Town of Ware Planning and Community Development (PCD)

The Town of Ware provides numerous resources for both owner-occupants and investor-owners in need of housing-related assistance. The Office of Planning and Community Development (PCD) should be a homeowner's first contact. PCD can provide assistance to eligible homeowners through numerous programs and direct them to additional local, state, and federal agencies for assistance, as well as help navigate the funding sources listed on this form. PCD can help or refer owner to:

- Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) for housing rehabilitation assistance
- Fuel Assistance/Community Action
- Help Paying Bills & Rent/Salvation Army
- New Windows/Community Action
- Low Income Housing/Ware Housing Authority
- Non-CDBG Housing Grants/USDA Rural Development
- Home buyer and Homeownership programs/HAP, Inc.
- Foreclosure Prevention & Financial Literacy/Valley CDC

^{*}SFOO (Single-family, owner-occupied); SFIO (Single-family, investor-owned); MFOO (Multi-family, owner-occupied); MFIO (Multi-family, investor-owned)

Funding	*Applicable	Eligible	Type and Use of Funding	Max Amount	Requirements	Comments
Source/Program	Property Type	Applicants				
Mass	MFOO, MFIO	For-Profit and	Loans for pre-	\$100,000	Requires 50% match of	
Development:		Not-For-Profit	development costs.		MassDevelopment funds	
Pre-development		Applicants	(Architect, Engineering,			
Loans			Traffic, Feasibility)			
Mass	SFOO, SFIO,	NFP & For-	Acquisition, renovation,	\$5,000,000 (For	Permanent financing	Note: Construction loans
Development:	MFOO, MFIO	profits	construction, and	owner-occupied	available for multi-tenant,	usually made in
Real Estate Loans			permanent financing	properties up to	mixed use, commercial,	conjunction w/another
				90% Loan To	multi-unit rental	lender
				Value)	apartment buildings	
Mass	MFIO	NFP & For-	Acquisition, renovation	Varies based on		If 50% of Total
Development		profits	construction of rental	availability and		development cost is
MHIC:			housing developments if	Project		financed through tax
Tax Exempt Bonds			a portion are affordable			exempt bonds, project
_			(other uses as well).			may be eligible for a tax
						credit allocation

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Mass Development & MHIC: State Bond Tax Credit Financing	MFIO	NFP & For- profits	4% tax credits (equity financing)	Varies w/market conditions and type of project	50% of TDC of an eligible multi-family rental project must be financed with MassDevelopment tax exempt bonds	
Mass Development, MHIC, DHCD: LIHTC (Federal Tax Credit Program)	MFIO	NFP & For- profit developers of affordable housing	9% and 4% Tax Credits. Equity Investment	9% of basis for 10 years	Complex regulations.	Normally combined w/other funding. Strong competition for 4% credits.
Mass Housing Partnership: Rental Housing Financing	MFIO	NFP and For- Profit Developers	Acquisition, Rehab, Acquisition and Rehab or Permanent Financing takeout of construction loans.	Minimum of \$250,000. Projects over \$15 M. w/participating lenders. Max 85% LTV. Max Term 20 years amortized at 30 years. Min. 5 unit project	20% units affordable at 50% AMI OR 40% of units affordable to 60% AMI or 50% of units affordable to 80% AMI. Term of affordability same as loan term even loan is paid in full early.	See Term Sheets
Mass Housing Partnership: MATCH Tax Exempt Financing	MFIO	NFPs and For- Profit Developers	Affordable Rental Housing. Program provides AAA credit enhancement to bonds and can place the bonds through their lenders – avoiding cost of bond issue to developer		See term sheet	May qualify development for tax credits
Mass Housing Partnership: Energy Performance Improvement Program	MFOO, MFIO	NFPs and For- Profits with developments that have MHP funded mortgages	Loans to enhance energy efficiency of affordable multi-unit developments	\$15,000 per unit	See Term Sheet and Guidelines	

