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Citizens' Housing and
Planning Association

Building Blocks Coalition

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1:00–2:00pm

I. Introductions

II. 9C Cuts

a. Background Information

- i. On December 6th, Governor Baker cut \$98 million from the \$39.25 billion state budget using his 9C authority in response to softening revenues. These cuts included \$53 million in earmarks, \$17 million from administrative accounts, \$6 million from MassHealth, and \$21 million from other areas of the budget to bring spending in line with anticipated revenues.
- ii. Speaker DeLeo released a statement calling the cuts premature and is considering a supplemental budget to restore the funds. Senate President Rosenberg said that he looks forward to restoring funds to programs which support our neediest.
- iii. Members are upset about the cuts to programs in their districts. Many of the cuts came from programs that the Governor vetoed during the budget process that the Legislature then restored through veto overrides.
- iv. The Legislature will likely wait to see December revenue numbers before taking any action to restore cuts by taking up a supplemental budget at the start of the next Legislative Session in January.
- v. Building Blocks will draft a letter to send to Leadership before the start of the next session calling for the restoration of our priorities. **The letter will be shared and organizations will be asked to sign on.**
- vi. Building Blocks members should contact their partners and members in the Legislature to ask for restoration.

b. Building Blocks Priorities

- i. Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program (7004-9024) – \$2.6 million cut
 1. FY17 Total Funding – \$86.5 million
 2. DHCD reports that the cut will not affect existing vouchers or allocated vouchers. However, the cut may limit the number of any new vouchers distributed. The cuts will impact the ability to move

and keep families out of hotels/motels and the emergency shelter system.

3. Deepens the cut from MRVP between FY16 (\$90.9 million) funding and FY17 to \$4.4 million.

ii. Housing Consumer Education Centers (7004-3036) – \$500,000 cut

1. FY17 Total Funding – \$2.3 million

- a. \$350,000 program cut
- b. \$75,000 – Springfield Neighborhood Housing Services
- c. \$75,000 – Talk Read Succeed Program

2. The Regional Housing Network reports that DHCD plans to make up for the \$350,000 program cut through an alternative funding source. DHCD will use an Interagency Service Agreement to fund HCECs through the Division of Banks (DOB). The funds from the DOB will likely come through loan administration fees.

3. Building Blocks will ask to restore program funding through a supplemental budget to support the permanent funding source for HCECs and keep them level funded. This will also allow the DOB funds to be used for the purposes it was intended for.

iii. Public Housing (7004-9005) – \$500,000 cut

1. FY17 Total Funding – \$64.5 million

2. Building Blocks will ask to restore this funding to support our underfunding housing authorities and the thousands of public housing residents.

iv. Other Cuts

1. New Lease – the \$250,000 cut to New Lease was discussed. Although in the DHCD Admin line-item (7004-0099), it was proposed that the Building Blocks letter ask to restore funding for New Lease because the program works statewide to provide permanent affordable housing opportunities for homeless families. The Building Blocks draft letter will include New Lease. Please send any comments, thoughts, or concerns on this to [Eric Shupin](#).
2. For a list of other housing and homelessness programs cut, please [click here](#).

III. Review of FY2018 Budget Priorities

- a. The Governor's House 1 Budget is due on January 25th
- b. Please review the table for an update on our FY2018 Priorities
 - i. Numbers not included in the FY2018 Request column are being finalized.

**FY2018 Building Blocks Coalition Operating Budget Priorities for
Affordable Housing, Homelessness Prevention, & Community Development Programs**

Line Item	Program	<i>FY2018 Request</i>	FY2017	<i>FY2017 Request</i>	FY2016
7004-9024	Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program (MRVP)	<i>\$120,000,000</i>	\$86,547,706	<i>\$120,000,000</i>	\$90,931,597
7004-9030	Alternative Housing Voucher Program (AHVP)	<i>\$7,500,000</i>	\$4,600,000	<i>\$7,100,000</i>	\$4,600,000
7004-9005	Public Housing Operating		\$64,500,000	<i>\$72,000,000</i>	\$64,500,000
7004-9007	Public Housing Reform	<i>\$2,000,000</i>	\$800,000	<i>\$2,000,000</i>	\$800,000
7004-9316	Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT)	<i>\$18,500,000</i>	\$13,000,000	<i>\$18,500,000</i>	\$12,500,000
7004-0108	HomeBASE	<i>\$39,200,000</i>	\$31,943,664	<i>\$39,200,000</i>	\$33,749,331
7006-0011	Foreclosure Counseling	<i>\$3,650,000</i>	\$2,350,000	<i>\$3,650,000</i>	\$2,350,000
	Housing Court (NEW)	<i>\$1,200,000</i>	\$0		\$0
7004-3045	Tenancy Preservation Program (TPP)	<i>\$1,000,000</i>	\$500,000	<i>\$975,000</i>	\$500,000
7004-3036	Housing Consumer Education Centers (HCECs)	<i>\$2,640,000</i>	\$2,291,992	<i>\$2,640,000</i>	\$2,891,992
	Brownfields Redevelopment Fund	<i>\$15,000,000</i>	\$0	<i>\$15,000,000</i>	\$0
	Community Preservation Act (CPA)		\$10,000,000	<i>\$25,000,000</i>	\$10,000,000
7004-0104	Home and Healthy for Good		\$2,000,000	<i>\$3,800,000</i>	\$1,800,000
4120-4001	MassAccess Affordable Housing Registry	<i>\$80,000</i>	\$80,000	<i>\$80,000</i>	\$80,000
	Fuel Assistance	<i>\$7,500,000</i>	\$0	<i>\$10,000,000</i>	
4000-0007	Unaccompanied Homeless Youth		\$2,000,000		