

# Housing

Do you need help paying rent? Finding affordable housing?



## What is Housing Assistance?

The Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and local organizations help provide lower cost, subsidized housing for people who cannot afford market rate rents or home prices.

## Types of Assistance

- Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program
- Alternative Housing Voucher Program
- RAFT
- Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program
- State aided public housing
- Federal public housing

## How we can help

- Answer any housing questions
- Explain the assistance programs
- Make referrals to local nonprofits with housing assistance programs

## Useful Links

- DHCD Guide to Housing Assistance: [mass.gov/guides/a-guide-to-obtaining-housing-assistance#-state-aided-public-housing-](https://www.mass.gov/guides/a-guide-to-obtaining-housing-assistance#-state-aided-public-housing-)
- Common Housing Application for Massachusetts Public Housing (CHAMP): [publichousingapplication.ocd.state.ma.us/](https://publichousingapplication.ocd.state.ma.us/)

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### **Housing Families**

(781) 322-9119 | [info@housingfamilies.org](mailto:info@housingfamilies.org)

Housing Families operates homeless assistance programs for families and individuals, including emergency shelter and permanent, stable housing. Their holistic housing assistance programs also include services such as legal assistance, tutoring, counseling and therapy, food pantry access, and more.

### **Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD)**

(617) 348-6329 |  
[abcdconnect@bostonabcd.org](mailto:abcdconnect@bostonabcd.org)

ABCD is a directory for housing opportunities and aide that offers free consultations to anyone in need of answers or guidance when searching for affordable housing, both temporary and permanent. ABCD also offers aide in finding and connecting you with the programs and services that your situation requires.

### **Malden Warming Center**

(781)-324-4230 | [sharing@maldenwarmingcenter.org](mailto:sharing@maldenwarmingcenter.org)

Malden Warming Center is a temporary shelter located at 529 Eastern Ave, Malden, MA, offering pantry services as well as some toiletries and basic need amenities, in a caring and compassionate enviroment welcome to all.

### **YMCA Malden**

(978)-564-3460

YMCA Malden offers programs that can help connect you to affordable permanent residency in and around the greater Boston area sponsored by the YMCA, for both families and individual adults.

### **YWCA Malden**

(781) 322-3760 | [empowerment@ywcamalden.org](mailto:empowerment@ywcamalden.org)

The Malden YWCA is a program centered around an affordable communal housing opportunity located at 54 Washington Street, Malden MA, offering a safe and supportive community for women in need.



# Food Security

Are you experiencing food insecurity? Do you need help connecting with assistance programs?



## What is Food Security Assistance?

Within the state of Massachusetts, there are several food security assistance programs dedicated to providing healthy and nutritious food to lower income households who cannot otherwise benefit from such resources.

## Types of Assistance

- Food Banks
- Food delivery programs
- SNAP (Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program), a state-funded food security program sponsored by the USDA
- CNOP, a state-sponsored and funded program dedicated to ensuring school and summer meals to children in need
- Massachusetts HIP (Healthy Incentives Program), an add-on to SNAP that refunds part of the money spent when used at certain vendors.

## How we can help

- Answer any food security questions
- Explain the assistance programs
- Make referrals to local nonprofits with food security programs

## Useful Links

- SNAP Application: <https://gettingsnap.org>
- CNOP Application: <https://meals4kids.org/>
- Food Bank Map: <https://www.feedingamerica.org/find-your-local-foodbank>

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### **Bread of Life**

(781)-397-0404 | [info@breadoflifemalden.org](mailto:info@breadoflifemalden.org)

Bread of Life is a non-profit organization offering a wide variety of nutritional services including free evening meals, a grocery delivery program, motel meals for homeless individuals, and a food pantry located at 109 Madison St, Malden, MA.

### **Greater Boston Food Bank**

(617)-427-5200

The GBFB is the largest hunger relief organization in New England, offering food security aid through over 600 food relief agencies throughout the region, all resources easily accessible via their website at [gbfb.org](http://gbfb.org).

### **Malden YMCA Food Market**

(781) 324-768

The Malden YMCA food market is located 99 Dartmouth Street, Malden, MA, and offers free food for families or individuals in need.

### **Meals on Wheels**

(888)-998-6325

Meals on Wheels is a non-profit focused on bringing meals to elderly people in need, dedicated to providing health check-ins alongside a nutritious meal with a smile.

### **Malden Community Fridge**

(978)-564-3460

There are currently 4 community fridges in Malden, where anyone can drop off or take any of the food and produce available

### **Malden Community Garden**

[bikepathcommunitygarden@gmail.com](mailto:bikepathcommunitygarden@gmail.com)

The Malden Community Garden, located at the Northern Strand Bike Path between Franklin and Faulkner Streets in Malden, MA, offers garden plots alongside free water services and a warm and welcoming community of gardeners.

### **Project Bread**

(617)-723-5000 | [info@projectbread.org](mailto:info@projectbread.org)

Project Bread is an organization dedicated to breaking the cycle of hunger by providing free and easy access to food and meals for those in need by working with food pantries, supporting food security in legislation, and working directly with communities to connect them to the services they need.



# SNAP/HIP Programs

Resources for Malden Residents



## What is SNAP?

- The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, previously known as food stamps, is an initiative funded by the state that gives lower-income households and individuals additional income for food-related purchases.
- This is done via a specialized debit card known as the EBT card, which the DTA uses to deliver most of its financial aid.

## What is HIP?

- HIP, the Healthy Incentives Program, is an accompanying feature to SNAP that reimburses a portion of SNAP money that is used to buy healthy, local produce from vendors participating in the HIP program.
- HIP is also included with SNAP alongside the EBT card, so no additional applications necessary!



