

Boxborough Rental Assistance Program

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- Fiscal Year 2022 is the sixth year of the rental assistance program.
- Households receive \$250 per month toward rent, paid directly to the landlord.
- Applicants are chosen by a method that emphasizes low income and need.
- Privacy is preserved
- To date, a total of 18 Boxborough households have benefited from the program
- The assistance has allowed many recipient households to obtain badly needed goods and services



BRAP Status

- Households receive \$250/month towards rent, paid directly to the landlord, nominally for up to three years
- We currently have two open slots should other participants come forward or be identified as needing assistance.
- We have and continue to adjust the program because of COVID 19.
- Our Community Services Coordinator is obtaining feedback from recipients, which will guide any improvements to BRAP.

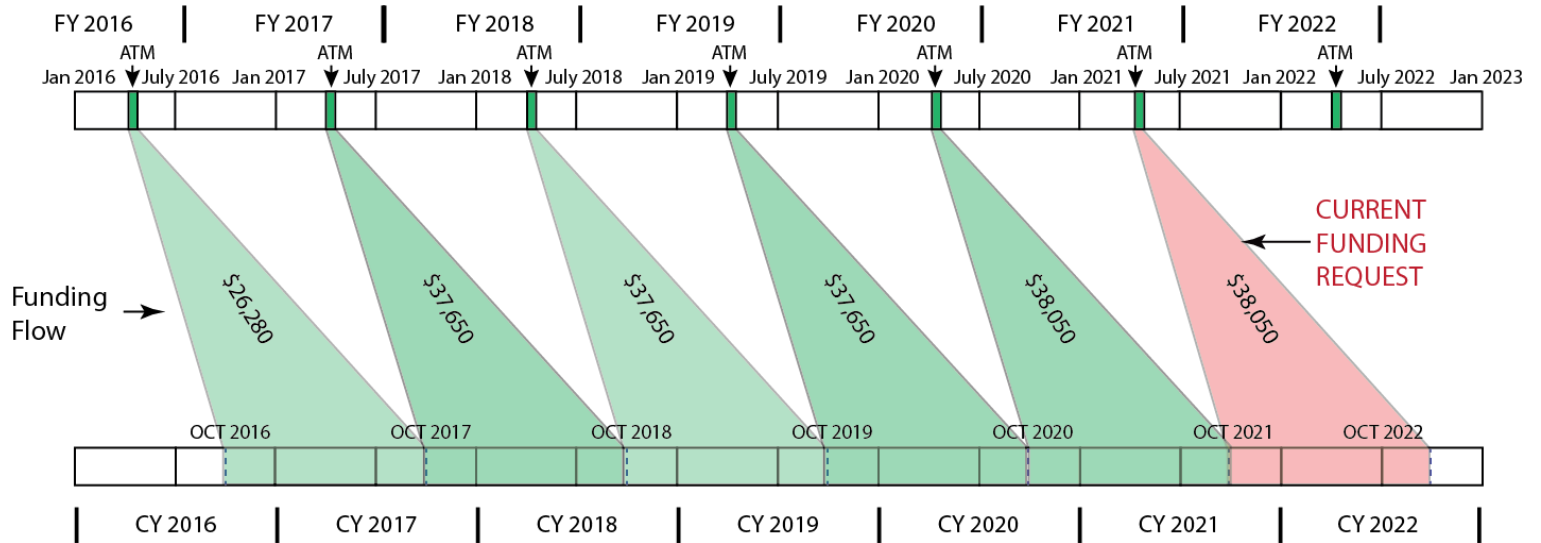
Participant Demographics

- 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

- 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



	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22
Admin	\$8.28K	\$1.65K	\$1.65K	\$1.65K	\$1.65K	\$2.05K	\$2.05K
Direct	\$18K	\$36K	\$36K	\$36K	\$36K	\$36K	\$36K
Totals	\$26.20K	\$37.6K	\$37.65K	\$37.65K	\$37.65K	\$38.05K	\$38.05K

Vote Yes

- Modest assistance has been 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.
- BRAP is a model for other local towns developing similar programs

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