

# Boxborough Rental Assistance Program

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- Fiscal Year 2023 will be the seventh year of the rental assistance program.
- Households receive \$250 per month toward rent, paid directly to the landlord, for up to three years.
- Applicants are chosen by a method that emphasizes low income and need.
- Privacy is preserved
- To date, about 30 Boxborough households have benefited from the program
- The assistance has allowed many recipient households to obtain badly needed goods and services



# BRAP Status

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- Households receive \$250/month towards rent, paid directly to the landlord, nominally for up to three years.
- We are using CPA funding to help twelve households and ARPA funding to help two additional households.
- There are currently twelve participant households. We have openings for two additional households.
- The current absence of a Community Services Coordinator is a very big problem. Others in Town Hall, principally Wendy Abetz, have stepped up and are keeping BRAP going.
- Providing ongoing contact with participants and acquiring new participants is suffering.

# Participant Demographics

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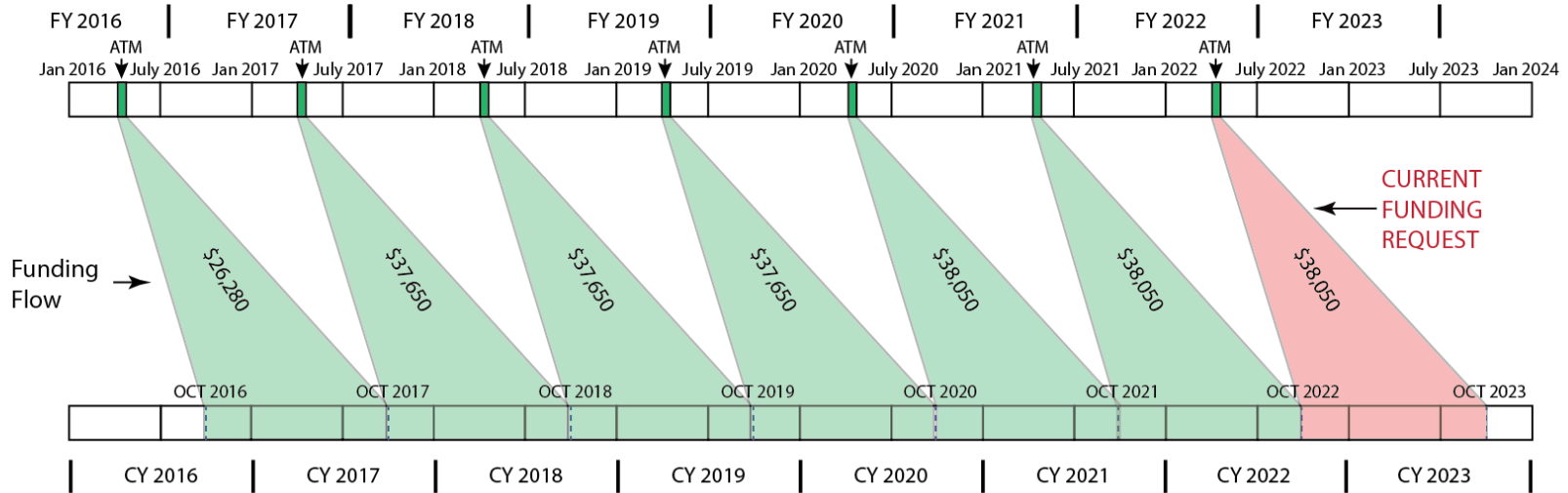
- Current BRAP households represent a broad range of the community
- Every household has accessed additional support through the program
- All participating households were Boxborough residents prior to their application
  - Some longtime residents, more than 10 years
  - Some new residents 1-2 years, left and returned

# Impact of Assistance

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- Ability to maintain a stable living situation
- Increased quality of life; stress reduction
- Car repairs to maintain transportation to work
- Better management of health conditions
- Educational and extra-curricular opportunities for children
- Job training/certification
- Ability to save for first home

# BRAP Funding History



|        | FY16     | FY17    | FY18     | FY19     | FY20     | FY21     | FY22     | FY23            |
|--------|----------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------------|
| Admin  | \$8.28K  | \$1.65K | \$1.65K  | \$1.65K  | \$1.65K  | \$2.05K  | \$2.05K  | <b>\$2.05K</b>  |
| Direct | \$18K    | \$36K   | \$36K    | \$36K    | \$36K    | \$36K    | \$36K    | <b>\$36K</b>    |
| Totals | \$26.20K | \$37.6K | \$37.65K | \$37.65K | \$37.65K | \$38.05K | \$38.05K | <b>\$38.05K</b> |

# Vote Yes

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- Modest assistance is provided with high efficiency and has enabled significant improvements to life for recipients.
- We are offering needed assistance to Boxborough residents who otherwise would not have been helped.
- Entirely consistent with Boxborough2030, our Master Plan.

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# Back - Up

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# COSTS FOR FY2023 PROGRAM

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| Cost Category        | 7/1/22<br>to<br>6/30/23 |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Direct Program Cost  | \$36,000                |
| Administrative Costs | \$2,050                 |
| Total                | \$38,050                |

- Twelve Households will be helped at \$250/Month.
- The Administrative Costs are primarily for eligibility determination by Metro West Collaborative Development.
- Administrative Costs are 5.4% of the total cost.