the department shall reallocate financing based on performance-based statistics from under-performing service providers to above average service providers in order to move as many families from hotels, motels or shelters into more sustainable housing; provided further, that the department shall use funds provided ~~under~~[for](#) this program for stabilization workers to focus efforts on housing retention, and ~~to~~ link households to supports, including job training, education, job search and child care opportunities available and may enter into agreements with other public and private agencies for the provision of such services; ~~provided further,~~ [and](#) that a stabilization worker shall be assigned to each such household; provided further, that funds shall be used to more rapidly transition families served by the program into temporary or permanent sustainable housing; provided further, that ~~notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, 90 days before promulgating or amending any regulation, administrative practice or policy that would alter eligibility for or the level of benefits pursuant to this program to less than the benefit level available on June 30, 2018, the department shall file with the house and senate committees on ways and means and the clerks of the house of representatives and senate a report setting forth the justification for such changes including, but not limited to, any determination by the secretary of housing and economic development that available appropriations will be insufficient to meet Fiscal Year 2019 projected expenses; provided further, that the department shall submit quarterly reports to the house and senate committees on ways and means which shall include: (a) the number of families served; (b) the type of assistance given; (c) the number of families assisted~~

~~through this program; (d) the average, minimum and maximum cost per family of such assistance; and (e) the total number of families receiving benefits under 7004-0101 that have received assistance under 7004-0108 during the previous 3 years~~this item shall be subject to appropriation and, in the event of a deficiency, nothing in this item shall give rise to or shall be construed as giving rise to any enforceable right or entitlement to services in excess of the amounts appropriated herein; provided further, that the department ~~shall~~may expend not ~~less~~more than \$300,000 under item 7004-0108 on families residing in temporary emergency shelters and family residential treatment or sober living programs under items 4512-0200 and 4513-1130, if such families otherwise meet all eligibility requirements applicable to emergency shelter under item 7004-0101, except that, solely for the purpose of this item, the fact that a family is residing in a temporary emergency domestic violence shelter under item 4513-1130 or in a family residential treatment or sober living program under item 4512-0200 shall not preclude such family from receiving assistance; provided further, that guidance shall be developed by the department; in consultation with the department of public health; to provide that any unit in such temporary emergency shelter or family residential treatment or sober living program vacated through use of funds under this program ~~shall have~~has an opportunity to be filled by a family that is: (a) eligible both for emergency shelter under item 7004-0101 and for such domestic violence or family residential treatment or sober living program; and (b) referred to such temporary emergency shelter or family residential treatment or sober living program by the department; ~~provided further, that this item shall be subject to appropriation and, in the event of a deficiency, nothing in this item shall give rise to or shall be construed as giving rise to any enforceable right or entitlement to services in excess of the amounts appropriated in this item;~~ and provided further, that household assistance funds shall be advanced to the administering agencies at the end of each month and before the next month's disbursement, the amount of which shall be estimated based on the prior month's expenditure with a reconciliation not less than annually

## Foreclosure Prevention Counseling (7006-0011)

Governor's FY20: \$ 2,050,000  
FY2019: \$ 2,050,000  
Difference: \$ 0

*Building Blocks Request: \$ 2,050,000*

### Description of Changes:

- Removes language that dedicated \$500,000 for chapter 206 housing and foreclosure counseling grants

### Language:

For the ~~costs incurred by the~~ division of banks, which may expend for the costs associated with the licensure of loan originators under chapter 255F of the General Laws; ~~provided, that the division may expend revenues of not more than~~ an amount not to exceed \$2,050,000 from the revenue received from administrative fees associated with ~~the~~ licensure fees and from civil administrative penalties ~~collected under said chapter 255F; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall~~ chapter 255F; provided, that funds in this item may be expended ~~by the commissioner of banks~~ as competitive grants for the operation of a pilot program for best lending practices, first-time homeowner counseling for non-traditional loans and ~~at least 10~~ or more foreclosure education centers ~~pursuant to section 16 of chapter 206 of the acts of 2007 and that the grants shall be awarded through a competitive application process using criteria established by the division;~~ under section 16 of chapter 206 of the acts of 2007; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of ~~retained~~ revenues and related expenditures, the ~~division~~ department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate, as reported in the state accounting system.

