

# Statement of Local Need

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The entire state of Massachusetts, and Franklin in particular, is in need of affordable housing. According to the most recent American Community Survey (US Census) a shocking 44.2% of renters in Franklin are housing cost burdened, meaning they pay more than 30% of their income on housing. Additionally, the Franklin Housing Authority informed St. John's that there are roughly 1,300 individuals and 2,500 families on their waiting list for an apartment. The Franklin Housing Authority only has 214 apartments in total and only about 20 turn over each year. There are thousands of families in and around Franklin in desperate need of the proposed apartments.