

# Western Massachusetts Housing Coalition

## *Housing Bond Bill Signing Statement*

8/6/24

Today, Governor Healey signed the Affordable Homes Act. This historically impactful act provides \$5.2 billion in capital funding authorization and policies to create and preserve tens of thousands of desperately needed homes.

The Western Massachusetts Housing Coalition is proud to have worked with our partners in the administration and with legislators to advocate for a version of this bill that benefits our region and meets the unique housing needs of our communities.

The Act provides important, increased funding authorizations and tax credits for building more housing - including many of the WMHC's key priorities. We applaud the significant investment of \$2.2 billion for public housing, and the policy allowing Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) by right in single-family zoned districts.

Although the final bill did not include all of our top priorities, we deeply appreciate our State delegation for their tireless partnership in advocating for our region's needs, and we thank the Governor for her leadership on this issue. We have much work to do to address the current housing crisis, and this bill is foundational to our shared future success - because everyone deserves a home. Everyone deserves a chance to build a stronger future. And we all thrive when we put housing first.

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# Western Massachusetts Housing Coalition Members

## City/Town

Amherst Affordable Housing Trust Fund  
City of Chicopee  
City of Easthampton  
City of Greenfield  
City of Holyoke  
City of Northampton  
City of Pittsfield  
City of Springfield  
City of Westfield  
Egremont Housing Committee  
Lenox Affordable Housing Trust  
Town of Amherst  
Town of Great Barrington  
Town of South Hadley  
Town of West Springfield  
Town of Williamstown

## Advocacy and Supporting Services Organizations

18 Degrees  
Center for Human Development  
Clinical & Support Options (CSO)  
Community Action Pioneer Valley  
DIAL/SELF Youth & Community Services  
Friends of the Homeless (CSO)  
Hampden County Continuum of Care (COC)  
MA Association of CDCs (MACDC)  
Mental Health Association  
Public Health Institute of Western Massachusetts  
Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (RAC-MA)  
Springfield Partners for Community Action  
Western Massachusetts Network to End Homelessness

## Affordable Housing Nonprofits & Community Development Corporations

CDC of South Berkshire  
Central Berkshire Habitat for Humanity  
Construct Berkshires  
Domus, Inc.  
Franklin County CDC  
Greater Springfield Habitat for Humanity  
Hearthway  
Hilltown CDC  
Home City Development, Inc.  
OneHolyoke CDC  
Pioneer Valley Habitat for Humanity  
Quaboag Valley CDC  
Revitalize CDC  
Rural Development, Inc.  
Springfield Neighborhood Housing Services  
Valley CDC  
Valley Opportunity Council  
Way Finders

## Regional Organizations and Housing Authorities

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission  
Franklin County Regional Housing & Redevelopment Authority  
Franklin Regional Council of Governments  
Holyoke Housing Authority  
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission  
Springfield Housing Authority  
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