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MassHousing Awards \$275,000 for Affordable Sober Housing

Funding will help create or preserve 66 units of sober housing in Brockton, Shrewsbury and Worcester for men, women and veterans

BOSTON – March 25, 2015 – MassHousing has awarded \$275,000 to support affordable sober housing programs for men, women and veterans in Brockton, Shrewsbury and Worcester.

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 \$8 million in grants for approximately 1,700 units of substance-free housing in more than 40 communities for men, women, families, veterans, the homeless and ex-offenders.

"This latest round of CCRI financing involves sober housing for the homeless and homeless veterans, who are the most in need of quality affordable housing and support services," said MassHousing Executive Director Thomas R. Gleason. "This CCRI funding helps fill gaps in the overall financing of this housing and plays an important part in getting these projects completed for the residents who need them."

Receiving grants in the latest round of CCRI funding are:

- **Father Bill's and Mainspring, Inc.**, Brockton, \$125,000 to help construct 21 new units of affordable sober housing for homeless veterans, chronically homeless individuals and families in Brockton. Financing partners include the state Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), the Federal Home Loan Bank and multiple banks and foundations.
- **Veterans Inc.**, Shrewsbury, \$75,000 to install a fire suppression system to preserve 35 units of affordable sober housing for homeless veterans in Shrewsbury. Financing partners include DHCD and the U.S. Veterans Administration.
- **Opening Heaven's Door Ministries**, Worcester, \$75,000 in down payment funding for 10 units of affordable sober housing for men in Worcester. Financing partners include a community bank and private donors.

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 \$17 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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