

Civil Legal Aid in Housing & Foreclosure

Massachusetts
Legal
Assistance
Corporation

Line item 0321-1600

Legal Aid lawyers help protect and secure safe and affordable housing by:

- Enforcing health, safety, and accessibility standards
- Advocating for access to affordable housing
- Defending clients from unlawful eviction and combatting housing discrimination
- Protecting tenants at risk of losing housing subsidies
- Helping place vulnerable families in emergency shelters

Low-income people at or below 125% of the federal poverty level (\$32,750 per year for a family of four) qualify for civil legal aid.



“After working hard my whole life and playing by the rules, I never thought my family and I would end up homeless.”

- Fred, who moved back into his Quincy home after Greater Boston Legal Services helped to save it from foreclosure.

7,221 Housing Cases closed in FY19, including:

Private Landlord/Tenant	2,895
Federally Subsidized Housing	2,244
Unsafe Conditions, Tenant Disputes, Other cases	822
Public Housing	798
Foreclosures/Predatory Lending Practices	186
Housing Discrimination	204
Homeownership/Real Property	63
Mobile Homes	9

Last year
legal aid provided
\$69 million
in economic benefits to the
Commonwealth and its
residents, including
\$8.2 million
in benefits and savings
through homelessness
prevention advocacy

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