



## NEW Homelessness Prevention and Re-Housing Funds Available until June 30, 2018

1. **RAFT homelessness prevention funds** are now available for single individuals at risk of homelessness, including unaccompanied homeless youth, people with disabilities and the elderly. To apply for resources, contact:

- **Hampden/Hampshire County:** [Way Finders](#), 413-233-1600
- **Franklin County:** [Franklin Regional Housing and Redevelopment Authority](#), Contact Amanda Watson at 413-863-9781 x 150
- **Berkshire County:** [Berkshire Housing Development Corporation](#), [413-499-1630](#)

2. **Network re-housing and prevention funds** are now available through its FY18 \$125,000 earmark that finally came through (huge thanks to our Western MA legislators for making it happen)! **We are able to use virtually all of the funds for direct financial assistance.** Please read below for a list of the resources and the way to access them.

### Hampden County

**Catholic Charities:** Contact *Laura Robertson*,  
[l.robertson@diospringfield.org](mailto:l.robertson@diospringfield.org), [413-452-0605](tel:413-452-0605)

- Rapid rehousing/prevention for 5-10 homeless/imminent risk households not eligible for EA or RAFT (may be families or individuals).
- Security deposits to 8-15 participants in the Springfield Housing Authority Chronic program, enabling them to move from current apartments and free those units up for current chronically homeless persons

**Gandara Center:** Contact the *SHINE* program at [413-654-1554](tel:413-654-1554)

- Rental subsidies for 7 transition-age youth, ages 18-24, phased in between March - June, 2018



## Three County - Hampshire, Franklin Berkshire Counties

### **Community Action: Call the Community Resources and Advocacy Program at one of four locations:**

Greenfield: [413-475-1570](tel:413-475-1570)

Northampton: [413-582-4237](tel:413-582-4237)

Orange: [978-544-8091](tel:978-544-8091)

Ware: [413-967-4920](tel:413-967-4920)

- Prevention funds that can be used for rent arrears, utility shut-off prevention or for move-in if the household must move and has located a new apartment. Households must be sustainable. Individuals and families at risk of homelessness are eligible if they earn up to 200% of the Federal Poverty Guideline (HH1: \$24,280, HH2: \$32,920, HH3 \$41,560, HH4: 50,200)

### **DIAL/SELF: Contact Kelsey Wessels at [kwessels@dialself.org](mailto:kwessels@dialself.org)**

- Flexible funds to preserve at-risk tenancies or cover move-in expenses for 7-10 youth/young adults 24 years of age and under.

### **Berkshire County Regional Housing Authority: Contact the Intake, Assessment and Screening Center [413-499-1630](tel:413-499-1630)**

- Flexible financial assistance for families and individuals who are at-risk of homelessness. Eligible uses may include: first/last month's rent, security deposit, rent arrears, utility start-up costs, or other uses that will result in greater housing stability.