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<th><strong>South Shore Habitat for Humanity</strong></th>
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<td>(781) 337-7744 ext. 18</td>
<td>U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) (202) 708-1112; TTY (202) 708-1455</td>
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<td>Massachusetts Division of Banks 1-800-495-BANK (2265)</td>
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<td>Information about entering a lottery for one of their affordable homes.</td>
<td>Maintains listings of affordable homes</td>
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<td>Help those facing foreclosure in the next 7 days by working to delay the process until a housing counselor is reached.</td>
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<td><strong>Attleboro-Taunton HOME Consortium</strong></td>
<td><strong>South Shore Housing</strong> (781) 422-4200; 1-800-242-0957</td>
<td><strong>Fair Housing Accessibility FIRST</strong> 1-888-341-7781 (V/TTY)</td>
<td><strong>Making Home Affordable</strong> 1-888-995-HOPE (4673) 1-877-304-9709 TTY</td>
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<td>Offers financial assistance with first-time home purchases. The program is operated through the City of Taunton. For guidelines and to apply, Contact Jim Howland at (508) 821-1030.</td>
<td>Housing case management and education</td>
<td>FIRST is an initiative designed to promote compliance with the Fair Housing Act design and construction requirements. The program offers comprehensive and detailed instruction programs, useful online web resources, and a toll-free information line.</td>
<td>National foreclosure prevention hotline. Assistance with mortgage refinances, modifications, reducing monthly payments.</td>
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<td><strong>South Shore Housing</strong> (781) 422-4200; 1-800-242-0957</td>
<td><strong>Easton Housing Authority</strong> (508) 238-4747</td>
<td><strong>Massachusetts Office on Disability</strong> (MOD) (617) 727-7440; V/TTY 1-800-322-2020</td>
<td><strong>Neighborhood Housing Services of the South Shore</strong> (508) 895-1782</td>
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<td>Housing case management and education</td>
<td>Operates Easton Section 8 &amp; public housing programs.</td>
<td>Provides technical assistance, troubleshooting and advice on disability related issues. Mental disorders: Mass Dept. of Mental Health (617) 626-8000; Mass Dept. of Mental Retardation (617) 727-5608.</td>
<td>Foreclosure prevention classes &amp; counseling</td>
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<td><strong>Pro-Home, Inc.</strong> (508) 821-2514</td>
<td><strong>Taunton Housing Authority</strong> (508) 823-6308</td>
<td><strong>Easton Housing Authority</strong> (508) 238-4747</td>
<td><strong>Mortgage Relief Fund</strong> (Does not need to be your current bank) Citizen’s Bank 1-888-411-1145</td>
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<td>For first-time home buyers, offers grants up to $10,000 in down-payment and closing cost assistance, counseling and seminars on the home buying process.</td>
<td>Oversees Section 8 list for entire region.</td>
<td>Oversees accessible public housing in Easton.</td>
<td>Sovereign Bank 1-800-288-6225 Assistance for homeowners having difficulty making their mortgage payments.</td>
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<td><strong>MassHousing</strong> (617) 854-1185</td>
<td><strong>Help with Utility Bills</strong> Low-income utility rates:</td>
<td><strong>Disability Law Center of Massachusetts</strong> Boston: (617) 723-8455/1-800-872-9992; TTY (617) 227-9464/1-800-381-0577</td>
<td><strong>Domestic &amp; Sexual Violence</strong> Hotlines with referrals to safe housing:</td>
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<td>Loans available for moderate income buyers. Call for list of affordable units.</td>
<td>Bay State Gas: 1-800-882-5454</td>
<td><strong>New England INDEX</strong> 1-800-642-0249; TTY 1-800-764-0200</td>
<td>A New Day - (508) 588-8255</td>
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<td><strong>Neighborhood Housing Services of the South Shore</strong> (508) 895-1782</td>
<td>National Grid: 1-800-322-3223</td>
<td>Information and assistance for people with disabilities.</td>
<td>H.U.G.S. II - (508) 230-3309</td>
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<td>First-time homebuyer counseling/classes</td>
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<td>SafeLink - 1-877-785-2020</td>
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<td><strong>Veterans Affairs</strong> 1-800-827-6311</td>
<td><strong>Good Neighbor Energy Fund</strong> 1-800-334-3047</td>
<td><strong>Massachusetts Cold Relief Hotline</strong> 1-800-632-8175</td>
<td>Massachusetts DTA - (508) 895-7163</td>
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<td>Home loan programs for veterans</td>
<td><strong>Citizens Energy Heat Assistance</strong> Gas: 1-866-427-9918; Oil: 1-877-563-4645</td>
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<td>Family and Community Resources, Inc. (508) 583-6498; TTY (508) 583-6498</td>
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<td><strong>Massachusetts Utility Shutoff Protection</strong> 1-877-886-5066 or (617) 727-8400</td>
<td><strong>Self-Help Inc.:</strong> (508) 588-5440</td>
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<td>Gay Men’s Domestic Violence Project 1-800-832-1901</td>
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The Town of Easton, along with state and other agencies, offers a variety of programs to help income-qualified families and others seeking help in renting, buying and affording a home. We encourage you to make use of these programs and to refer family, friends and neighbors who may be eligible.

For further information:
- Stop by Easton Town Offices at 136 Elm Street
- Call Easton’s Community Housing Planner at (508) 230-0630
- Call Easton’s Citizen Advocate at (508) 230-0512
- Visit the Town website

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Housing & Financial Assistance

**BAMSI**
(508) 584-4357; 1-866-621-4747
Housing assistance program for families in danger of becoming homeless.

**Mass Coalition for the Homeless**
(781) 595-7570
Emergency homelessness resources for families, individuals and people who have experienced domestic violence.

**Community Care Services**
(508) 821-7777
Offers housing placement services to help families transition from homelessness.

**Massachusetts DTA**
(508) 895-7000 Brockton office; 1-800-445-660 Statewide hotline
Assistance including emergency shelter.

**For Seniors**

**Easton Housing Authority**
(508) 238-4747
Oversees senior public housing in Easton.

**Massachusetts State Government**
1-800-882-2003
Elder Hotline (info. on rental assistance)

**Massachusetts Dept. of Elder Affairs**
(617) 727-7750
Maintains list of facilities and resources for senior housing

**HUD**
(202) 708-1112; TTY (202) 708-1455
Maintains listings of affordable housing (including senior housing)

**Emergency Housing Help**

**Home Maintenance & Repair**

**Boston Building Material Co-op**
(617) 422-2262
BBMC provides high quality materials at a reasonable cost and instruction on home maintenance and improvement.

**Attleboro-Taunton HOME Consortium**
Assistance for home rehabilitation projects. Contact Jim Howland at (508) 821-1030.

**Neighborhood Housing Services of the South Shore**
508-895-1782
Home improvement grants/loans for income-eligible households

**Mass Lead Paint Removal Program**
1-800-532-9571; TTY (617) 624-5286

**General/Legal Resources**

**Money Management International (formerly Consumer Credit Counseling)**
1-886-889-9347
Help with emergency financial situations

**Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination:**
(617) 727-3990

**Massachusetts Attorney General’s Office**
(617) 727-2200; TTY: (617) 727-4765

**HUD**
(617) 994-8200; TTY (617) 565-5453
Enforces federal fair housing laws.

**HUD**
1-800-569-4287
Information on housing counseling agencies, buying a home, renting, default, foreclosure avoidance, credit issues and reverse mortgages.