



Lottery Information Webber Farm Easton, MA

Attached is the information regarding the affordable home at Webber Farm in Easton, Massachusetts. Potential Tenants will not be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, age, ancestry, children, familial status, genetic information, marital status, public assistance recipiency, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, veteran/military status, or any other basis prohibited by law.

Located on Matthew Circle, Webber Farm is new 14-unit subdivision offering one three bedroom single family home (Lot #11), by lottery, fo ran eligible first time homebuyer (certain exceptions apply). This home has 2 ½ bathrooms and a 2-car garage in approximately 2,116 sq. ft. Refrigerator, stove/oven, microwave, central air conditioning is included. Dishwasher and washer and dryer hookups are provided. Gas heat, town water and private septic.

The maximum sales price for the affordable home is \$235,500. The home will be sold by lottery as outlined in the attached package. The monthly HOA feed is \$211 and 2021 tax rate is \$15.48 per thousand. Please review the enclosed information packet in detail and complete the application and disclosure statement at the rear of the packet.

PLEASE NOTE: All applicants must include a mortgage pre-approval letter, from an institutional lender familiar with affordable deed restrictions, and complete financial documentation with the application. An application will be considered incomplete and will not be included in the lottery if a mortgage pre-approval letter and all documentation is not received on or before the application deadline. Applicants that submit an incomplete application will be notified after the application deadline. A VA or Quicken loan will not be accepted. An FHA loan may work but your pre-approval MUST state that FHA has reviewed and will accept the Deed Rider.

KEY MEETING DATES

Public Information Meeting via Zoom

6:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 10, 2021
Go to Zoom.com and enter the following when prompted
Meeting ID: 821 3482 6149
Passcode: 030987

Application Deadline

December 6, 2021

Lottery via Zoom

3:00 p.m., Thursday, December 23, 2021 Go to Zoom.com and enter the following when prompted Meeting ID: 854 3433 7106 Passcode: 639052

Thank you for your interest in affordable housing at Webber Farm. We wish you the best of luck. If you have questions and cannot attend the Public Information Meeting, please contact MCO Housing Services at 978-456-8388 or



email us at lotteryinfo@mcohousingservices.com. We encourage you to advise other people or organizations that may be interested in this program and make copies of the relevant information as needed.

Sincerely,
Maureen M. O'Hagan
MCO Housing Services for Easton Land Company, LLC



This is an important document. Please contact [AGENCY NAME] at [PHONE #] for free language assistance.

Este documento es muy importante. Favor de comunicarse con el MCO Housing en 978-456-8388 para ayuda gratis con el idioma. (Spanish)

Este é um documento importante. Entre em contato com o MCO Housing Serv no número 978-456-8388 para obter assistência gratuita com o idioma. (Portuguese)

Dokiman sila a enpòtan. Tanpri kontakte MCO Housing la nan <u>978-456-8388</u> pou asistans gratis nan lang. (Haitian Creole)

此文件為重要文件。如果您需要免費的語言翻譯幫助,請聯絡MCO Housing_聯絡方式: _978-456-8388_。 (Chinese, Traditional)

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Это весьма важный документ. Свяжитесь с сотрудником <u>MCO Housing</u> на предмет оказания бесплатной помощи по переводу на иностранный язык (<u>978-456-8388</u>). (Russian) (Phone #)

នេះគីជាឯកសារសំខាន់។ សូមទំនាក់ទំនង <u>MCO Housing</u> តាមរយៈ <u>978-456-8388</u> ដើម្បីទទួលបានជំនួយ ផ្នែកភាសាដោយឥតគិតថ្លៃ។ [Mon-Khmer, Cambodian]

Đây là một tài liệu quan trọng. Vui lòng liên hệ MCO Housing tại 978-456-8388 để được hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ miễn phí. (Vietnamese)

Kani waa dukumentiyo muhiim ah. Fadlan MCO Housing kala soo xiriir <u>978-456-8388</u> si aad u hesho gargaar xagga luqadda oo bilaash ah. (Somali)

Ce document est très important. Veuillez contacter le MCO Housing au <u>978-456-8388</u> afin d'obtenir une assistance linguistique gratuite. (French)

Il presente è un documento importante. Si prega di contattare il MCO Housing al <u>978-456-8388</u> per avere assistenza gratuita per la traduzione. (Italian)



Webber Farm

AFFORDABLE HOMES through the Local Initiative Program Question & Answer

What are the qualifications required for Prospective Buyers?

