

# House FY27 State Budget



MASSACHUSETTS  
UNION OF PUBLIC  
HOUSING TENANTS

## Mass Union Urges our State Representatives to Co-Sponsor the Following Amendments

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### **Amendment #754, raises the public housing Operating Subsidy from \$117.8 to \$120 million**

The current public housing operating subsidy is inadequate and must be raised. Because of inadequate funding, we live with mold, leaks, rats, broken elevators, backed up sewage and more. There are not enough staff to provide maintenance and administration. Capital needs pile up, and up. The state needs to stop this downward spiral and invest in preserving public housing now.

### **Amendment #621, provides \$350,000 for technical assistance for tenants facing redevelopment**

A lot of public housing is being redeveloped through “public-private” partnerships. While this can provide much-needed capital, the transition is scary and overwhelming for tenants. Tenants need experts by our side to ensure that redeveloped properties are informed by our insights, and our rights are respected throughout. We know what really works. Don’t leave us out of the conversation. For our participation to be meaningful, we need technical assistance.

### **Amendment #1419, increases funding for Access to Counsel in evictions from \$3 to \$4 million**

### **Amendment #1291, includes the Access to Counsel bill in the budget, ensuring a stable statewide program**

Mass Union’s members strongly support the Access to Counsel program, which helps both individual tenants facing eviction and those who might receive a Notice to Quit for inappropriate reasons. This program is a gamechanger for our communities.

### **Amendment #1365, raises funding for Resident Service Coordinators from \$6.5 to \$7.5 million**

Resident Services Coordinators (RSCs) are invaluable members of public housing communities, often working closely with Local Tenant Organizations to provide essential services that dramatically increase tenants’ quality of life and preserve tenancies.



Mass Union would like to thank the legislature for providing state-funded **public housing for all** people who need it regardless of citizenship status.