



Neighborhood Hub 2024-2027

MassHousing's Neighborhood Hub program is open for new applications!

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About the Neighborhood Hub

Thank you for your interest in the Neighborhood Hub Program!

The Neighborhood Hub is administered by MassHousing and is made possible by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Program supports local housing markets in cities and towns across Massachusetts.

The Neighborhood Hub is a multi-agency partnership for neighborhood stabilization, repair, and rehabilitation. Its Advisory Board includes MassHousing, MassDevelopment, the Massachusetts Housing Partnership (MHP), the Massachusetts Association of Community Development Corporations (MACDC), the Massachusetts Institute for a New Commonwealth (MassINC), and the Commonwealth's Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), in collaborations with the Attorney General's Office

The Neighborhood Hub supports communities across the Commonwealth with a high rates of vacant, abandoned and deteriorated homes and operates in an equity framework, prioritizing communities that were disproportionately affected by the Great Recession and the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Neighborhood Hub provides technical assistance to Gateway Cities, Gateway City Regions, and their partners for the identification and implementation of neighborhood revitalizations strategies. Potential projects include organizational improvements to address housing challenges, reuse plans and strategies, regulations and incentives, property identification and prioritization for redevelopment. **Take a look at our website for examples of current projects in other communities and to learn more about our program:**
<https://www.masshousing.com/en/programs-outreach/neighborhood-hub>

Application Launch: October 11, 2023
Q&A Sessions: October 17th at 1:00am
Application Close: December 2, 2023
Cohort Selection: January, 2023

Neighborhood Hub Application Overview

The Neighborhood Hub application requires the identification of a specific neighborhood for focused stabilization assistance. Municipal and community support is required.

The Neighborhood Hub will also fund citywide or regional efforts for neighborhood stabilization. **All regional projects require a lead Gateway City partner. All projects will also require the identification of a target neighborhood or corridor for small-scale implementation and focused technical assistance.**

The selected communities will work with Neighborhood Hub staff to craft a comprehensive technical assistance program to address the many facets of neighborhood stabilization within an equity framework.

- Length of Program Partnership:
 - **3 Years**
- Maximum Grant Amount:
 - **\$200,000**
- Participants:
 - **Local Governments**
 - Gateway Cities
 - Gateway City Regions
 - **Community Partners**
 - Local or Regional Partners (e.g. community development corporations, redevelopment authorities, housing authorities, universities, neighborhood organizations)
- Geographic Preferences - **A map with the Neighborhood Hub's preferences is here: arcg.is/anvft0**
 - 2022 **Qualified Census Tracts**
 - 2020 **Environmental Justice Tracts**
 - **COVID-19** Impacted Communities
 - **Great Recession** Impacted Communities

Please email us at neighborhoodhub@masshousing.com with any questions!

NOTE: The application does not allow you to save your progress and come back at a later time. A full list of application questions can be found here: <https://www.masshousing.com/-/media/Files/Neighborhood-Hub/Neighborhood-Hub-Application-Questions.ashx>

Team Info

Tell us about your Neighborhood Hub Team!

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Gateway City or Gateway City Region

- ☐ Municipal (only Gateway City)
- ☐ Gateway City Region (Gateway City and adjacent municipalities)

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Gateway City or Gateway City Region Name

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Lead Municipal Partner

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Title

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Email Address

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Phone Number

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Neighborhood Hub Partners

List all the organizations that will be part of your Neighborhood Hub team, including any local non-profits, community development corporations, regional entities, or others.

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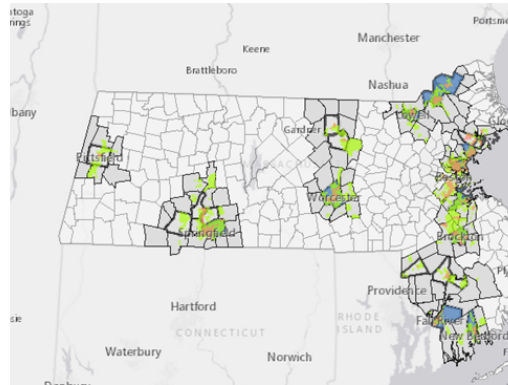
Team Representation

How representative do you think your team is of the neighborhood and the municipality?

Representative in this sense means that the demographics of the city are reflected in leadership and power at the table.



Citywide or Regional Technical Assistance



Let us know if you'd like us to consider citywide or regional technical assistance!

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Would you like to engage in citywide or regional stabilization efforts?

Citywide or regional technical assistance will be provided within an equity framework and will work in tandem with neighborhood specific efforts or within an identified regional corridor. **If you are looking for citywide or regional technical assistance, you will also need to include information about a target neighborhood or corridor (for regional projects only) in the next section for small-scale project implementation and focused technical assistance.** If selected, municipal and community partners will work with Neighborhood Hub Staff to craft a comprehensive technical assistance program that addresses the citywide or regional need and the stabilization work for a targeted neighborhood (or corridor for regional projects).

☐ Yes

☐ No

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Citywide or Regional Need

Describe the need for citywide or regional neighborhood stabilization efforts (e.g. ordinance revision/addition or strategic, data-driven code enforcement)

How does this need fit into the larger framework of neighborhood stabilization and what would you view as a successful deliverable?

How does it align with the Neighborhood Hub's goal of equitably assisting neighborhoods with a high rate of vacant, abandoned, and blighted properties?

About the Neighborhood



A map with the Neighborhood Hub's geographic preferences is here: arcg.is/anvfT0

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Neighborhood Name

What is the name of the neighborhood that the project will focus on? (for a regional project, you may instead provide a description of the regional corridor for focused technical assistance. Please answer the remaining questions in this section as they apply to the corridor).

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Neighborhood Description *

Describe the neighborhood where the project will be located, including housing and demographic data.

The neighborhood must:

- Contain a high rate of vacant, abandoned, and blighted or otherwise distressed housing structures
- Be of manageable size (manageable amount of building inventories for municipal planners)

Geographic Preferences

- 2022 **Qualified Census Tracts**
- 2020 **Environmental Justice** Tracts
- **COVID-19** Impacted Communities
- **2008 Recession** Impacted Communities
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Neighborhood Need *

Describe the stabilization needs of this neighborhood (e.g. significant substandard housing, gentrification concerns, vacant homes and/or lots, food desert)

Please provide data where applicable and available.

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Neighborhood Strengths *

Describe the neighborhood strengths and community resources (e.g. community organizations, community leaders, greenspaces, infrastructure investment, school investment, community activities)

Describe current programs and initiatives operating in this neighborhood. This should include citywide initiatives that impact this neighborhood (e.g. housing production plans, Master Plans)

Describe any local or regional resources that are available to support the project.

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Known Neighborhood Project Requests *

While the comprehensive planning process for the Neighborhood Hub take place after selection, please describe any known technical assistance requests for the Neighborhood (e.g. a need for mapping conditions in the neighborhood, a need for strategically supporting clearing title and maintaining properties free title issues, a need for neighborhood planning)

Supporting Files

Please send supporting files to neighborhoodhub@masshousing.com, including:

- Map of neighborhood
- Pictures or videos of neighborhood
- Letter of support from Mayor (**required**)
- Letter of support from community organization(s) (**required**)
- Any additional supporting files

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