

Who We Serve

The Office of Housing Stability (OHS) serves all Somerville residents including tenants, landlords, and property owners, regardless of income or language spoken. We prioritize services for those at most risk of displacement including seniors, immigrants, persons with disabilities, and low-income residents.



Need Help?

Please fill out a short referral form at bit.ly/OHSreferral or call our intake line at (617) 625-6600, Ext. 2581.



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Business Hours

Monday – Wednesday	Friday
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Thursday	
8:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.	

Our Mission

To prevent the involuntary displacement of Somerville tenants and small property owners who face eviction or are at other risk of losing their housing; to rehouse those without stable housing or who otherwise need to relocate; and to support the enactment of policies and the creation of programs to combat displacement and enhance tenants' rights.



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How Do We Help?

Our Direct Services

- ✓ Advice, information, and workshops for residents and advocates
- ✓ Case management to help stabilize tenancies
- ✓ Legal services referrals
- ✓ Tenant outreach and education referrals
- ✓ Housing search services
- ✓ Support accessing Emergency Assistance (EA) Family Shelter and HomeBASE subsidy

Our Innovative Programs

- ✓ Somerville Municipal Voucher Program (MVP) provides deep rent subsidies
- ✓ SomerVIP offers incentives for landlords and realtors to rent to voucher holders
- ✓ Flexible rent and mortgage fund fills gaps in other programs
- ✓ New pilot programs for housing stability (Older Adult Housing Bridge)

Our Local and State Policy Advocacy

- ✓ Strong Somerville tenant protections, including the Condo Conversion and Housing Stability Notification Acts
- ✓ Secured Access to Counsel funding and Eviction Record Sealing
- ✓ Working to pass a real estate transfer fee, rent stabilization, and tenant opportunity to purchase

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