



*I am a senior and I need help understanding what benefits I'm eligible for and how to apply for them.*

Contact **Susan Pacheco** or **Liz Seelman** at the **Cambridge Council on Aging**  
806 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge  
617-349-6220  
[www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/coa.cfm](http://www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/coa.cfm)

*Where can I get help to better manage my money?*

The **Community Development Department** offers Financial Literacy Classes at various times of the year. Call 617-349-4637 for information.



[www.Mymoney.gov](http://www.Mymoney.gov) is the US government's website dedicated to teaching the basics about managing money. To get a "My Money" Toolkit through the mail, call 1-888-Mymoney (1-888-696-6639).

*I think I might need legal help. Where can I go?*

**Cambridge/Somerville Legal Services**  
60 Gore Street, Suite 203, Cambridge  
617-603-2700  
[www.gbls.org](http://www.gbls.org)

**Community Legal Services & Counseling Center (CLSACC)**, One West St., Basement Cambridge  
617-661-1010  
[www.clsacc.org](http://www.clsacc.org)



**Harvard Legal Aid Bureau**  
23 Everett St., Cambridge  
617-495-4408  
[www.law.harvard.edu/students/orgs/hlab](http://www.law.harvard.edu/students/orgs/hlab)

**Mediation for Results**  
(A program of Just-A-Start Corp.)  
1035 Cambridge St., #12, Cambridge  
617-494-0444, Ext.317  
[www.mediationforresults.org](http://www.mediationforresults.org)

Eviction prevention, landlord/tenant issues.

*How can I find affordable childcare?*

Contact the **Child Care Resource Center**  
130 Bishop Allen Drive, Cambridge  
617-547-1063  
[www.cccinc.org](http://www.cccinc.org)



*I still have questions.*

For questions or additional copies of this document, call **Marianne Colangelo** at 617-349-6966 or [mcolangelo@cambridgema.gov](mailto:mcolangelo@cambridgema.gov).

If you want to find more resources online, visit [CambridgeSomervilleResourceGuide.org](http://CambridgeSomervilleResourceGuide.org).

Do you need help or information after business hours or on the weekend? For non-emergencies, you can dial **211**.



**Massachusetts 2-1-1** is an information and referral line that is available **24/7**.  
[www.mass211help.org](http://www.mass211help.org)

This pamphlet provides useful information for Cambridge residents. It is not intended as a substitute for legal advice, a comprehensive listing or an endorsement of particular services.

**CITY OF CAMBRIDGE**  
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPT.**

AND

**DEPT. OF HUMAN SERVICE PROGRAMS**  
CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139



**City of Cambridge**

**Did you know?**



**Housing Information**  
**and Other Resources for**  
**Cambridge Residents**

*I am worried that I will no longer be able to pay my rent. What can I do?*



Contact any of the following agencies:

**The Multi-Service Center**

19 Brookline Street, Cambridge  
617-349-6340

[www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/multiservice.cfm](http://www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/multiservice.cfm)

Services include case management and financial assistance (based on eligibility), housing search, and stabilization services.

**Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee (CEOC)**

11 Inman Street, Cambridge  
617-868-2900

[www.ceoccambridge.org](http://www.ceoccambridge.org)

Services include tenant advocacy and eviction counseling.

**HomeStart, Inc.**

Cambridge Office: 678 Mass. Ave., Suite 502  
617-234-5340

[www.homestartinc.org](http://www.homestartinc.org)

Programs for low-income households that include help with mediation, flexible monetary funds to help retain housing, and case management.

**Metropolitan Boston Housing Partnership (MBHP)**

125 Lincoln Street, 5<sup>th</sup> fl., Boston  
617-859-0400

[www.mbhp.org](http://www.mbhp.org)

Short-term crisis intervention, eviction prevention, including financial assistance and other resources.



*I just got a 14-day notice to quit. What should I do?*

This is the formal notice your landlord must give you to let you know that he/she is **starting** the eviction process. It is issued when a landlord claims that you owe back rent. In many cases you will have the right to pay the back rent to avoid eviction. Gather your documents and call or visit one of the agencies listed above or one of the legal agencies listed in this brochure **as soon as possible**.



*I am a homeowner and can no longer afford my mortgage payment. What can I do?*

The **Community Development Department** offers one-on-one counseling and can answer questions for Cambridge residents at risk of foreclosure. Contact **Antonia Finley** at 617-349-4643. You can also find helpful information at: [www.cambridgema.gov/cdd/hsg/foreclosures.pdf](http://www.cambridgema.gov/cdd/hsg/foreclosures.pdf)

*How can I find out about affordable apartments in Cambridge?*

Call the **Affordable Housing Information Line** at 617-349-4622 or go to [www.cambridgema.gov/cdd/hsg/index.html](http://www.cambridgema.gov/cdd/hsg/index.html).

Or call or visit:

**Cambridge Housing Authority**

675 Mass Ave., #2, Cambridge  
617-864-3020

[www.cambridge-housing.org](http://www.cambridge-housing.org)



If you are 60 or older, or have a disability, contact **Nancy Daniels** at the **Multi-Service Center**.  
19 Brookline Street, Cambridge  
617-349-6340

*Where else can I go for help if I'm worried I may lose my apartment?*

If you currently live in public housing or are a Section 8 (or other) voucher holder, contact the **Alliance of Cambridge Tenants (ACT)** at 617-499-7031.

*I don't know how I will be able to pay for heat and other utilities this winter.*

Contact the **Fuel Assistance Office**  
51 Inman Street, Basement, Cambridge  
617-349-6252



[www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/fuelassistance.cfm](http://www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/fuelassistance.cfm)  
The application process begins in October. Utility and telephone discount rates, as well as weatherization services may be available for eligible residents.

*How can I get help paying for food?*

For **local, in-person help** applying for food stamps you can go to **CEOC, East End House**, or the **Council on Aging** (if 60+):

**CEOC**

11 Inman Street, Cambridge  
617-868-2900

[www.ceoccambridge.org](http://www.ceoccambridge.org)

Monday & Wednesday, 4pm-6pm

Tuesday, 12-2pm, Thursday 11am-1pm

**East End House**

105 Spring Street, Cambridge  
617-876-4444

[www.eastendhouse.org](http://www.eastendhouse.org)

Tuesday, 9am-2pm, Friday, 9am-12pm

**Council on Aging/Citywide Senior Center**

806 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge  
617-349-6220

[www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/coa.cfm](http://www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/coa.cfm)

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12-2pm.

For a list of **Cambridge Food Programs** including local **food pantries** and **community meals**, call 617-349-6200 or go to [www.cambridgema.gov/dhsp2/food.cfm](http://www.cambridgema.gov/dhsp2/food.cfm).



*I no longer have a job. Where can I go to get help?*

**Cambridge Employment Program**

51 Inman Street, Cambridge  
617-349-6166

[www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/cep.cfm](http://www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/cep.cfm)

Career counseling and job search assistance for Cambridge residents, including help with résumés, interviewing and internet use.

**Career Source**

186 Alewife Brook Pkwy, Suite 310  
(Fresh Pond Mall) Cambridge  
617-661-7867 or 1-888-454-9675

[www.yourcareersource.com](http://www.yourcareersource.com)

One-stop career help, including **unemployment benefit application**.

