

People experiencing homelessness can access shelter support through the local coalition of service providers known as a Continuum of Care (CoC). The city of Lynn manages its own CoC, while all other communities in Essex County fall under the State-managed CoC.

*Please note that most shelters do not accept pets, only assistance animals.

Individual Adult Shelters

Lifebridge Main Campus
56 Margin St. Salem, MA
978-744-0500

Beverly, MA - River House (Women Only)
56 River St. Beverly, MA
978-921-1304

Action Emergency Shelter
370 Main Street Gloucester, MA
978-282-1000

Lynn Emergency Shelter
100 Willow Street
781-581-6600

Domestic Violence Shelter and Services

H.A.W.C.
Phone: 800-547-1649

Emergency Shelter for Families with Children

If you or your family are concerned about the possibility of becoming homeless, there are different paths you can take to regain stable housing via the emergency assistance family shelter program.

You can access family shelter if:

- You're a resident of Massachusetts
- Your family's gross income is at or below 115% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (For a family of 4 this is \$3,163 per month before taxes)
- You're pregnant or have a child under 21

The reason you need shelter must be one of the following:

- No-fault fire, flood, natural disaster, condemnation, or foreclosure
- At risk of domestic violence
- No-fault eviction
- Your children are exposed to a substantial health and safety risk



The simplest way to apply to the EA Emergency Family Shelter is to apply online. Scan this QR code to access the online portal application.

<https://applyhousinghelp.mass.gov>

Housing resources for people experiencing homelessness are accessed via a system called *Coordinated Entry*. Each CoC sets its own rules for how people are prioritized on the wait list. To place your name on the list, you must apply directly to the system using the information provided below. You can also access the system by entering a homeless shelter.

CITY OF LYNN COORDINATED ENTRY

Managed by: Lynn Economic Opportunity, Inc. (LEO)
Phone: 781-309-5614
Email: coordinatedentry@leoinc.org

NORTH SHORE COORDINATED ENTRY

(Serves all communities in Essex County outside of Lynn)

Managed by: Emmaus, Inc.
Phone: (978) 241-3400

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Applicants Must Meet One of the Following Definitions of Homelessness

Literally Homeless

- *Individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.*

Imminent Risk of Homelessness

- *Residence will be lost within 14 days of the date of application for homeless assistance;*
- *No subsequent residence has been identified; and*
- *The individual or family lacks the resources or support networks needed to obtain other permanent housing.*
- *Includes individuals and families who are within 14 days of losing their housing, including housing they own, rent, are sharing with others, or are living in without paying rent.*

Fleeing/Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence

- *Includes dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or family member that either takes place in, or him or her afraid to return to, their primary nighttime residence (including human trafficking).*