Qualify based on the following maximum income table, which is adjusted for household size:

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6
Max Allowable Income	\$55,950	\$63,950	\$71,950	\$79,900	\$86,300	\$92,700

LOTTERY APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS:

- 1. Household income cannot exceed the above maximum allowable income limits. Income from all adults 18 or older will be counted towards income eligibility.
- 2. Household must be a first time homebuyer defined as not having owned a residential property for three years, including a home in a trust. ** The following exceptions apply:
 - a. displaced homemakers, where the displaced homemaker (an adult who has not worked full-time, full-year in the labor force for a number of years but has, during such years, worked primarily without remuneration to care for the home and family), while a homemaker, owned a home with his or her partner or resided in a home owned by the partner;
 - b. single parent, where the individual owned a home with his or her partner or resided in a home owned by the partner and is a single parent (is unmarried or legally separated from a spouse and either has 1 or more children of who the individual has custody or joint custody, or is pregnant);
 - c. households where at least one household member is 55 or over;
 - d. households that owned a principal residence not permanently affixed to a permanent foundation in accordance with applicable regulations; and
 - e. households that owned a property that was not in compliance with State, local or model building codes and that cannot be brought into compliance for less than the cost of construction a permanent structure.
- ** A home owned by one of the above exception must be sold prior to closing on the affordable unit.
- 3. Total household assets shall not exceed \$75,000. Liquid retirement assets are counted.
 - a. Individual retirement, 401K and Keogh accounts are included at 100% of the account value.
 - b. The value of Retirement and Pension Funds differ if you are employed or are no longer working. If still employed the value is determined using the amount you can withdraw less any penalties or transaction costs. At retirement, termination of employment or withdrawal periodic receipts from pension and retirement funds are counted as income. Lump sum receipts are counted as assets.
 - c. Assets divested at less than full market value within two years of application will be counted at full market value when determining eligibility.

Complete Income and Asset Guidelines will be provided upon request, if you have an opportunity to purchase or you can view online at www.mcohousingservices.com.

Other program highlights for Lottery applicants:

- Unit must be principal residence of the owners and can not be rented or leased.
- Non-household members are not permitted to be co-signers on the mortgage.
- A mortgage pre-approval letter, from a bank experienced with deed-restricted properties, is required to participate in this lottery. VA and Quicken loans will not be accepted.

Are there mortgage guidelines that we need to follow? Yes, they are:

- (1) Must secure a 30 year fixed rate mortgage.
- (2) The loan must have a current fair market interest rate. No more than 2% points above the current MassHousing Rate.
- (3) The buyer must provide a down payment of at least 3%, 1.5% of the purchase price must come from the buyer's own funds.
- (4) The loan can have no more than 2 points.
- (5) The sales price of the unit is set by DHCD to be affordable to an income-eligible household paying no more than 30% of their monthly income for housing costs. The buyer may not pay more than 38% of their monthly income for housing costs.
- (6) Non-household members are not permitted to be co-signers on the mortgage.

The mortgage must be from an institutional lender familiar with affordable deed restriction guidelines.



Are there preferences for local residents and those with families?

There is no local preference.

The household size preference is to a family that requires three bedrooms. Second preference to households requiring two bedrooms and final preference to applicants requiring one bedroom.

Unit preferences are based on the following:

- **a.** There is a least one occupant per bedroom.
- **b**. A husband and wife, or those in a similar living arrangement, shall be required to share a bedroom. Other household members may share but shall not be required to share a bedroom.
- **c.** A person described in (b) shall not be required to share a bedroom if a consequence of sharing would be a severe adverse impact on his or her mental or physical health and reliable medical documentation is provided substantiating the adverse impact.
- **d.** A household may count an unborn child as a household member. The household must submit proof of pregnancy with the application.
- **e.** If the applicant is in the process of a divorce or separation, the applicant must provide proof that the divorce or separation has begun or has been finalized, as set forth in the application.

Persons with disabilities are entitled to request a reasonable accommodation of rules, policies, practices, or services or to request a reasonable modification of the housing, when such accommodations or modifications are necessary to afford the person(s) with disabilities equal opportunity to use and enjoy the housing. The request must be made at time of application with documented proof of needs; i.e. letter from doctor.

Are there any restrictions?

