The Elderly and Disabled Tax Fund of the City of Greenfield

Purpose of the Fund

The Taxation Aid Fund was established to provide tax assistance for elderly and disabled Greenfield residents to defray the costs of their property taxes. Qualified recipients will be resident homeowners with limited income and assets. Funding will be by voluntary contributions from individuals, businesses and organizations the sole intent of which is to provide real estate property tax relief for the most vulnerable members of our community.

Applications

Applications for the Elderly and Disabled Taxation Fund are available online or from the Assessor's Office. The application period is **September 1, 2026, through December 1, 2026**. The Committee will begin reviewing applications in January 2027. The committee's decision will be made by March 1, 2027.

To get an application online:

1. Go to the City of Greenfield website
2. Go to Departments
3. Go to Assessor and click on Elderly and Disabled Tax Fund
4. Scroll down to Applications and print it out

Assistance is for one fiscal year only. To continue receiving assistance, a new application must be submitted each subsequent year.

Applicants must include a copy of their latest personal tax forms if they filed (State and Federal).

The application and associated documents are confidential and will not be available for public viewing. All discussions will be held in Executive Session of the Committee.

We urge applicants to explore the exemptions and deferrals offered separately by the Board of Assessors with different applications and due dates. These include exemptions for Veterans, Elderly, and Blind. More detailed information can be found on our Exemptions Page or by contacting the Assessor's office.

Qualifications

"Elderly" is defined as a person who is **60** or older on or before the year of the application. In some circumstances the Committee may deem a younger person to be eligible, especially in the case of a disability or handicap.

"Disabled" is based on the criteria stated in the Americans with Disabilities Act: "A physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities." For the purposes of this application, including an inability to work.

If the applicant is currently receiving disability benefits from a government program based on determination of disability, such as SSI. SSDI, VA, or Worker's Compensation, documentation supporting the nature of said disability. must be submitted with this application.

Home ownership: An applicant must be an individual and the titled owner of the property or hold a life estate in the property. If the home is held by a trust, applicant must be a trustee and a **50%** beneficiary of the trust. Trust documentation must be submitted with the application. These conditions apply to both elderly and/or disabled applicants.

Residency: Applicants must have lived in Greenfield and paid real estate taxes on a primary domicile for **5** or more sequential years immediately preceding the date of the application.

Household Income shall include all income such as pensions, interest from savings accounts, dividends, IRA's, stocks or bonds, rental income (exclusive of depreciation), etc. Gross income limits are established annually

Household income limit table

Number of people in household	**Household income limit**
1	$46,950
2	$63,450
3	$79,950
4	$96,450
5	$112,950
6	$129,450
7	$145,950
8	$162,450

2025 Federal Poverty Level (Annual Income). Consistent with Fuel Assistance Income criteria (3X US Poverty Guideline).

Assets: Cannot exceed $100,000. Stocks, bonds, CDs, IRAs, annuities, and any other personal property with monetary value will be considered in determining eligibility and aid amount. Any other tangible assets will be considered in determining eligibility and aid amount. *Assets do not include the value of the home.*

Other: Extraordinary circumstances (e.g. an unusual expense burden) will be considered in the Committee's deliberations and the decision process. Preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate the greatest need and who do not qualify for any other existing exemption or deferral program administered by the Greenfield Assessor's Office. Tax assistance may be granted for "any portion of the owed public charges," therefore, it may be full or partial for Fiscal Year 2027: July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027

Awards

Applicants will be notified by mail by March 15, 2027 as to the status of their application. Awards will be applied to the Fourth Quarter Tax Bill (Issued April 1, 2027, due May 3, 2027).

Award amounts will be determined based on the greatest proportional need (tax burden relative to income/assets) and will not exceed the real estate tax liability. Awards are credited against an applicant's real estate tax account. Priority will be given to applicants who are in tax title and meet all other criteria.

Distribution of Funds

Funds will be disbursed, based on need, as determined by the Taxation Aid Committee. Since the funds are replenished annually through voluntary contributions, the amount disbursed will vary from year to year.

The amount an eligible applicant will receive depends on total funds available and total number of eligible applicants and demonstrated need.

The City of Greenfield may, at any time or for any reason, with or without notice, modify or discontinue the assistance and eligibility criteria, or terminate assistance.

The taxation aid grant will be deducted from your fourth quarter real estate tax bills and will not exceed the real estate tax liability. This application does not stay the collection of your taxes. Your taxes are still due and must be paid on time.

How to Donate:

On municipal bills: Look for the option to add a voluntary donation when paying your property tax bill, personal property tax, or water/sewer bill.

By check: Payable to City of Greenfield, memo: Elderly and Disabled Tax Fund. Mail to or drop off at City of Greenfield, 14 Court Square, Greenfield, MA 01301.

Online: Go to the City of Greenfield website

1. Go to Departments and click on Assessor
2. Elderly and Disabled Tax Fund will appear on the left under Assessor Resources
3. Click on it and you can then make a donation.

Donations are voluntary and are held in a special account in the City treasury. Donations are tax deductible under section 170 C (1).