

OUR FIRST NEWSLETTER FY2021

NEWSLETTER



OUR COMMITMENT TO END

HOUSELESSNESS

POLICY ADVOCACY CREATION

For the fiscal year 2021 we have two legislation bills we are working to pass with the help of legislative sponsors, Senator Chang-Diaz and Rep Niki Elugardo.

Homes For All Bill

Similar to "Ban the Box"; the bill prohibits housing discrimination against justice involved individuals. Landlords and real estate brokers would be prohibited from doing background checks or inquiring about arrest or conviction records.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

Justice 4 Housing is a grassroots organization committed to ending housing discrimination and homelessness for justice involved individuals.

An Act to Amend Relative to Housing Opportunities for the Formerly Incarcerated Bill

Amend Chapter 40B guidelines to include a tax incentive for developers that reserve at least 5% for eligible formerly incarcerated tenants.

Reserve 5% of state funded public housing and multifamily subsidized housing units for formerly incarcerated tenants.

Reserve 5% of Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program (MRVP) vouchers for individuals with a criminal record

Housing Equity Bill

An Act Relative to Race-Based and Voucher-Based Discrimination, by Real-Estate Brokers. Creating More Equitable brokerage fees for minorities.

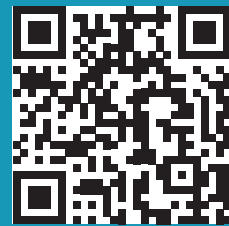
HANDS ON DEFENSE (HOD) PROGRAM

We provide housing discrimination support for justice involved individuals (JII) facing domestic violence housing agency evictions as well as housing authority

denials and appeal hearings that are based on an arrest, domestic violence incident(s) or CORI background checks.

Our HOD program is aligned with our community partners and allies. Such allies include Harvard Law School Clinic, Harvard Tenant Advocacy Program and Families For Justice As Healing (FJAH).

donate here!



STABILIZATION EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE (SEA) PROGRAM

We are developing emergency housing resources for justice involved individuals:

Our rental assistance program will endure reentry is successful not stressful.

We are developing a pilot program to assist those returning home from incarceration as well as those with a criminal record secure safe and affordable housing.

SPEAKER, EDUCATION, AWARENESS AND MENTORSHIP (SEAM) PROGRAM

Justice 4 Housing creates leadership within our organization by educating, employing and empowering our constituents. Allowing constituents an opportunity to advance with a goal of becoming mentors. This program is designed to create clarity and hone public speaking skills and convey lived experiences.

Our workshops and trainings are focused on the HOD model, homeless prevention, domestic violence awareness, HUD policies and CORI sealing. We provide mentorship to our constituents. As well as encourage public speaking at

campaign rallies, events and panels led by J4H. As well as testifying at legislation hearings to educate the public about the discriminatory housing policies affecting justice involved

Our goal is to strengthen our movement and broaden our base

WE ARE

formerly incarcerated, community allies and advocates with aligned spirit and goals.

WE OPERATE

from a people led process to organize and advocate for the abolishment of discriminatory federal, state and local housing policies as well as incarceration of women.

WE ADDRESS

the root cause of recidivism in correlation to homelessness, by delivering holistic and community-based solutions.

AFFORDABLE STABLE HOUSING (ASH) PROGRAM

This program is structured to move families out of homelessness and poverty, as well as prevent it. By developing innovative ways in which heads of households can become homeowners not renters.

Justice 4 Housing is seeking expansion of the Section 8 Homeownership program. Allowing heads of households to use their Section 8 voucher towards a monthly mortgage payment.

Our programs are specifically designed for justice involved individuals who have been stigmatized and discriminated against by systems of power. We are changing lives. That without our outreach and advocacy, homeownership may not have been possible.

INTERESTED?

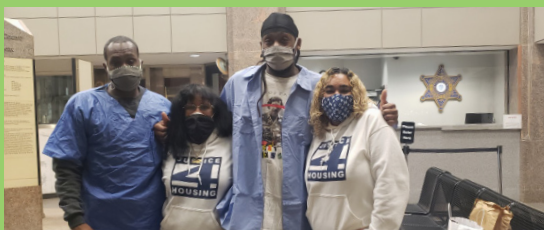
learn more at

justice4housing.org

OUR RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 CRISIS:

Justice 4 Housing and the Mass Bail Fund launched a pilot program, "The Covid-19 Pandemic Release Response." Nashua Street Jail and South Bay House of Correction are releasing men & women. We are protecting our community. Our team is on-site, distributing PPE to men & women bailed by the MBF.

- N95 COVID-19 Mask
- Hand Sanitizer
- Warm Hats & Gloves
- Clothing



JUSTICE 4 HOUSING WITH MASS BAIL FUND RELEASES

- COVID Vaccine & Testing Info
- Food
- Cell phone charger
- Access to J4H Workshops

Additionally, through our partnership with New Beginnings Reentry Services, we are able to provide emergency housing placement for women released from prisons on compassionate release.