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With a few weeks remaining in 2013, MassHousing has provided more than \$1.4 billion in financing to support affordable rental housing and homeownership in the calendar year. [Continue reading...](#)

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MassHousing has closed a \$16.1 million construction and permanent loan for the acquisition and renovation of the 448-unit River Place Towers in Lowell.

Built in 1973-74, River Place Towers was originally financed by MassHousing. As part of MassHousing's financing, a number of improvements will be made to the property, including building envelope improvements and waterproofing, roof replacement, modernization of elevators, new boilers and updates to kitchens and bathrooms. [Continue reading...](#)

More Rental Housing News:

- [Harvard report highlights affordability challenges for renters](#)

National study affirms the need for low-downpayment, 30-year fixed rate loans

A report recently issued by the National Association of Realtors has validated one of MassHousing's core home ownership philosophies. For many years we have been talking about the benefits of the plain vanilla, 30-year fixed rate mortgage loan. In fact, it's the only type of mortgage loan we offer. [Continue reading...](#)

More from Home Ownership

- [Find a homebuyer education course near you](#)
- [See upcoming and on-demand trainings for lenders](#)

TAP helps rental communities thrive

MassHousing has long expressed our commitment to going beyond bricks and mortar to ensure the success of the rental housing communities we finance and oversee. A large part of this work is done through TAP, our Tenant Assistance Program. [Continue reading...](#)

Winter 2014 TAP Management Trainings announced

A new slate of TAP Management Trainings has been announced for January through March 2014. TAP trainings help rental housing professionals address a number of social issues in housing, and are free for staff of TAP member sites.

[View the TAP Management Training schedule and register today...](#)

Trade fair connects small businesses with opportunities

MassHousing recently hosted its 6th Annual Western Massachusetts Minority and Women Business Enterprise Trade Fair in Northampton. The annual event aims to connect minority- and women-owned firms with property managers, general contractors, government offices and others in attendance. Along with the Western Massachusetts event, MassHousing also hosts a trade fair in the eastern part of the Commonwealth.

[Learn about our efforts to promote diversity and equal opportunities in our work...](#)

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