



Libby Arnold Stevens' Resident Stabilization Fund/ Emergency COVID Relief Fund

Stabilizing year round residents through one-time emergency assistance for families and individuals on Cape Cod who are experiencing a temporary financial crisis.

Those helped by the Libby Arnold Stevens Resident Stabilization Fund/Emergency COVID Relief Fund do not receive cash. Payments are made directly to vendors. The Fund provides one-time emergency financial assistance for qualifying needs such as:

Housing – Rent or mortgage

Utilities - Electric, Gas, Oil, Propane

***Transportation** - Car insurance, car payment, repairs - *only if financial difficulty is COVID related

***Childcare Expenses** - *only if financial difficulty is COVID related

Other Emergencies– as determined by the HECH staff and/or Board of Directors

STEP 1: CONFIRM THAT YOU MATCH THESE BASIC CRITERIA

- You have a year round lease or mortgage for a property in Barnstable County which is your only residence
- You are experiencing a qualifying* temporary financial crisis (*to be determined by HECH Staff)
- You have not already applied to and received funding from this Fund

STEP 2: COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM TO: HECH, PO Box 638, WEST HARWICH, MA 02671

Name: _____ **Date** _____

Physical Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email _____ **Phone:** _____

What is your monthly gross income for all household members (18+)? _____

What is your Household Size _____ **What are the ages of all individuals in the household** _____

What are your needs? How much are you requesting and what will it be used for? \$ _____



Please check off the box below if your request is related to the COVID-19 crisis.

I certify that I am applying for emergency housing assistance because of a housing situation that was caused or made worse by the COVID-19 pandemic and economic crisis.

Please explain how COVID-19 caused a financial hardship for your household. (Use additional paper if needed).

If not COVID-19 related, what type of financial crisis are you experiencing? (Use additional paper if needed).

Is this a temporary situation? _____ How long have you been in this situation? _____

Do you currently receive assistance/subsidies for any of the following: (please circle all that apply and indicate the provider)

Fuel: _____ Housing: _____

Child care: _____ Other: (please specify) _____

Have you contacted other organizations for assistance? (Refer to attached resource list) _____

If so who and have you filed an application with them? _____

Do you currently work with a Housing Advocate? _____ Advocate Name/Organization/Contact#: _____

*Please sign here if you authorize HECH to speak with your Advocate on your behalf:

_____ Date: _____



What is your monthly contracted rent or mortgage payment? \$ _____

What are your necessary monthly expenses (other than rent/mortgage)? Gas/Heat: _____

Electric: _____ Childcare Expenses: _____ Car payment: _____

Car Insurance: _____ Medical Expenses: _____ Other: _____

What is your monthly gross income for all household members (18+)? _____

*If approved where should funds be sent? (Landlord/Vendor's Full Name, Account # and Complete Address)

***Please attach copies of complete mortgage statement or entire utility bill.**

You are encouraged to provide as much supporting documents as possible, both specific information about your circumstances and copies of relevant financial documentation. Your application will be reviewed by HECH's Executive Director and Staff and may be further reviewed by the Board of Directors for approval.

This Fund is administered by the Harwich Ecumenical Council for the Homeless and was made possible by funding from the Libby Arnold Stevens Trust, The Cape Cod foundation, and is supported by community donations. Awards are made based on applicant needs and availability of funds.

I hereby verify by signing below that the information provided is correct and that I/my family have not been a recipient of the Libby Arnold Stevens Resident Stabilization Fund in the past.

Sign: _____ Date _____

Voluntary Information Requested

The information regarding race, natural origin, sex designation, marital status, disability status and veteran status on this application is requested in order to assure the grant provider, acting through the MA Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development, that Federal Laws prohibiting discrimination against program or tenant applicants on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, age and disability are complied with. While you are not required to furnish this information, you are encouraged to do so.

