

COVID-19 Relief for Massachusetts Individuals & Businesses

Are you an individual, family, or household that needs assistance?

You may be able to receive support through these programs:

Category	Programs
General Assistance (Food Support, Unemployment Insurance)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal Stimulus Payments: IRS is currently distributing third round • Child Tax Credit: Advance payments of this credit will start this summer • Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP): Additional funding available from COVID legislation • Women, Infants & Children Nutrition Program (WIC): Additional funding available from COVID legislation • Pandemic-EBT (P-EBT): New program created to help families with children buy healthy food during the pandemic • Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA): Assistance for self-employed and contractors not traditionally eligible for benefits • FEMA Funeral Assistance: Financial assistance for COVID-19 related funeral expenses incurred after January 20, 2020 • Emergency Broadband Benefit: FCC program to help those struggling to afford internet service during the COVID-19 pandemic
Veterans Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 115 Benefits: Veterans facing financial difficulties may be eligible for 115 benefits
Utility Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Massachusetts Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program: Additional funding available from COVID legislation
Housing Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP): Additional funding available from COVID legislation • Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT): Additional funding available to support those facing eviction • Emergency Rental and Mortgage Assistance Program (ERMA): Additional funding available for rental, mortgage assistance for low-income households • Emergency Rental Assistance Program: New program for eligible low-income tenants in need of financial assistance due to the pandemic

Are you a small business that needs support?

You may be able to receive support through these programs:

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Small Business Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employee Retention Tax Credit (ERTC): Expansion of refundable tax credit against certain employment taxes • Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL): Low-interest loans for small business owners and qualified agricultural businesses • PPP Loan Forgiveness: Loan forgiveness for PPP borrowers if funds were used for eligible payroll costs, payments on business mortgage interest payments, rent, or utilities during either the 8- or 24-week period after disbursement • Shuttered Venue Operators: New funding available to support shuttered venues affected by the pandemic • Restaurant Revitalization Fund: New program to help restaurants and other eligible businesses keep their doors open