

RAFT Legislative Quarterly Report

FY2026, Q1

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Introduction

The Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) submits this report to the House and Senate Committees on Ways and Means in accordance with legislative language related to line item 7004-9316, the Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) program, below:

*provided further, that the department shall submit quarterly reports to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the: (1) number of families who applied for assistance; (2) number of families approved for assistance; (3) minimum, median and average amount of financial assistance awarded; (4) total amount of assistance awarded to date, including a breakdown by income category; and (5) number of families falling into each income category.*

Data

**Applications**

Household cases applied for assistance	48,036
Households approved for assistance	14,181
Households denied assistance	9,947

A household may submit multiple applications for assistance. This can result in an artificially low approval rate, as some initial applications may time out due to missing documentation but are later resubmitted and approved. While households can be approved more than once, multiple approvals within the same quarter are uncommon. Any household that applied or was approved more than once in a quarter is counted each time.

"Households who applied for assistance" includes all applications received for RAFT, including Letters of Intent (LOI). LOI applications allow a household to be approved conditionally for RAFT to move to new housing and return to submit a complete RAFT application when they locate a unit. However, "Households approved for assistance" and all figures under "Financial Assistance Awarded" include only RAFT-funded applications and do not include LOI applications. In Q1, an additional 3,791 LOI applications were approved beyond the RAFT approvals shown. Households with approved LOI applications may, but do not always, return to apply for RAFT funds.

EOHLC may, as funds are available, fund certain RAFT applications out of the federal Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) funding. The section below only includes applications funded by the state RAFT appropriation.

**Financial Assistance Awarded**

Minimum amount of financial assistance awarded	\$4
Median amount of financial assistance awarded	\$3,000
Average amount of financial assistance awarded	\$3,407

	Total assistance awarded in this quarter	Total households served in this quarter
Total	\$48,325,625.37	14,181
Assistance awarded for households with income 0-15% AMI	\$18,723,874.63	5,915
Assistance awarded for households with income 16-30% AMI	\$13,989,811.13	4,058
Assistance awarded for households with income 31% + AMI	\$15,611,939.61	4,208