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## **CCSM Issues Committee Concept Draft: BRAP Voucher Program- 10/12/2022**

Currently the BRAP (Bridging Rental Assistance Program) voucher amount paid to landlords is insufficient to meet the current Maine rental market prices. Vouchers often expire before they can be used due to lack of rental prices that fall within the voucher amount.

DHHS follows the federal limits when giving vouchers but are not held to the federal guidelines. We would like to see the BRAP limits increased to come into line with the current market prices. This would allow recipients to access available rental housing. Housing First model stands firm on the belief that housing is the foundation to a person's recovery!

This issue statement topic was brought forward by the Farmington Local Council.

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