

May 6, 2024

The Honorable Michael J. Rodrigues
Chair, Senate Committee on Ways and Means
State House, Room 212
Boston, MA 02133

The Honorable Aaron Michlewitz
Chair, House Committee on Ways and Means
State House, Room 243
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairs Rodrigues and Michlewitz:

Pursuant to Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023, we are transmitting to you this report on the Emergency Housing Assistance Program.

Sincerely,

Secretary Matthew J. Gorzkowicz,
Executive Office for Administration
and Finance

Secretary Edward Augustus,
Executive Office for Housing and
Livable Communities

MEMORANDUM

TO: House and Senate Committees on Ways and Means
FR: Executive Office for Administration and Finance, Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities
DT: May 6, 2024
RE: Bi-weekly EA report

Background/Narrative

The table below includes key datapoints outlined in Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023. The data is updated as of May 2, 2024. The Administration continues to pursue key activities related to these datapoints below.

Caseload

Datapoint	Value as of 05/02/24	Notes
Total families in EA who entered as migrants, refugees, or asylum seekers	3,758	Estimate based on family head of household citizenship status and primary language spoken.
Total families currently in shelters, hotels or motels, by municipality	See Appendix A	Families are supported across traditional EA shelters and hotels/motels.

Work Authorizations

- Work Authorization Clinics:** In partnership with the Department of Homeland Security and multiple Commonwealth agencies, the Administration successfully ran two weeks of work authorization clinics for migrants staying in emergency family shelter (November 13-17 and November 27-30). In total, the work authorization clinics supported 2,910 individuals, completed 1,951 biometrics with USCIS, vaccinated 1,031 adults and children, and facilitated 734 visits to MassHire stations.

Datapoint	Value as of 05/02/24	Notes
Total number of individuals in EA who entered as migrants, refugees, or asylum seekers who have work authorizations	2,713	Adults who entered as migrants, refugees, or asylum seekers in EA shelter system who have self-reported that they have confirmed work authorization plus the number of approved work authorizations resulting from the work authorization clinic as reported by USCIS. This excludes (1) US citizens, green card holders, and other categories of individuals who have not recently migrated

		<p>but are eligible to work; and (2) those who entered as migrants, refugees, or asylum seekers who have applied for work authorization but who have not reported confirmation of approved work authorization.</p> <p>While this number is unchanged from the last biweekly report, the Administration continues to partner with the Department of Homeland Security to verify additional work authorizations granted via the November work authorization clinic.</p>
Total number of individuals in EA who entered as migrants, refugees, or asylum seekers who have filed for work authorizations	3,595	In addition to the approved work authorization efforts, the Administration is working with local legal services providers to file additional work authorization applications for migrants staying in emergency shelter.

Fiscal

Datapoint	Value as of 05/02/24	Notes
Total amount expended on the emergency housing assistance program in FY24	\$564 M	Spending to date includes shelter & associated services, National Guard activation, Clinical and Safety Risk Assessment Sites, Temporary Emergency Shelters, Family Welcome Centers, municipal payments, and overflow spending. Because the Commonwealth typically pays service providers and vendors monthly, spending to date is largely reflective of costs through mid-March; March invoices are currently being received and processed.
Total amount expended on supplemental school district costs, by district	See Appendix B	FY23 and FY24 school district per-pupil emergency aid payments detailed in Appendix B.
Total amount expended on municipal supports, by municipality	\$10 M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$8.9 M spent on FY24 school district per-pupil emergency aid payments detailed in Appendix B; \$1.2 M spent on Q1 and Q2 municipal room occupancy tax reimbursements.
Total amount spent for any other purpose from 1599-0514	\$120.5 M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$91.3 M spent to pay shelter providers;

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$12.8 M spent to pay service providers at Clinical and Safety Risk Assessment and overflow sites; • \$8.9 M for emergency per-pupil student aid; • \$5.5 M spent for National Guard payroll; • \$1.2 M for municipal reimbursements; • \$342 K spent for life safety improvements to the Registry of Deeds building in Cambridge serving as an overflow shelter; • \$248 K spent for Regional Response Team Leads • \$226 K spent for life safety improvements to the Melnea Cass building in Roxbury serving as an overflow shelter • \$28 K spent for nursing staff supporting overflow sites; • \$5 K spent for Immigrant Family Services Institute <p><i>Note:</i> Figure is inclusive of municipal payments reported above.</p>
Projected FY24 deficiency	\$0	The recently signed supplemental budget will address all spending needs for the remainder of FY24, which includes shelter & associated services, staffing, Clinical and Safety Risk Assessment Sites, Family Welcome Centers, school district reimbursements, immigration and refugee health, community, and workforce supports, and municipal support.
Projected FY25 costs through the end of FY25	\$915 M	While \$915 M represents projected FY25 costs, when one subtracts assumed FY25 resources consistent with the FY24 GAA and recently signed supp, the gap between projected FY25 costs and assumed resources is \$415 M. Estimate includes shelter & associated services, staffing, Clinical and Safety Risk Assessment Sites, Family Welcome Centers, school district reimbursements, immigration and refugee health, community, and workforce supports, and municipal support.

