



Are you homeless or at risk of becoming homeless?

Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT)

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Way Finders may be able to help by assessing your needs to determine eligibility to be considered for financial assistance, as well as provide brief counseling, information, and referrals to other available resources.

COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY

Way Finders is conducting RAFT assessments online and by phone only until offices are re-opened to the public (stay updated at www.wayfindersma.org/covid-19). We are not able to accept walk-in requests at this time. Please visit www.wayfindersma.org/hcec-assessment or contact 413-233-1600 to complete an assessment.

New funding has enabled the RAFT program to create a special program for households facing housing instability as a result of a COVID-19 related housing crisis due to a loss of wages or increase in expenses, for example, due to medical expenses.

The RAFT program helps keep households in stable housing situations when facing eviction, foreclosure, loss of utilities, and other housing emergencies caused by loss of income, increase in expenses, or both. RAFT assists eligible households of all sizes and configurations with financial assistance up to \$4,000 per household to help preserve current housing or move to new housing.



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RAFT funds can help you in a variety of ways, including:

Rent Arrears
Mortgage Arrears
Utility Arrears
Security Deposits
Move-in Costs (First/Last/Security)
Utility Deposits
and more...

If you aren't eligible for financial assistance, Way Finders' Homeless Prevention Counselors will provide you with information for other resources available in the community.

Please call 413-233-1600 Monday - Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm with any questions.



What do you need to provide to be assessed?

- **Birth Certificates** for all household members
 - Long form for any dependent children
- **Social Security Cards** for all household members
- **Picture ID** for all household members 18 & over
- **Confirmation of Full-time Student Status** if child is 18-20 (if applicable)
- **All Income Verification cannot be more than 60 days old**
 - Last 4 Weekly Paystubs or
 - Last 2 Bi-Weekly Paystubs
 - Social Security
 - Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) Cash & Food Stamps
 - Child Support Payments
 - Pension or Annuity
 - Casual Labor - Notarized Letter
 - Notarized Letter Stating Zero Income for anyone 18 or older who isn't working
 - Any Other Source of Income
- **You MUST have a documented crisis/emergency**
Examples:
 - Doubled-up/Homeless Letter
 - Summary Process
 - 14-Day Notice
 - Eviction
 - Failed Inspection Report
 - Board of Health Condemnation Order
 - Utility Shut-off
 - Notice of Mortgage Default (over 30 days past due)
- **Letter of Lead Compliance** from potential landlord if there are children under 6 years old