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MassHousing Awards \$150,000 for Affordable Sober Housing

Funding will help rehabilitate and preserve 68 units of sober housing for women in Lynn and Worcester

BOSTON – February 11, 2016 – MassHousing has awarded \$150,000 to help rehabilitate and preserve 68 units of affordable sober housing for women in Lynn 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 1,800 units of substance-free housing in more than 40 communities for men, women, families, veterans, the homeless and ex-offenders.

"These CCRI grants will help women in Lynn and Worcester fighting addiction and allow them to live in a sober setting to avoid homelessness," said MassHousing's Timothy C. Sullivan. "Having a place to live in a sober setting is one of the major factors in helping people overcome substance abuse and reclaim their lives."

Receiving grants in the latest round of CCRI funding are:

- **Bridgewell Inc., Lynn**, \$75,000 to help rehabilitate and preserve 14 units of affordable sober housing for women in recovery. The scope of work includes improvements to bathrooms, roofing, decks, stairs, flooring, windows and the building's chimney, driveway and electrical system.
- **Abby's House, Worcester**, \$75,000 to help rehabilitate and preserve 54 units of affordable sober housing for women in Worcester. The scope of work includes upgrades to building plumbing, electrical and elevator systems, kitchens and laundries, and the construction of a new accessible entrance.

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 \$19 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](#), [watch us](#) on YouTube and [Like us](#) on Facebook.

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