Appendix A: Total Families Currently in Shelters, Hotels or Motels by Municipality

Town	Total Families
Acton	28
Amherst	5
Andover	17
Arlington	11
Ashland	2
Attleboro	14
Auburn	83
Ayer	45
Barnstable	32
Bedford	16
Beverly	27
Boston	1,303
Bourne	47
Braintree	15
Bridgewater	4
Brockton	162
Brookline	32
Burlington	34
Cambridge	32
Chelmsford	3
Chelsea	31
Chicopee	121
Concord	89
Danvers	173
Dedham	154
Devens	12
Everett	98
Fall River	91
Falmouth	10
Fitchburg	10
Foxborough	89
Framingham	182
Franklin	92
Gardner	52
Gloucester	7
Great Barrington	14
Greenfield	57
Hanson	1
Haverhill	73

Holyoke	174
Hudson	50
Kingston	95
Lawrence	61
Leicester	35
Lexington	30
Lowell	335
Ludlow	1
Lynn	303
Malden	62
Marlborough	151
Marshfield	21
Medford	38
Medway	12
Melrose	1
Methuen	74
Middleborough	54
Milford	77
Milton	2
New Bedford	26
North Attleboro	1
Northampton	14
Northborough	21
Norton	22
Norwell	14
Norwood	75
Peabody	234
Pittsfield	30
Plainville	57
Plymouth	37
Raynham	76
Revere	26
Rockland	59
Salem	134
Saugus	75
Sharon	72
Shrewsbury	82
South Hadley	8
Southbridge	1
Springfield	277
Stoneham	1
Stoughton	243
Sturbridge	21

Taunton	192
Tewksbury	27
Wakefield	2
Waltham	53
Watertown	42
West Springfield	89
Westborough	70
Westminster	34
Weymouth	9
Woburn	156
Worcester	333
Total	7,462

Appendix B: Amount Expended on Supplemental School District Costs by District

District	FY23 – First Tranche		FY23 – Second Tranche		FY24 – First Tranche		Total to Date
	Amount (Oct. 1, 2022 – Mar. 1, 2023)	Date	Amount (Mar 2, 2023 – end of school year)	Date	Amount (Sept. 1, 2023 – Nov. 30, 2023)	Date	
Andover	\$-		\$-		\$16,048	1/29/2024	\$16,048
Ashburnham- Westminster	\$-		\$-		\$61,570	1/29/2024	\$61,570
Auburn	\$-		\$-		\$121,568	1/29/2024	\$121,568
Ayer Shirley School District	\$-		\$-		\$61,570	1/29/2024	\$61,570
Bedford	\$-		\$-		\$284,252	1/29/2024	\$284,252
Billerica	\$-		\$-		\$94,611	1/29/2024	\$94,611
Boston	\$-		\$-		\$13,100	1/29/2024	\$13,100
Bourne	\$-		\$-		\$221,737	1/29/2024	\$221,737
Braintree	\$-		\$-		\$40,488	1/29/2024	\$40,488
Bridgewater- Raynham	\$-		\$-		\$7,500	1/29/2024	\$7,500
Burlington	\$-		\$44,200	8/30/2023	\$142,021	1/29/2024	\$186,221
Cambridge	\$-		\$11,648	8/30/2023	\$10,570	1/29/2024	\$22,218
Chicopee	\$-		\$52,416	8/30/2023	\$101,009	1/29/2024	\$153,425
Concord	\$-		\$39,832	8/30/2023	\$148,944	1/29/2024	\$188,776
Concord-Carlisle	\$-		\$13,312	8/30/2023	\$-		\$13,312
Danvers	\$-		\$-		\$251,946	1/29/2024	\$251,946
Dartmouth	\$-		\$-		\$62,514	1/29/2024	\$62,514
Dedham	\$-		\$5,824	8/30/2023	\$477,354	1/29/2024	\$483,178
Dennis-Yarmouth	\$-		\$-		\$112,652	1/29/2024	\$112,652