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Mass Housing	MFIO	NFPs and For-	Provides additional	\$750,000 per	Must have MHP	See term sheet
Partnership:		Profit	discounted financing for	project at \$50,000	permanent first mtg.	
Home Funders		Developers	developments with 10 or	per eligible unit	HomeFunders 2 nd	
Program			more new affordable		mortgage provided at	
			family-size units (2 BR or		interest rate of 2% with	
			larger) that provide		interest only payments	
			affordable units to		during term of loan (20	
			extremely low income		years) with principal due	
			households (<30%AMI)		at end of term	
Mass Housing	MFIO	NFPs and For-	Simplified lending covers	Not stated	At the end of the	
Partnership and		Profit	both construction and		construction phase a	
MHIC:		Developers	permanent financing		"mini-closing" is held at	
One Source			with one coordinated		which MHP takes over	
			process.		the lending role from	
					MHIC or other	
					construction lender	
MassHousing:	MFIO	NFPs and Sole	Tax-exempt and taxable	Varies by Project	Prevailing Wage for tax	See Underwriting Term
Mixed Income		Purpose LLCs	financing for mixed		exempt either 20%	Sheet
Rental Housing			income rental housing		affordable to 50% AMI or	
			developments.		40% affordable to 60%	
			Amortization up to 40 yrs		AMI. Taxable requires	
					20% affordable to 80%	
MassHousing:	MFIO	NFPs or For-	Rental Housing for Elders	Varies by Project	20% of units must be	See Underwriting Term
Elder Mixed		profits	who want to live in		affordable to elders at or	Sheet
Income			independent rental units		below 50% AMI	
			with access to on-site		remainder of units can be	
			supportive services		market rate	
MassHousing:	MFIO	NFPs and For-	Assisted Living Units for	Varies by Project	20% affordable to 50%	See Underwriting Term
ElderCHOICE		Profits	frail elders with onsite		AMI or 40% affordable to	Sheet. Program Guide
			services.		60% AMI. Rents must	available at
					not exceed 30% of target	MassHousing website
					income group. Very	_
					specific service	
					requirements	

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Source/Program MassHousing and DHCD: Affordable Housing Trust Fund	Property Type SFIO, MFOO, MFIO	Applicants Gov't, Housing Authority's, NFPs, For-profit developers	Funding to create new affordable units (through construction or rehab). Loans can be DPLs, Low or no-interest amortizing loans, matching funds for municipalities that sponsor affordable housing projects;	Based on available funding – largely uses bond funds	Although technically available to for profit developers this program is highly weighted for NFPs	Preference for projects for households at or below 80% Area Median Income, that serve families, the disabled and homeless, have the longest affordability period (30 yr minimum) or are sponsored by
DHCD: CATNHP (Commercial Area Transit Node Housing Program)	MFOO, MFIO	Municipalities, NFPs, and For- Profit Developers	Funding for Housing Projects of 25 units or fewer in Commercial Areas within ¼ mile of a public transit node as defined by TOD regulations.	\$50,000 per unit not to exceed \$1M per project. Funding provided at 0%-2% generally a 30 yr DPL	At least 51% of units must be affordable to households at or below 80% of AMI. Not more than 25 units per project.	NFPs. Funding limited - only one project per commercial area will be accepted by funding round. Process begins with DHCD sponsor meeting. Can be combined w/other DHCD programs.
DHCD: Community Based Housing	MFIO	NFPs, Single purpose corp. controlled by a non-profit.	Permanent DPLs for 30 years with extensions available for an unlimited number of times if units remain affordable.	Up to 50% of TDC of CBH units or project maximum of \$750K.	Maximize tenant empowerment and integration/community. Priority to projects that have 15% or less CBH units.	A for-profit developer can partner with a NFP but NFP must own 51% (controlling interest). See CBH FAQs
DHCD: Housing Innovations Fund	MFIO	NFPs only	30 year renewable DPLs to be used to create alternative forms of housing such as SROs, limited equity cooperatives, transitional housing, etc.	50% of TDC up to a project maximum of \$500,000	Long term use restrictions, right of first refusal to DHCD upon sale,	Not a suitable model for a for-profit developer. Formula requires a break even only income stream.

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DHCD:	SFIO, MFOO,	For-profit and	Acquisition and	Lesser of project	Projects located in	See Program Guidelines
MA HOME	MFIO	NFP developers	rehabilitation of rental	maximum of	entitlement or HOME	
Program		and CHDOs as	housing units including	\$750,000 per	consortium communities	
		well as	distressed properties. 30	project or (In	will be required to	
		municipalities in	year 0% DPLs (DHCD	entitlement or	provide a local match for	
		conjunction with	reserves the right to	HOME	DHCD HOME funds.	
		any of the above	increase interest rate for a	consortium		
			given project).	communities max		
				of \$50,000 per		
				HOME-assisted		
				unit) or (in non-		
				entitlement		
				communities		
				\$65,000 per HOME assisted		
				unit.		
DHCD:	MFOO, MFIO	For-Profit and	Acquisition and	\$100,000 to	Submission of AIF and	Rolling applications
Economic	,	NFP developers	Development costs for	\$750,000 per	meeting with DHCD then	accepted.
Development		1	mixed use properties in	project plus admin	submission of One-Stop	•
Fund (EDF) (from			commercial areas to	costs.	application.	
CDBG funds)			develop workforce			
			housing			
DHCD:	MFIO	NFP, For-profit,	50 year 0% DPLs for	\$1M max per	For first 40 years must be	See Program Description
Housing		municipalities	acquisition and rehab of	project \$50K per	occupied by HH <= 80%.	
Stabilization Fund		and housing	rental housing	HSF eligible unit	Years 41-50 by HH up to	
(HSF)		authorities			100% AMI, High HOME	
					rents apply.	