YES. Deed restrictions are used to ensure the units are affordable for future buyers. The deed rider requires principal residency, affordability for perpetuity and prior approval from the Town and DHCD for capital improvements and refinancing. If you choose to sell your unit you must notify the town and DHCD in writing. There is a limit on the resale price. The maximum resale price is determined by DHCD using a Resale Price Multiplier, a figure calculated by taking the initial sales price and dividing it by the area median income. **For example,** if the initial price is \$238,500 and the current area median income is \$128,300, the Resale Price Multiplier would be \$238,500/128,300 = 1.85.

Upon resale, the Resale Price Multiplier is multiplied by the updated area median income number to determine the maximum resale price.

All selected applicants are urged to review the deed rider with their own attorney. All buyers will be provided with a copy at the time of Purchase and Sale Agreement. Email maureen@mcohousingservices.com for a copy of the deed rider.

How much money do I need to make to afford the unit?

The minimum income required to purchase is based upon an applicant's ability to secure a mortgage. Attached is a "Sample Affordability Analysis" based upon current interest rates and anticipated real estate taxes and related housing expenses.

Lottery Process

Due to the nature of the affordable units' availability it is important for everyone to understand the procedure. Please understand the allowable income guidelines are adjusted based upon your household size. Also be advised that the program and its requirements are subject to changes in local, state or federal regulations.

Lottery Pools

The lottery has one pool, the Open Pool, open to all applicants. All of the applicants will be pulled and their lottery code announced at the time of the lottery. This order of selection will establish the rankings for the homes distribution. The first applicant on the list that requires three bedrooms will have the first opportunity to purchase.

Time Frames

If you are selected and have the opportunity to purchase the unit, you will speak or meet with a representative to review your application to verify all information. The Applicant selected for the home will start working with their lender immediately to secure the necessary mortgage. Please be advised that the final income verification will be done at the time you have an opportunity to



purchase a unit. All applicants must be determined income/asset eligible BEFORE they are entered into the lottery. The selected applicants' financial documents are verified again just before closing.

Acceptance of Home

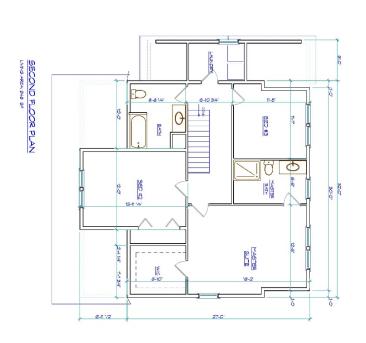
If you choose not to purchase the property, you will go to the bottom of the list and will likely NOT have another opportunity.

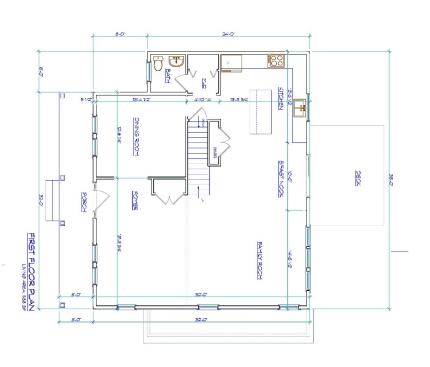
Summary

We hope this helps explain the process by which the units will be distributed. It can be a lengthy and sometimes complicated process. We greatly appreciate your participation and wish you the best of luck in the lottery process.









Lot #11 Matthew Drive Easton, Massachusetts

SCALE: As Noted		Date: Ma	irch 20, 2021	1 GENERAL CONTRACTOR SHALL INSURE THAT ALL WORK IS IN ADMINISTRATION OF WITH ALL CURREN.		
DATE	REVISION	DATE	REVISION	PERIODAL, STAFF AND LOCAL CODES, BULES AND REGULATIONS.		
				1 GERERAL CONTRACTOR SHALL BY ARSPONSIPLE FOR CHECKING AND OF WITHOUT ALL DIMENSIONS, DETAILS AND EXISTING CONTRITIONS FIRST TO THE START OF WORK. ANY DISCRIPTION SHALL BE INFORMATION OF THE ORIGINAL OF CLARATECATION PRIOR OF THE START OF WORK.		



SAMPLE AFFORDABILITY ANALYSIS

Home Price	\$ 235,500.00
Interest Rate	3.22%
Down Payment (%)	5%
Down Payment (\$)	\$ 11,775.00
Mortgage Amount	\$ 223,725.00
Monthly Expenses	
Principal & Interest	\$ 970.00
Real Estate Taxes	304.00
Private Mortgage Insurance	145.00
Hazard Insurance	118.00
Monthly HOA Fee	211.00
TOTAL Monthly Expenses	\$ 1,748.00

NOTES:

ALL values are estimates and are subject to change.

