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### **MassHousing Awards \$104,950 for Affordable Sober Housing** *Funding will benefit sober programs in Boston, Worcester and Springfield*

BOSTON – May 16, 2013 – MassHousing has awarded \$104,950 to support sober housing programs in Boston, Worcester and Springfield.

The MassHousing grants will come from the Center for Community Recovery Innovations, Inc. (CCRI), a nonprofit subsidiary corporation of MassHousing that supports non-profits that create or preserve affordable sober housing in Massachusetts for recovering substance abusers. CCRI to date has awarded more than \$6 million in grants for more than 1,500 units of substance-free housing in more than 35 communities for men, women, families, veterans, the homeless and ex-offenders.

"Substance abuse impacts not only those dealing with addiction, but their families as well," said MassHousing Executive Director Thomas R. Gleason. "Affordable sober housing is greatly needed across Massachusetts and MassHousing's CCRI funding is a very useful resource in helping to expand and rehabilitate that housing."

Receiving grants in the latest round of CCRI funding are:

- Volunteers of America of Massachusetts, Boston, \$72,750 to help create one new apartment and rehabilitate 11 other sober rooms for women at Shiloh Housing in Jamaica Plain. The rehabilitation work will include flooring, plumbing, electrical work, cabinets, sinks showers and countertops.
- Veterans, Inc., Worcester, \$25,000 to help create 3 new efficiency units for small families and rehabilitate six other rooms at the Veteran Women and Children's Housing Program in Worcester. Rehabilitation work includes plumbing, electrical work and handicapped accessibility improvements.
- Self Esteem Boston Educational Institute, Inc., Boston and Springfield, \$7,200 to help support the start up of a specialized self esteem building program for women in recovery at sites in Boston and Springfield.

#### ***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. CCRI grant recipients must be 501c3 non-profit organizations and matching funds must be provided. All proposals and applicant qualifications are stringently reviewed and vetted by MassHousing.

***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 nearly \$14 billion for affordable housing. For more information, visit the MassHousing website at [www.masshousing.com](http://www.masshousing.com), follow us on Twitter [@MassHousing](https://twitter.com/MassHousing), subscribe to [our blog](#) and [Like us](#) on Facebook.

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