Housing Tool
Support for Current Residents (Renters and Owners)

**NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Provide renter protections through notification requirements for non-renewal of leases

**CONDO CONVERSION REQUIREMENTS**

Provide renter protections through providing tenants with notice of the intent to convert

**HARDSHIP PERSONAL TAX EXEMPTION**

Prevent foreclosure by releasing eligible residents from paying all or a portion of their real estate taxes

**OFFICE OF HOUSING STABILITY**

Collection of services including legal support, landlord counseling, dispute resolution and provides referrals for financial support to prevent evictions

**UNIFORM RELOCATION ASSISTANCE**

Federal law that establishes relocation support for federally funded programs that require the acquisition of real estate or displace persons from their homes

**STREAMLINING ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING SEARCH ENGINES**

Streamlines access to income-restricted housing, by improving awareness and simplifying housing search engines such as Metrolist and MyMassHome
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Tool
BOSTON HOME CENTER FORECLOSURE PREVENTION SERVICES

Offer homeowners counseling and consultation with lenders on loan modifications

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Tool
BOSTON HOME CENTER HOME EQUITY LOANS

Provide financial support to homeowners for repairs to alleviate and fund maintenance costs

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Tool
SENIORS SAVE PROGRAM

Provide financial support to senior homeowners for repairs by alleviating and funding maintenance costs

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Tool
RENTAL ASSISTANCE DEMONSTRATION CONVERSION (RAD)

Designed to address deferred maintenance in public housing and bridge the loss of affordable housing

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Tool
MAYOR’S OFFICE OF HOUSING (MoH) AFFORDABLE HOUSING INVENTORY

An inventory of existing subsidized housing and proactively monitoring and intervening to preserve it

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Tool
ACQUISITION OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

Provides financial assistance to socially responsible developers for the acquisition and conversion of “naturally occurring affordable housing”
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Producing New Housing

Tool
SQUARES + STREETS ZONING
Rezone transit oriented areas to equitably spread density across Boston’s neighborhoods by increasing the opportunity for mixed-use development and multi-family housing

SQUARES + STREETS

Tool
CREATE NEW PUBLIC HOUSING
Add units permissible under federal “faircloth” laws (an amendment prohibiting HUD from funding the construction or operation of new public housing)

SQUARES + STREETS

Tool
INCLUSIONARY ZONING
Requires that 17-20% of units in new developments larger than 7 units comply with Inclusionary Zoning (effective October 2024)

SQUARES + STREETS

Tool
MAYOR’S OFFICE OF HOUSING ANNUAL FUNDING FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING
Annual funding allocation that supports the Neighborhood Housing Trust Fund, the Community Preservation Act, and Federal HOME Funds

SQUARES + STREETS

Tool
PUBLIC LAND FOR PUBLIC GOOD
Identified City-owned land that was vacant or underutilized and presented a high opportunity for redevelopment to advance citywide goals.

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Tool
WELCOME HOME BOSTON
Fast tracks the production of new affordable homes and homeownership opportunities

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**HOUSING TOOL**

**Affordable Homeownership Opportunities**

**BOSTON HOME CENTER**

Provide financial and technical assistance to first-time buyers such as home-buying classes and down-payment cost assistance for first-time, low income homebuyers

**HOUSING TOOL**

**Affordable Homeownership Opportunities**

**BHA FIRST HOME PROGRAM**

Create rent to own programs, including for public housing residents

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**Affordable Homeownership Opportunities**

**IHOUSING INNOVATION LAB RENT-TO-OWN PILOT**

Create rent to own programs, including for public housing residents

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**Affordable Homeownership Opportunities**

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS (ADUS)**

Provide technical and financial assistance to support construction of ADUs
Support for Current Businesses and Cultural Enterprises

BOSTON MAIN STREETS

A network of 20 independent nonprofit organizations that use a comprehensive revitalization approach and connects local businesses to services and resources.

AFFORDABLE COMMERCIAL ASSISTANCE FUND

Helps subsidize commercial rents in affordable housing developments to sustain small businesses and nonprofits in Boston impacted by the pandemic.

LEGACY BUSINESS PROGRAM

Provide technical assistance to support and help stabilize businesses of historical, cultural, or societal significance.

S.P.A.C.E GRANT PROGRAM

Subsidize operating costs and connect small business owners to additional or new storefront spaces that are currently vacant.

ZONING TO PRESERVE EXISTING COMMERCIAL USES

Preserve existing commercial uses through zoning in areas experiencing commercial displacement.

ReSTORE

Preserve and improve historic facades and storefronts to increase the vitality of commercial districts and local businesses.
BUSINESS TOOL
Preserving and Protecting Physical Spaces and Places

Tool
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT FUND
Support acquisition, preservation and rehabilitation of historic properties

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Tool
CULTURAL SPACE FUND
Provide grants to cultural organizations to improve and preserve cultural production, practice and performance space, or support emergency relocation costs

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Tool
UNIFORM RELOCATION ASSISTANCE
Federal law that establishes reallocation support for tenants that require the acquisition of real estate or that are displaced from their homes

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BUSINESS TOOL
Preserving and Protecting Physical Spaces and Places

Tool
CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITY FUND
Provide grants to cultural organizations to improve and preserve cultural production, practice and performance space, or support emergency relocation costs

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BUSINESS TOOL
Preserving and Protecting Physical Spaces and Places

Tool
CULTURAL SPACE READINESS PILOT
Provide grants to cultural organizations to improve and preserve cultural production, practice and performance space, or support emergency relocation costs

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BUSINESS TOOL
Producing New Commercial and Cultural Space

Tool
CITYWIDE CHILD CARE ZONING

Makes child care centers and home-based childcare as of right citywide

Squares + Streets

Tool
PUBLIC LAND FOR PUBLIC GOOD

Identified City-owned land that was vacant or underutilized and presented a high opportunity for redevelopment to advance citywide goals (affordability, equity, resilience)

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Tool
PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT SUBSIDY FOR AFFORDABLE COMMERCIAL/CULTURAL SPACES

Work with developers to create new spaces by supporting build-out costs, designated uses, or below market rents through cooperation agreements

Squares + Streets

Tool
SQUARES + STREETS ZONING

Makes widely used cultural and business uses as-of-right

Squares + Streets