

Civil Legal Aid for Older Adults

Massachusetts
Legal
Assistance
Corporation

Line item 0321-1600

Legal Aid lawyers help older adults facing issues related to:

- Housing and physical safety
- Access to health care, disability benefits, medicare, social security, veterans benefits, and other public benefits
- Bankruptcy, financial abuse, and other consumer law challenges
- Guardianship, care of children and grandchildren, and other family law issues
- Durable powers of attorney and health care proxies
- Nursing home issues, including transfer and discharge, conditions and evictions

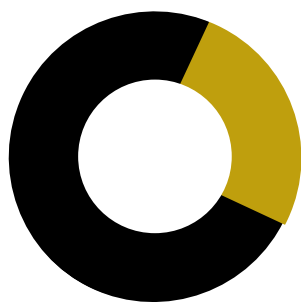


“It’s so important to have help from someone who knows the law.”

- Florynce, who faced a significant, unexpected rent increase. Legal aid helped her negotiate a lease extension and then attain an affordable apartment

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.

According to a 2019 UMass Boston study, more than **60% of older adults** living alone in Massachusetts **lack the financial resources to cover their basic expenses** - the highest rate in the nation.



22% of legal aid clients in FY19 were 60 or older

Last year
legal aid provided
\$69 million
in economic benefits
to the Commonwealth
and its residents

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