## Tenancy Preservation Program (TPP) (7004-3045)

Governor's FY20: \$ 1,300,000  
FY2019: \$ 1,300,000  
Difference: \$ 0

*Building Blocks Request: \$ 1,300,000*

**Description of Changes:** None

### **Language:**

For a tenancy preservation program for neutral party consultation services in eviction cases before the housing court department of the trial court for individuals with disabilities and for families with individuals with disabilities; provided, that the disability of the program participant or family member is directly related to the reason for eviction

## Home and Healthy for Good (7004-0104)

Governor's FY20: \$ 2,390,000  
FY2019: \$ 2,390,000  
Difference: \$ 0

*Building Blocks Request: \$ 2,390,000*

**Description of Changes:**

- Reduces amount to be spent on LGBTQ homeless youth program by \$50,000

### **Language:**

For the home and healthy for good program operated by Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance, Inc. to reduce the incidence of chronic homelessness in the commonwealth; provided, that not less than \$~~250~~200,000 shall be expended to continue a supportive housing initiative for unaccompanied homeless young adults who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning; provided further, that Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance, Inc. shall be solely responsible for the administration of this program; and provided further, that Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance, Inc. shall file a report with the clerks of the house of representatives and senate, the undersecretary of housing and community development and the chairs of the house and senate committees on ways and means ~~not~~no later than January ~~4,~~ 20193, 2020 on the number of people served, the average cost per participant, the

demographics of those served, whether participants have previously received government services and any projected cost-savings in other state-funded programs.

### Mass. Access Affordable Housing Registry (4120-4001)

Governor's FY20: \$ 80,000  
FY2019: \$ 80,000  
Difference: \$ 0

*Building Blocks Request: \$ 80,000*

**Description of Changes:** None

### Unaccompanied Homeless Youth (4000-0007)

Governor's FY20: \$ 3,300,000  
FY2019: \$ 3,300,000  
Difference: \$ 0

*Building Blocks Request: \$ 4,000,000*

**Description of Changes:**

- Provides additional program guidance

**Language:**

For housing and supportive services for unaccompanied youth pursuant to section 16X of chapter [16XA](#) of [chapter 6A](#) of the General Laws

[Section 16X. \(a\) Subject to appropriation or third party reimbursement, the executive office of health and human services shall ~~report to the house~~enter into performance-based contracts with organizations and ~~senate committees on ways and means not later than March 1, 2019 on:~~ \(a\) the number of youths served through this item; \(b\) the types of services received by participating youths; \(c\) the number of youths who transition into stabilized agencies to provide housing and support services to address the zip code needs of the stabilized housing; \(d\) the number of unaccompanied homeless youths who remain in stabilized urban, suburban and rural areas. In entering into such contracts, the executive office of health and human services shall take into consideration the recommendations of the commission on unaccompanied homeless youth established in section 16W on identifying, connecting and serving unaccompanied homeless youth, in general, and unaccompanied homeless youth under the age of 18 and youth who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender, in particular. Contracts authorized in this section shall include housing services for unaccompanied homeless youth which may include, but shall not be limited to: emergency shelter; kinship home placements; short-term housing after 90 days, when applicable; \(e\) other quantifiable data related to client; and transition to independent living programs. Programs shall provide any such unaccompanied homeless youth with stable out-of-home placement, help to reunite any](#)

such youth with the youth's parent or legal guardian if family reunification is in the youth's best interest and help to create educational and residential stability. Additional support services may include, but shall not be limited to: individual, family and group counseling; access to medical, dental and mental health care; education and employment services; case management, advocacy and referral services; independent living skills training; and provision of basic needs.

(b) The executive office of health and human services shall monitor organizations awarded contracts under this section to ensure that appropriate and high-quality services are being delivered to unaccompanied homeless youth and shall collect common data and outcome measures from these organizations and agencies. Data collected from the organizations and agencies, the incidence of unaccompanied youth homelessness in the commonwealth and the status of and any change in housing, residential stability, educational stability and outcomes ~~as determined by the secretary; (f) the number of youths turned away from the program; and (g) and well-being of unaccompanied homeless youth shall be included in the amount of funding awarded to vendors for annual report of the delivery of services and the names of each vendor;~~special commission on unaccompanied homeless youth pursuant to section 16W.

## **New Lease for Homeless Families (7004-0106)**

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| Governor's FY20: | \$ 250,000 |
| FY2019:          | \$ 250,000 |
| Difference:      | \$ 0       |

*Building Blocks Request: \$ 250,000*

**Description of Changes:** None

### **Language:**

For the continued implementation and evaluation of the homeless family preference in private multi-family housing program established by New Lease for Homeless Families, Inc.