

Legal Assistance

South Coastal Counties Legal Services
22 Bedford St., Fall River (508) 676-6265
<http://www.sccls.org/>

Office of the Attorney General (508)990-9700
105 William St., New Bedford
www.mass.gov

Support Services

City of New Bedford
Dept. of Community Services (508)961-3135
133 William St., New Bedford
Referral assistance for elderly, disabled and low income city residents.

P.A.C.E. (508)999-9920
166 William St., New Bedford
Housing services, fuel assistance.

Coastline Elderly Services (508)999-6400
1646 Purchase St., New Bedford
Comprehensive services to help the elderly maintain their independence in the community.

Community Care Services Inc. (508)990-0972 X10
275 North St., New Bedford
Housing search support, landlord/tenant mediation, advocacy for families at housing court, budgeting, transportation.

Greater New Bedford Career Center (508)990-4000
618 Acushnet Ave. New Bedford
One-Stop Career Center offering counseling, training, education, job search assistance & workshops

Immigrants Assistance Center (508)996-8113
58 Crapo St., New Bedford
Helps immigrants overcome language, cultural, social, and economic barriers and helps to integrate into American culture.



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FORECLOSURE PREVENTION RESOURCE GUIDE

Available Help for those who
are having difficulties paying
your mortgage



City of New Bedford
Office of Housing & Community
Development
(508) 979-1500
(508) 979-1661 TTY

This brochure is also available in Spanish and Portuguese.

There's Help for you...

Whether you are having difficulties paying your mortgage, are in an adjustable rate mortgage, or are concerned that you cannot maintain your home, there is help available for you.

The City of New Bedford's Office of Housing and Community Development has created this brochure to identify some important community resources—to offer the assistance you need right now in New Bedford.

This information was collected & revised in May, 2014; please check with individual agencies and organizations to find out their specific guidelines.

Housing Foreclosure Prevention Loan Programs

City of New Bedford
Office of Housing and Community Development
608 Pleasant St., 2nd floor
New Bedford, MA 02740 (508) 979-1500
www.newbedford-ma.gov/cd/welcome.html

Fall River/ New Bedford Housing Partnership-
Local stakeholders including lenders, city & state representatives and social service agencies providing foreclosure prevention counseling, innovative loan products and education. *Participating Agencies include:* New Bedford Office of Housing & Community Development, Fall River Community Development Agency, MassHousing, Catholic Social Services, Money Management International, Bristol Elder Services, BankFive, Bristol County Savings Bank, BayCoast Bank, First Citizens Federal Credit Union, Mechanics Cooperative Bank, St. Anne's Credit Union, Webster Bank, South Coastal Counties Legal Services, Neighborworks Southern Mass, South Shore Housing and Fannie Mae. Additional information is available by contacting:
(866) 490-9455 or at <http://www.frnbp.com/>

MassHousing "HomeSaver" Foreclosure Prevention Program- HomeSaver is a counseling and loan program that helps borrowers who are unable to repay their mortgage. It is a proactive step that homeowners take before their mortgage becomes unaffordable, and before foreclosure becomes a real possibility. Further information can be obtained on the MassHousing website at www.masshousing.com

Housing Counseling Services & 24 hour Hotlines

Catholic Social Services
238 Bonney St., New Bedford
Maria Paiva, Certified HUD Housing Counselor
(508) 674-4681 or (508) 997-7337

Money Management International
www.moneymanagement.org
To Schedule an Appointment with a Credit Advisor call
1(800) 208-2227 X 7191, X 7122, X 7124

HOPE Hotline
NeighborWorks' Center for Foreclosure Solutions,
24 hour a day, 7 day a week toll free hotline
1(888) 995-4673 or (888) 995-HOPE

**U.S. Department of Housing and Urban
Development (HUD) approved counseling agencies**
www.hud.gov
1(800) 569-4287

Massachusetts Foreclosure Assistance Hotline-
Administered by Legal Advocacy and Resource Center (LARC)
1(800) 342-5297

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Banks
- www.mass.gov
For consumers facing imminent foreclosure, can intervene and work with lenders to seek a 30-60 day delay in the foreclosure process, if there are mitigating circumstances.
1(800) 495-BANK
Email: www.mass.gov/dob/complaint.htm
Website: www.mass.gov/dob

Making Home Affordable Program (MHA)
www.makinghomeaffordable.gov
The Making Home Affordable Program (MHA) is a critical part of the Obama Administration's broad strategy to help homeowners avoid foreclosure, stabilize the country's housing market, and improve the nation's economy.
Toll Free: 888-995-HOPE (4673)
TTY: 877-304-9709

Neighborworks Southern Mass
<http://www.neighborhoodhousing.org/index.asp>
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Fax 774-328-9927