Easton 2021 Residential Tax Rate = \$15.48 per thousand

Monthly HOA Fees cover:

Landscaping – Common Area Only Snow Removal – Roadway Only Street Maintenance Common Area Reserve Fund Common Septic System



PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY

- More than 50% of applications submitted to MCO Housing Services for lotteries are incomplete and not included in lotteries. Please take the time to read the application and submit all required documentation. It is your responsibility to provide the correct documentation. It does not matter if you were the first application or the last application received, we will NOT review applications until AFTER the posted deadline.
- 2. Read the NOTES on the Required Personal Identification and Income Verification Documents. Failure to do so could mean the difference between a complete and incomplete application as well as eligibility for a unit.
- 3. Income and assets are required for all adults household members ages 18 or older.
- 4. Do NOT forget to include statements from Robinhood or any other online investment accounts. They are considered part of your assets. If you have an open account, you must provide statement whether there are any funds in the account or not.
- 5. If you are unable to provide specific information, then submit a note with your application explaining the circumstances. This will not guarantee your application will be included in the lottery, but depending on the circumstances, we may be able to work with you.
- 6. Do not take photos with your cellphone of any documentation and email it to us. The photos are not legible, and we will not accept them.
- 7. You can fax your information, but it is not recommended. If all pages are not received your application would be considered incomplete.

ALL FORMS MUST BE COMPLETELY FILLED OUT, SIGNED AND DATED



Webber Farm

LOTTERY APPLICATION

For Office Use Only:	
Date Appl. Rcvd:	
Household Size:	
Lottery Code:	

APPLICATION DEADLINE: December 6, 2021

PERSONAL INFORMATION:		Date:	
Name:			
Address:	Towi	า:	Zip:
Home Tele: Work:	<u>:</u>	CELL:	
Email:			
Have you or any member of your household ever ow	vned a home?	If so, when did you	sell it?
The total household size is			
Household Composition: Include Applicant(s)			
Name		Relationship	Age
FINANCIAL WORKSHEET: (Include all Household Inco	ome which includes gross v	wages, retirement incor	me (if drawing on it for income),
business income, veterans benefits, alimony/child su	upport, unemployment co	mpensation, social secu	urity, pension/disability income,
supplement second income and dividend income.)			
Borrowers Monthly Base Income (Gross)			
Other Income			
Co-Borrowers Monthly Base Income (Gross)			
Other Income			
TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME:			
Household Assets: (This is a partial list of required as purchase. Complete all that apply with current accordance)		be provided should you	u have an opportunity to
Checking (avg balance for 3 months)			
Savings			
Stocks, Bonds, Treasury Bills, CD or			
Money Market Accounts and Mutual Funds			
Individual Retirement, 401(k) and Keogh accounts			
Retirement or Pension Funds			
Revocable trusts			



Equity in rental property or other o Cash value of whole life or univers Down Payment Gift					
TOTAL ASSETS					
Street Address:					
Town/State/Zip:					
Date of Hire (Approximate): Annual Wage - Base:					
Additional:		(Bonus, Comm	ission, Overtime, etc.	.)	
ABOUT YOUR FAMILY: OPTIONAL You are requested to fill out the fo that you should fill this out based o	_		=		
Black or African American Asian Hispanic/Latino Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander Native American or Alaskan Native	Applicant	Co-Applicant	(#) of Dependents		
Other, Not White					
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Please be advised that the income home. Applicants will be responsil minimum of 3%, ½ of which must of may be in the form of a gift dependent.	ble for all closir come from the	ng costs associated buyer's own funds,	with the purchase of	a home. The down pa	ayment must be a
SIGNATURES:					
The undersign warrants and representer from a bank submitted before Easton, MA. I (we) understand if some closing.	re entry into lo	ttery to have an op	portunity to purchase	e the affordable home	at Webber Farm in
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SignatureCo-Ap	plicant	Date			

See page 17 for submission information



Affidavit & Disclosure Form

I/We understand and agree to the following conditions and guidelines regarding the distribution of the affordable home at Webber Farm in Easton, MA.

