

Foreclosure Assistance Organizations – Summer 2008

United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley

Target Areas:

Arlington, Bedford, Belmont, Boston, Braintree, Brookline, Burlington, Cambridge, Canton, Chelsea, Cohasset, Danvers, Dedham, Dover, Everett, Foxborough, Hingham, Holbrook, Hull, Lexington, Lincoln, Lynn, Lynnfield, Malden, Marblehead, Medford, Melrose, Middleton, Millis, Milton, Nahant, Natick, Needham, Newton, North Reading, Norwell, Peabody, Quincy, Randolph, Reading, Revere, Salem, Saugus, Scituate, Sharon, Sherborn, Somerville, Stoneham, Sudbury, Swampscott, Topsfield, Wakefield, Waltham, Watertown, Wayland, Wellesley, Weston, Westwood, Weymouth, Wilmington, Winthrop, Woburn

Services:

- They have used \$100,000 to better equip **Mass 2-1-1**, the state's free information and referral hotline, to respond to calls from residents at-risk or in the process of foreclosure. Efforts will focus on three key points:
 - o Coordinating programming and data collection;
 - o Streamlining information and referral processes so that residents at risk can access help immediately; and
 - o Building the capacity of organizations to respond to the increase in cases through foreclosure prevention programs.

The following Massachusetts agencies were selected to receive United Way foreclosure prevention grants:

- **Viet Aid** received a United Way grant to provide foreclosure prevention services in the Greater Boston region.
- **Lynn Housing Authority and Neighborhood Development** received a United Way foreclosure prevention grant to serve the City of Lynn and neighboring communities.
- **Quincy Community Action Programs** received a United Way foreclosure grant to work with Neighborhood Housing Services of the South Shore in providing services to Braintree, Dedham, Holbrook, Hull, Milton, Quincy, Rockland, and Weymouth.

Contact:

United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley
51 Sleeper Street
Boston, MA 02210
Tel: 617-624-8000
Fax: 617-624-9114

NeighborWorks

Target Areas:

All of Massachusetts.

Services:

- Foreclosure assistance hotline: 1-888-995-HOPE

- National Foreclosure Mitigation Counseling Program 202-220-6314
 - o Provides grants to organizations across the country to implement foreclosure counseling services.

Contact:

NeighborWorks New England District
855 Boylston Street, 6th Floor
Boston, MA 02116
Tel: 617-450-0410
Fax: 617-450-0427

Homeownership Options for Massachusetts Elders (H.O.M.E.)

Target Areas:

All of Massachusetts.

Services:

- Foreclosure prevention counseling and reverse mortgage counseling for anyone over 50 years of age and in foreclosure (the age requirement for counseling services is 60 for anyone not already in foreclosure).

Contact:

H.O.M.E.
150 Grossman Drive, 4th Floor
Braintree, MA 02184
Tel: 781-848-5200
Toll Free: 1-800-583-5337

North Shore Regional Partnership

Target Areas:

They have no guidelines, but they usually focus specifically on Greater Boston.

Services:

- They offer clinics every Monday at 6pm where people will fill out paperwork and meet one on one with a counselor. Cases are built from these meetings.

Contact:

NOAH
143 Border Street
East Boston, MA 02128
Tel: 617-567-5882

Quincy Community Action Programs, Inc.

Target Areas:

Braintree, Hull, Milton, Quincy, Weymouth, and surrounding Norfolk County and South Shore communities

Services:

- They offer a mortgage foreclosure and equity conversion counseling program.
 - o 617-479-8181

Contact:

Quincy Community Action Programs, Inc.
1509 Hancock Street
Quincy, MA 02169
Tel: 617-479-8181
Fax: 617-479-7228

Chelsea Restoration Corporation

Target Areas:

Chelsea and Revere

Services:

- They meet with homeowners in foreclosure on Wednesdays and follow up with their bank the following week.
- They do subprime loan mitigation and also work with Attorney General Coakley's office on referrals.

Contact:

Chelsea Restoration Corporation
154 Pearl Street
Chelsea, MA 02150
Tel: 617-889-2277

Gloucester Housing Authority

Target Areas:

Beverly, Danvers, Essex, Gloucester, Ipswich, Manchester, Rockport and other North Shore communities

Services:

- Their free services include loss mitigation and foreclosure counseling as well as foreclosure prevention
 - o Contact: Kathy Erkkila 978-281-4770x110 (klerkkila@ghama.com)

Contact:

Gloucester Housing Authority
259 Washington Street
P.O. Box 1599
Gloucester, MA 01931-1599
Tel: 978-281-4770
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