Ethnic Category:	Hispanic or Latino _____	Not Hispanic or Latino _____		
Race:	White _____	Black/African American _____	Asian _____	Other (Multi-Racial) _____
	American Indian/Alaskan Native _____	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander _____		
Sex:	Male _____	Female _____	Nonbinary _____	
Check if applicable:	U.S. Veteran _____	Female Head of Household _____		
Elderly (over 60)	_____	Disabled _____		



RESOURCE LIST

General Assistance

Belonging To Each Other – Providing temporary Housing and loving support to persons experiencing homelessness in Falmouth. (Seasonal shelter and housing search program)

774-392-6858

<https://bteofalmouth.com/>

Cape Cod area Catholic Charities - administers social services and emergency assistance for low income and unemployed individuals. Housing resources include emergency rental assistance, tenant and foreclosure mediation. Services for the Barnstable County region. 508-771-6771

<https://www.cssdioc.org/>

The Cape Cod Times Needy Fund for Cape Cod and the Islands-provides mortgage a or rent payment assistance, a homeless shelter, utilities, and prescription medical bills and holiday assistance. 508-778-5661

<https://needyfund.org>

Community Action Committee of Cape Cod and the Islands - The non-profit organization offers assistance programs for housing issues, holiday assistance, eviction prevention, and general case management and advice.

508- 771-1727

<https://cacci.cc>

Falmouth Service Center - provides the low income, unemployed and working poor with essential services and resources such as free food from an emergency food pantry; assistance with Food Stamps, fuel and heating assistance (LIHEAP only), and MassHealth applications. 508 548 – 2794

<https://www.falmouthservicecenter.org/>

Hands of Hope Outreach Center- offers numerous assistance programs and food pantry that serve the needs of low income families and working poor in the Mid-Cape area-from Harwich to Mashpee; financial assistance and cash grants to prevent evictions and homelessness, medical bills. 508-432-1312

<https://www.capecodcouncilofchurches.org/hands-of-hope-food-pantry-and-outreach-center.html>

Helping our Women- Resource center for women living with chronic or life threatening conditions. Offers food and financial assistance, transportation, connection and community. Covers Eastham to Provincetown.

508-487-4357

info@helpingourwomen.org

Holy Trinity St. Vincent de Paul - local non-profit that provides members of the local community with assistance with paying for utility and heating bills, money for housing expenses including rent and mortgages, medical bills, food and other emergency needs such as car repairs.

508-432-0650 Option 4

Lower Cape Outreach Council- goal is to offer immediate assistance to those in need of support with the goal to encourage self sufficiency. Short term financial assistance for housing and utilities as well as partnering with other community based resources. 508-240-0694

<https://lcoutreach.org>



Salvation Army – Services range from providing basic needs like food, clothing, rent and utility assistance to sending children to summer camp. Through partnerships, service units can refer those in need to local community programs that offer shelter, medical and dental assistance, or counseling. Clients also receive seasonal assistance from special back-to-school and Christmas partner programs. Salvation Army Service Units provide individual and emergency services in accordance with local needs and resources available.
508-775-0364

WeCan-supports and empowers women going through life transitions and challenges. They serve women of all ages providing unique, free services, referrals, and resources to help foster independence and create lasting positive change. 508-430-8111
<https://www.wecancenter.org/>

Housing

CHAMP (Common Housing Application for Massachusetts Programs). Using this site, you will be able to apply for state-aided public housing and the Alternative Housing Voucher Program (AHVP), and you will also be able to find any existing applications you may have.
<https://publichousingapplication.oed.state.ma.us/>

Massachusetts Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Centralized Waiting List. Using this site you can apply for the federal government’s voucher program for assisting low income families. Your application is automatically added to the waiting list for all participating housing agencies.
http://www.section8listmass.org/How_to_Apply.php

Harwich Ecumenical Council for the Homeless (HECH, Inc.) – Affordable rental units, access to housing resources and rental assistance programs, as well as housing rehabilitation programs. 508-432-0015
<https://www.hech.org/>

Homeless Prevention Council - is committed to keeping people in home and apartments, and the agency will help those in need find and access available resources, including housing programs, mortgage assistance and funding at government, charities, and other social service agencies. 508-255-9667
<https://www.hpccapecod.org/>

Housing Assistance Corp (HAC)- Residential Assistance to Families in Transition (RAFT) program: Households with elders, unaccompanied youth, people with disabilities, and other households without minor children may apply for **RAFT** to help with expenses such as back rent, back utility bills, first month's rent, last month's rent, and security deposits. (508) 771-5400
<https://haconcapecod.org/>

Legal Services:

South Coastal Counties Legal Services

460 W Main St, Hyannis, MA 02601

(508) 775-7020

Nonprofit providing free civil legal services to low income and elderly people

Heating:

South Shore Community Action Council

[Portal - Customer Portal \(toapply.org\)](https://toapply.org)