1. The annual household income for my family does not exceed the allowable limits as follows:

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6
Max Allowable Income	\$55,950	\$63,950	\$71,950	\$79,900	\$86,300	\$92,700

Income from all family members, 18 or older, must be included.

- 2. I/We have not individually or jointly owned a single family home, town home, condominium or co-op within the past three (3) years, including homes in a trust. We understand the exceptions that apply.
- 3. I/We certify that my/our total household assets do not exceed the \$75,000 asset limit and understand additional asset guidelines will be provided if we have an opportunity to purchase. I/We understand that assets divested at less than full market value at least two years prior to application will be counted at full value in determining eligibility.
- 4. The household size listed on the application form includes only and all the people that will be living in the residence.
- 5. I/We certify all data supplied on the application is true and accurate to the best of my/our knowledge and belief under full penalty of perjury. I/We understand that providing false information will result in disqualification from further consideration.
- 6. I/We understand that by being selected in the lottery does not guarantee that I/we will be able to purchase a home. I/We understand that all application data will be verified and additional financial information may be required, verified and reviewed in detail prior to purchasing a home.
- 7. I/We understand that it is my/our obligation to secure the necessary mortgage pre-approval for the home purchase through a bank experienced with deed-restricted housing. I/We understand all expenses, including closing costs and down payments, are my responsibility.
- 8. I/We further authorize MCO Housing Services to verify any and all income, assets and other financial information, to verify any and all household, resident location and workplace information and directs any employer, landlord or financial institution to release any information to MCO Housing Services and consequently the project's monitoring agency, for the purpose of determining income eligibility.
- 9. I/We understand that if selected I/we will be offered a specific home. I/We will have the option to accept the available home, or to reject the available home. If I/we reject the available home I/we will move to the bottom of the waiting list and will likely not have another opportunity to purchase an affordable home.
- 10. Program requirements are established by the Dept of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and the Town of Easton. I/We agree to be bound by whatever program changes that may be imposed at any time throughout the process. If any program conflicts arise, I/we agree that any determination made by DHCD is final.
- 11. I/We certify that no member of our family has a financial interest in the project.

Applicant

- 12. I/We understand there may be differences between the market and affordable units and accept those differences.
- 13. I/We understand these are deed restricted units and acknowledge that it is recommended we consult an attorney.

Co-Applicant

/We have completed an application and have reviewed and understand the process that will be utilized to distribute the available
nome at Webber Farm. I/We am qualified based upon the program guidelines and agree to comply with applicable regulations.

See page 17 for submission information

Date:



Required Financial Documentation Form TO BE RETURNED WITH APPLICATION

Provide <u>one copy</u> of all applicable information. Complete financial documentation and a mortgage preapproval is required and must be sent with your application to participate in the lottery. Incomplete applications will not be included in the lottery and the applicant will be notified after the application deadline. If you have any questions on what to provide it is YOUR responsibility to ask prior to application submission.

<u>Initial each that are applicable, and provide the documents, or write N/A if not applicable and return this sheet with your application.</u>

1.	Mortgage Pre-approval
2.	If you require a reasonable accommodation you must request at time of application and provide any supporting documentation, if needed, i.e. letter from doctor.
3.	The most recent last five (5) <u>consecutive</u> pay stubs for all jobs (check/direct deposit stubs). For unemployment, copies of unemployment checks or DOR verification stating benefits received. Same for disability compensation, worker's compensation and/or severance pay.
	• NOTE: If you have obtained a new job within the last 12 months you must provide a copy of the Employment Offer Letter.
	• NOTE: If you are no longer working for an employer you worked for in the last 12 months, you must provide a letter from the employer with your separation date.
	• NOTE: You need to provide 5 pay stubs whether you are paid weekly, bi-weekly or monthly.
4.	Current year Benefit letter providing full amount of gross periodic amounts received from Social Security, annuities, insurance policies, retirement funds, pensions, disability or death benefits and other similar types of periodic receipts.
5.	Child support and alimony: court document indicating the payment amount and/or DOR statement. If you do not receive child support provide a letter stating, that you are not receiving child support or complete the attached form.
6.	If you are self-employed you MUST provide a detail expense and income spreadsheet for the last 12 months and three months of business checking and savings accounts.
7.	Federal Tax Returns –Last three years (NO STATE TAX RETURNS)



• NOTE: Provide all pages that are submitted to the IRS. For example, if a Schedule C is submitted to

NOTE: If you did not file taxes in any of the required years you must provide a verification of non-

the IRS and not part of your application, your application will be considered incomplete.
NOTE: If you do not have a copy of your tax return you can obtain a transcript through the IRS

filing letter from the IRS using form 4506-T. You can obtain the form at irs.gov.

