



Commonwealth of Massachusetts
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HOUSING &
LIVABLE COMMUNITIES

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By Email

Chris Van Buskirk
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Re: Public Records Request Dated October 16, 2025

Dear Chris Van Buskirk:

This correspondence is in response to your public records request made to the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) on October 16, 2025. You requested the following records:

1. *The current total amount expended on EA direct shelter costs in fiscal year 2026*
2. *The current total amount expended on exits in fiscal year 2026*
3. *The current total amount expended on "other services" for EA families in fiscal year 2026*
4. *The projected costs for each of those three categories in fiscal year 2026*

Below please find responses to your requests as of October 16th:

1. The total amount expended on Emergency Assistance (EA) Family Shelter program direct shelter thus far in fiscal year 2026 is \$56,562,724.47. Please be advised that the total amount expended on EA direct shelter is dependent on and calculated from invoices received from EA Family Shelter program service providers, so may not accurately represent services rendered to date.
2. The total amount expended on exits thus far in fiscal year 2026 is \$50,668,500.47. Please be advised that HomeBASE invoices are billed for the future 30-day period. Meaning, this amount encompasses spending beyond October 16, 2025.
3. The total amount expended on "other services" thus far in fiscal year 2026 is \$1,785,805.93.

As to request 4, the Fiscal Year 2026 General Appropriations Act appropriated \$276.4 million for the EA Family Shelter program.

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EOHLC now considers your public records request closed. If you wish to challenge any aspect of this response, you may appeal to the Supervisor of Public Records following the procedure set forth in 950 C.M.R. 32.08, a copy of which is available at <http://www.mass.gov/courts/case-legal-res/law-lib/laws-by-source/cmr/>. You may also file a civil action in accordance with G.L. c. 66, § 10A.

Regards,

/s/ Jessica Ellis
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