
Notice of Grant Funding Availability
Massachusetts Fire Sprinkler System Program
A MassHousing/EOHLC Program
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The Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency (MassHousing) is pleased to announce the availability of up to \$850,000 in grant funds through the Massachusetts Fire Sprinkler System Program (FSSP) grant. These FSSP funds are offered to Massachusetts Alliance for Sober Housing (MASH) certified Sober Homes to install sprinkler systems in compliance with local and state fire codes. MassHousing is administering this program, which is authorized by line item 7004-9318 of Chapter 102 of the Acts of 2021, in coordination with the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC).

Grant Application Details and Instructions

How much grant assistance is available?

- Up to \$850,000 is available statewide for sober home sprinkler installation
- One time grant amounts up to \$80,000, based on a calculation of \$5,000 per bed.

Who is eligible?

- Applicants must be owners and/or operators of Certified Sober Homes, in good standing, as evidenced by a signed Good Standing form from MASH;
- Applicants must own the real property for which funds are being requested or are co-applying with property owner;
- Applicants must agree to remain a MASH certified Sober Home for a minimum of 5 years; and
- Applicants must have a written and signed estimate from a licensed and insured sprinkler installation contractor for the projected cost of the installation of the sprinkler system.

How do I apply?

- Complete and electronically submit an LOI form, which can be found at MassHousing.com/FSSP.

What are allowable costs?

- Allowable costs may include design and installation of fire sprinkler systems, electrical, fire alarm, water supply and other related trades necessary for compliance. Other costs may include permits and construction contingency.

Matching Funds

- No Match Required

What are the Program Priorities?

Priority One: MASH Certified Sober Homes certified for no less than 6 individuals, and which have been cited or are at-risk of being cited pursuant to municipal adoption of M.G.L. c. 148, s. 26H as determined by MASH. Municipalities identified as Priority One; Fitchburg, Greenfield, Lynn, New Bedford, North Attleboro, Springfield, Taunton, and Worcester.

Priority Two: MASH Certified Sober Homes certified for fewer than 6 individuals; or for Certified Sober Homes certified for 6 or more beds where the municipality has not yet adopted MGL c. 148, s. 26H; or for Certified Sober Homes needing upgrades to existing fire sprinkler systems.

MassHousing reserves the right to increase or decrease the maximum award for each proposal, and to fund proposals from either of the priorities listed above.

What is the anticipated timetable for submission and funding decisions?

- Funding availability announced: Monday, March 16th
- LOI due to MassHousing: Wednesday, March 25th
- Application due to MassHousing: Friday, May 15th
- Awards announced: Wednesday, June 1st

If awarded, how will I be notified?

- The contact person will receive notice at the email address provided on the online Application.

If awarded, how will I receive the funds?

- Upon execution of a Grant Agreement between MassHousing and the awardee, funds will be awarded as follows:
 - 30% upon signing a purchase/installation contract for an automatic sprinkler system and obtaining permits.
 - An additional 60% may be requested as progress payments during construction.
 - Final 10% after submission of local fire department inspection and inspection by MassHousing/MASH assigned inspectors confirming completion of project and a final bill from the system installer.
- Funds will be disbursed by MassHousing via Automated Clearing House (ACH) to a bank account designated by the awardee to your identified bank account.

Award Conditions

- Awards will consist of a one-time commitment for a twelve-month period. Any award amounts not expended within eighteen months of the executed Grant Agreement may be recaptured by MassHousing.

- MassHousing reserves the right to award all or no funding portion of FSSP funding allocation.
- MassHousing reserves the right to inspect construction progress in advance of release of the grant funds.
- If a project is awarded and receives MassHousing funding under this application, such housing must remain a **MASH certified sober home** for a minimum of five years. For joint applications, ALL parties must agree to these terms.

Informational Sessions

2 informational sessions will be held on the following dates for potential applicants:

- Thursday, March 19th
- Monday, March 23rd

Links to register can be found at masshousing.com/FSSP

Questions?

- Contact FSSP@masshousing.com for any additional questions.