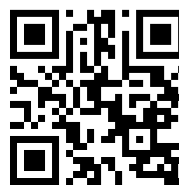
## Are You Eligible?

Take the free 10 second quiz to find out!



## Scan to find SNAP & HIP Vendors Near You !

### SNAP Map



[bit.ly/SNAPVendors](http://bit.ly/SNAPVendors)

### HIP Map



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# Unemployment Assistance

Do you need help finding jobs in your area? filing for unemployment benefits?

## What is unemployment aid?

Unemployment assistance can include anything from assistance in collecting unemployment benefits to guidance in seeking legal ramification to unjust or unlawful unemployment.

## What is Pandemic Unemployment Aid (PUA)?

PUA provided up to 79 weeks of benefits to individuals who were unable to work because of a COVID-19 related reason but were not eligible for regular unemployment or extended benefits. PUA ended the week of **September 4, 2021**.

## Types of Assistance

- State Unemployment Benefits
- Fair Employment Project Aid
- DUA Unemployment Insurance (UI) Program

## How we can help

- Answer any unemployment questions
- Explain the assistance programs
- Make referrals to unemployment benefit services
- Follow up on your case with DUA

## Useful Links

- Unemployment Benefits Application: [www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-unemployment-benefits](http://www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-unemployment-benefits)
- Worker's Rights Directory: <http://www.fairemploymentproject.org/informationforworkers.html>

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### Department of Unemployment Assistance

(877) 626-6800

The Massachusetts Department of Unemployment Assistance aims to provide free and accessible resources for unemployment benefit assistance, unemployment insurance aide, and legal guidance in refuting an unfair unemployment.

### Triangle, Inc.

(781) 388-4326

Triangle provides assessments, job placement, and ongoing employment supports to both youth and adults. The organization works with referrals from the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC), Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA), and Department of Developmental Services (DDS). Employment Specialists work one-to-one and in small group settings to help each person identify and pursue their short-term and long-term career goals.

### MassHire Metro North Career Center

(617)-884-4333

MassHire Metro North provides job search assistance to help people to meet their training and employment goals. Their connection to businesses provide valuable information to keep you informed of the in-demand occupations in our region and how best to prepare for those opportunities.

### MassHire JobQuest

[jobquest.dcs.eol.mass.gov/jobquest/](http://jobquest.dcs.eol.mass.gov/jobquest/)

MassHire JobQuest is a database for all current and available jobs in the Massachusetts area, offering a wide variety of opportunities for any profession.

### Fair Employment Project

(617)-902-0192 |

[info@fairemploymentproject.org](mailto:info@fairemploymentproject.org)

The fair employment project aims to make sure that every worker knows their rights and can access affordable legal aid in retaliating against an unfair unemployment.



# Cultural Organizations

Do you need help finding cultural organizations near you?



## What are Cultural Organizations?

Cultural organizations are programs created to bring together and support specific communities, while highlighting as well as celebrating their unique cultural aspects.

## Types of Assistance

- Malden Cultural Council LLC grant program
- Malden Center for Arts and Culture

## How we can help

- Help you find local cultural organizations
- Help fund and advocate for cultural organizations and their missions

## Useful Links

- Malden LLC grant application: <https://massculturalcouncil.org/communities/local-cultural-council-program/application-process/>
- Directory of Malden Cultural Organizations: <https://www.cityofmalden.org/BusinessDirectoryII.aspx?lngBusinessCategoryID=30>

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### **The American Association for Arab Women**

(339)-227-1121 | [needhelp@potisen.com](mailto:needhelp@potisen.com) | [American.2aw@gmail.com](mailto:American.2aw@gmail.com)

The American Association For Arab Women provides a community for Arab women to network, find local opportunities, create a support system, and seek advice for uniquely Arab struggles. The AAWW equally offers aide for newly immigrated families with translation, applying into the school system, and connecting with their heritage away from home.

### **Malden Arts**

(339)-224-1437 | [info@maldenarts.org](mailto:info@maldenarts.org)

Malden Arts is a non-profit dedicated to bringing the arts to Malden through projects such as little free libraries, the switchbox project, Artline, and more.

### **Malden Cultural Council**

(617)-858-2700

The Malden Cultural Council promote the importance of the arts through advocating for art programs in the school system, pushing for grants, supporting cultural organizations, and making connections between artists and businesses.

### **Wah Lum Kung Fu and Tai Chi Academy**

(617)-858-2700 | [sifu@wahlumacademy.com](mailto:sifu@wahlumacademy.com)

The Wah Lum academy offers Kung Fu and Tai Chi to children and adults, and creates a cultural hub for the Asian-American community by organizing events and rallies for equity and cultural celebration.

### **Chinese Culture Connection**

(781)-321-6316 | [info@chinesecultureconnection.org](mailto:info@chinesecultureconnection.org)

The CCC is an organization that promotes intercultural harmony through a wide range of programs available to both children and adults like a Chinese language program, school and community workshops, a youth leadership program, and more.

### **Greater Malden Asian American Community Coalition**

(781)-333-8448 | [admin@gmaacc.org](mailto:admin@gmaacc.org)

The GMAACC advocates for community well being and equity by connecting community members through programs like the Greater Malden Asian Food Pantry, the youth mental health program, the elder ping pong program, and more

### **Immigrant Learning Center**

(781)-322-9777

The ILC is a non-profit organization that has been helping immigrants adapt to life in America since 1992, offering english language learning classes to people of all ages, advocating for immigration rights, and spreading awareness of the conditions of immigration system in the USA.

