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### Housing Services Provided

- Monitoring Landlord Compliance with Regulatory Agreements (rents, tenant income requirements).
- Administering HOME program, Providing Access to HOME Funds
- Monitoring Homeownership Units
- Maintaining Housing Inventory, Preserving Expiring Use Properties
- Assisting with Enforcement of Fair Housing Rules.
- Performing Resale Agent Services on Behalf of Towns
- Providing Local Support



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### History of the Regional Housing Services Office

- 2011 – Regional Housing Services Office formed, including Concord, Bedford, Lexington, Lincoln, Sudbury (Host Community) and Weston.
- 2012 - Lincoln drops out; Acton joins.  
RHSO receives Innovation Award from the Massachusetts Municipal Association.
- 2014 - Concord agrees to serve as Host Community for three-year term.
- 2015 – Burlington joins RHSO as the seventh community.
- 2017 – Concord agrees to continue as Host Community for another  
three-year term.



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- Concord's \$36,000 is provided in Article 7 (Town Budget) and Article 29 (Community Preservation Act Appropriation).
- The cost for all Towns is expected to initially be \$205,000; the higher amount of \$235,000 allows for additional services that communities may purchase during the year. The increase to \$235,000 will not add to Concord's cost.
- State Law on Revolving Funds ("Section 53E ½") requires Town Meeting to annually authorize all expenditures.



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