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8	W2 and/or 1099-R Forms: Last three years
9	Interest, dividends and other net income of any kind from real or personal property.
10. <i>A</i>	Asset Statement(s): provide current statements of all that apply, unless otherwise noted:
	•Checking accounts – Last three (3) months of statements – EVERY PAGE – FRONT AND BACK
	NOTE: If you have cash deposits or non payroll or income deposits you MUST identify where the funds have come from. If you fail to explain they will be counted as income, which may put you over the income limit.
	NOTE: Do NOT provide a running transaction list of activity. You must provide the individual statements.
	Pre-paid debit card statements – current month.
	NOTE: This is <u>NOT</u> your ATM/Debit card. This is usually a separate debit card statement showing income deposited directly onto the debit card, i.e. Social Security or other regular income. NOTE: If Social Security payments are deposited on a Direct Express card it is your responsibility to provide proof. You can print a statement from the Direct Express website at https://www.usdirectexpress.com/ .
	Saving accounts – last three months of full statements
	NOTE: If you have cash deposits or non payroll or income deposits you MUST identify where the funds have come from. If you fail to explain they will be counted as income, which may put you over the income limit. NOTE: Do NOT provide a running transaction list of activity. You must provide the individual statements.
	 Revocable trusts Equity in rental property or other capital investments
	 Investment accounts, including stocks, bonds, Treasury Bills, Certificates of Deposit, Mutual Funds, Money Market, Robinhood and all online accounts etc.
	 Retirement including, i.e. IRA's, Roth IRA's, 401K, 403B, Keogh accounts, Pensions etc. from current and past employment.
	 Cash value of Whole Life or Universal Life Insurance Policy.
	Personal Property held as an investment
	Lump-sum receipts or one-time receipts
1	NOTE: If your assets total over \$75,000 and you have retirement accounts, 401K, 402B etc the full value

NOTE: If your assets total over \$75,000 and you have retirement accounts, 401K, 402B etc the full value of the retirement accounts may not count towards the \$75,000. Provide copies of your 401K etc handbook that explains the circumstances you can withdraw funds and depending on the circumstances we may not count a retirement account.

11. ____Proof of current student status for dependent household members over age of 18 and full-time students. Letter from High School or College providing student status, full time or part time for current <u>and</u> next semester. Reminder - all household members over 18 <u>MUST</u> provide income and assets.



12A household may count ar proof of pregnancy with the applicat			The household mu	st submit
13If the applicant is in the production of the divorce or separate regarding the distribution of family a first time homebuyer status will be used.	ation has begun assets. If you are	or has been finalized. unable to provide the	Information must be	provided
14If you will be receiving a g MUST provide a letter stating the g time of application. We MUST see the lottery.	ift amount. All a	pplications will be ched	ked for down paym	ent funds at
NOTE: If your downpayment must be deposited in your bank and			•	
We understand if we do not provide will not be included in the lottery. that our application is incomplete.	We also underst			• •
Print Applicants Name(s):				
Applicants Signature	DATE	Co-Applicants Signa	ature	DATE

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Return the following to MCO Housing Services:

- 1. Completed, signed and dated Application
- 2. Signed and dated Affidavit and Disclosure Form
- 3. Completed, signed and dated Required Personal Identification and Income Verification Documents Form
- 4. All required financial documentation
- 5. Mortgage Pre-approval
- 6. Special Accommodation documentation, if needed

RETURN ALL, postmarked on or before the December 6, 2021 application deadline to:

MCO Housing Services, LLC P.O. Box 372 Harvard, MA 01451

Overnight mailing address: 206 Ayer Road, Harvard, MA 01451

Phone: 978-456-8388 FAX: 978-456-8986

Email: lotteryinfo@mcohousingservices.com
TTY: 711, when asked 978-456-8388

NOTE: If you are mailing your application close to the application deadline, make sure you go into the Post Office and have them date stamp and mail. As I understand, mail that is sent to the central sorting facility use bar codes so we would have no idea when the application was mailed and it can take longer for MCO to receive. If we receive an application after the deadline that has a barcode it will be counted as a late application and will not be included in the lottery.