Fairhaven	\$-		\$-		\$30,418	1/29/2024	\$30,418
Foxborough	\$-		\$-		\$214,710	1/29/2024	\$214,710
Framingham	\$-		\$-		\$233,887	1/29/2024	\$233,887
Franklin	\$-		\$-		\$198,557	1/29/2024	\$198,557
Gardner	\$-		\$-		\$163,628	1/29/2024	\$163,628
Greenfield	\$-		\$18,200	8/30/2023	\$68,598	1/29/2024	\$86,798
Hadley	\$-		\$-		\$22,237	1/29/2024	\$22,237
Holyoke	\$-		\$-		\$75,626	1/29/2024	\$75,626
Hudson	\$-		\$-		\$83,283	1/29/2024	\$83,283
King Philip	\$-		\$-		\$64,717	1/29/2024	\$64,717
Kingston	\$87,984	6/22/2023	\$130,416	8/30/2023	\$101,848	1/29/2024	\$320,248
Leicester	\$-		\$-		\$81,604	1/29/2024	\$81,604
Lexington	\$-		\$-		\$24,964	1/29/2024	\$24,964
Lowell	\$-		\$-		\$20,000	1/29/2024	\$20,000
Malden	\$-		\$-		\$420	1/29/2024	\$420
Mansfield	\$-		\$-		\$48,249	1/29/2024	\$48,249
Marlborough	\$38,064	6/22/2023	\$104,832	8/30/2023	\$423,756	1/29/2024	\$566,652
Methuen	\$237,952	6/22/2023	\$376,480	8/30/2023	\$277,959	1/29/2024	\$892,391
Middleborough	\$-		\$-		\$116,743	1/29/2024	\$116,743
Milford	\$-		\$-		\$40,907	1/29/2024	\$40,907
North Attleborough	\$-		\$-		\$113,806	1/29/2024	\$113,806
Northboro-Southboro	\$-		\$-		\$25,488	1/29/2024	\$25,488
Northborough	\$-		\$-		\$46,152	1/29/2024	\$46,152
Norton	\$-		\$-		\$3,147	1/29/2024	\$3,147
Norwood	\$-		\$3,432	8/30/2023	\$12,692	1/29/2024	\$16,124
Oxford	\$21,320	6/22/2023	\$50,232	8/30/2023	\$-		\$71,552
Peabody	\$-		\$43,472	8/30/2023	\$183,348	1/29/2024	\$226,820
Pittsfield	\$-		\$-		\$8,916	1/29/2024	\$8,916
Plainville	\$-		\$-		\$111,183	1/29/2024	\$111,183

Plymouth	\$93,496	6/22/2023	\$123,864	8/30/2023	\$135,728	1/29/2024	\$353,088
Revere	\$-		\$11,544	8/30/2023	\$6,800	1/29/2024	\$18,344
Rockland	\$-		\$-		\$36,082	1/29/2024	\$36,082
Salem	\$52,936	7/10/2023	\$231,504	8/30/2023	\$394,803	1/29/2024	\$679,243
Saugus	\$-		\$-		\$98,072	1/29/2024	\$98,072
Seekonk	\$-		\$-		\$84,751	1/29/2024	\$84,751
Sharon	\$-		\$-		\$11,203	1/29/2024	\$6,503
Shrewsbury	\$-		\$102,648	8/30/2023	\$310,055	1/29/2024	\$412,703
Silver Lake	\$27,248	6/22/2023	\$64,584	8/30/2023	\$77,409	1/29/2024	\$169,241
Somerset	\$-		\$-		\$43,949	1/29/2024	\$43,949
Somerset Berkley Regional School District	\$-		\$-		\$5,245	1/29/2024	\$5,245
Stoughton	\$-		\$-		\$43,949	1/29/2024	\$43,949
Sturbridge	\$-		\$-		\$302,398	1/29/2024	\$302,398
Sutton	\$-		\$-		\$90,625	1/29/2024	\$90,625
Swansea	\$-		\$-		\$59,158	1/29/2024	\$59,158
Tantasqua	\$-		\$-		\$37,865	1/29/2024	\$37,865
Taunton	\$-		\$61,672	8/30/2023	\$345,508	1/29/2024	\$407,180
Waltham	\$-		\$-		\$58,214	1/29/2024	\$58,214
Wareham	\$-		\$-		\$58,843	1/29/2024	\$58,843
West Springfield	\$71,864	6/22/2023	\$295,360	8/30/2023	\$383,058	1/29/2024	\$750,282
Westborough	\$44,928	6/22/2023	\$142,064	8/30/2023	\$194,256	1/29/2024	\$381,248
Woburn	\$-		\$-		\$464,348	1/29/2024	\$464,348
Worcester	\$201,240	6/21/2023	\$235,040	8/30/2023	\$586,020	1/29/2024	\$1,022,300
Total	\$877,032		\$2,162,576		\$8,854,634		\$11,894,242