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MassHousing Awards \$171,963 for Affordable Sober Housing *Funding will benefit sober housing programs in Boston, Hingham and Northampton*

BOSTON – February 9, 2011 – MassHousing has awarded \$171,963 in financing to help create or preserve affordable sober housing in Boston, Hingham and Northampton.

The MassHousing grants will come from the Center for Community Recovery Innovations, Inc. (CCRI), a nonprofit subsidiary corporation of MassHousing that creates and preserves affordable sober housing in Massachusetts for recovering substance abusers. CCRI to date has awarded nearly \$6 million in grants for nearly 1,400 units of substance-free housing in more than 30 communities for men, women, families, veterans, the homeless and ex-offenders.

"These latest grants from CCRI will help a diverse group of people who are in great need of quality affordable sober housing," said MassHousing Executive Director Thomas R. Gleason. "We are pleased to be able to assist in the creation or preservation of this very important type of housing that helps people fighting addiction."

Receiving grants in the latest round of CCRI funding are:

- **Catholic Charitable Bureau, Archdiocese of Boston, Nazareth Residence, Roxbury**, \$21,963 to help with major renovations to the kitchen at the 8-unit residence for women and children affected by HIV/AIDS.
- **Father Bills and Mainspring, Fort Hill Veterans Supported Housing, Hingham**, \$75,000 to help create 6 new units of sober housing for male and female veterans. Financing partners include the town of Hingham.
- **Friends of Hampshire County Homeless Individuals, Inc., Northampton**, \$75,000 to help create 6 new units of sober housing for chronically homeless men. Financing partners include the Gandara Center and the city of Northampton.

About CCRI

The Center For Community Recovery Innovations, Inc., issues an annual Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit projects for funding. The proposals that are selected need to meet CCRI's current priorities and eligibility categories. The grants are typically used as one-time gap funding for capital projects that increase or improve the stock of affordable sober housing in Massachusetts. Other proposals that provide services for residents in MassHousing-financed rental housing, specifically those that address alcohol and/or drug abuse or addiction, are also considered for funding.

About MassHousing

MassHousing (The Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency) is an independent, quasi-public agency created in 1966 and charged with providing financing for affordable housing in Massachusetts. The Agency raises capital by selling bonds and lends the proceeds to low- and moderate-income homebuyers and homeowners, and to developers who build or preserve affordable and/or mixed-income rental housing. MassHousing does not use taxpayer dollars to sustain its operations, although it administers some publicly funded programs on behalf of the Commonwealth. Since its inception, MassHousing has provided more than \$11 billion for affordable housing. For more information, visit the MassHousing website at www.masshousing.com.

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