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MassHousing Awards \$200,000 for Affordable Sober Housing

Funding will help create or preserve 28 units of sober housing in Fitchburg and Quincy for individuals and veterans and their families

BOSTON – May 22, 2014 – MassHousing has awarded \$200,000 to support affordable sober housing programs for men in Fitchburg and veterans and their families in Quincy.

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 \$7.8 million in grants for approximately 1,700 units of substance-free housing in nearly 40 communities for men, women, families, veterans, the homeless and ex-offenders.

"These CCRI grants will help individuals and veterans with families overcome their struggles with substance abuse," said MassHousing Executive Director Thomas R. Gleason. "Having an affordable place to live in a sober setting is a key part of a successful outcome for people in recovery."

Receiving grants in the latest round of CCRI funding are:

- **Twin Cities Community Development Corporation**, Fitchburg, \$75,000 to help construct three new one-bedroom apartments and rehabilitate 13 existing one-bedroom apartments for men in recovery. Funding partners include the state Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and the City of Fitchburg.
- **NeighborWorks of Southern Massachusetts**, Quincy, \$125,000 to help create 12 affordable sober two-bedroom apartments for veterans and their families. Funding partners include DHCD and the City of Quincy.

"We are grateful to Masshousing and the Center for Community Recovery Innovations for their support of this important project in Fitchburg that provides safe housing for homeless individuals in recovery," said Marc Dohan, Executive Director of Twin Cities Community Development Corporation.

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 more than \$16 billion for affordable housing. For more information, visit the MassHousing website at 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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