

Belmont Housing Trust Meeting Minutes
Subcommittee: Emergency Rental Assistance Program
May 7, 2020

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Attendees: Judie Feins, Gloria Leipzig, Betsy Lipson, Rachel Heller

1. Proposed emergency rental assistance program uses CPA funds already voted on by TM but expands the authorized uses. Rental assistance is allowed by CPA.
2. Discussed status of other towns in MA (and nationally) with similar efforts underway
3. Discussed HT's knowns and unknowns of data on Belmont renters and additional data needed to understand the need (numbers and anecdotes)
4. Discussed details of program being proposed: eligibility criteria, 3 months of ~50% rent, pay landlord directly
5. Discussed eligibility details and administrative process: 60% and 80% AMI, documenting and measuring income loss, treatment of assets, etc. Current estimate is 1,000 eligible Belmont households, more investigation needed.
6. Implementation: to be administered by local nonprofit. Broad marketing outreach to renters and landlords.
7. Hope to get Town Meeting approval June 23 and start in July.

Minutes prepared by Judie Feins.