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MassHousing Awards \$75,000 for Affordable Sober Housing in Weymouth

Funding will help create six new units of sober housing for homeless veterans

BOSTON – June 6, 2016 – MassHousing has awarded \$75,000 to help create six new units of affordable sober housing for homeless veterans in Weymouth.

The MassHousing grant 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 \$9 million in grants for approximately 1,900 units of substance-free housing in more than 40 communities for men, women, families, veterans, the homeless and ex-offenders.

"Substance abuse is one of the biggest obstacles to many of our veterans being able to live independent and productive lives," said MassHousing Executive Director Timothy C. Sullivan. "This sober housing in Weymouth and in many other places around the state helps these veterans confront and overcome their addiction in a safe and sober setting that increases their chances of success."

Receiving the grant in the latest round of CCRI funding was NeighborWorks of Southern Massachusetts, which will demolish an existing structure and construct a new building containing six affordable units for homeless veterans.

Other funding sources included the state Department of Housing and Community Development, the Town of Weymouth and Blue Hills Bank.

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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