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## **MassHousing Awards \$210,000 for Affordable Sober Housing to Support Men, Women and Veterans in Recovery**

***Funding will help create 55 new units of sober housing and renovate and preserve 32 other sober housing units in Boston and Brockton***

BOSTON – March 20, 2017 – MassHousing has awarded \$210,000 to help create or renovate 87 affordable housing units for men, women and veterans in recovery in Boston and Brockton.

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 \$9.2 million in grants for more than 1,900 units of substance-free housing in 48 communities for men, women, families, veterans, the homeless and ex-offenders.

“The devastating effects of addiction are being felt by thousands of people and families across Massachusetts,” said MassHousing Executive Director Tim Sullivan. “These CCRI grants are helping to provide very important housing in a sober setting for people working to overcome the grip of addiction.”

Receiving grants in the latest round of CCRI funding were:

[Hope House](#), Boston, \$75,000 to help acquire and create 25 affordable sober housing units for men in recovery in Dorchester. The scope of work includes rehabilitating bedrooms, kitchens and bathrooms as well as roof and siding replacement. Other project partners include multiple private and public entities.

[Victory Programs](#), Boston, \$60,000 to help create seven new affordable sober units and renovate and preserve an additional 32 units for women with infants. The scope of work includes asbestos and lead removal, electrical upgrades and the installation of sprinklers and a fire alarm system with full occupancy expected in June 2017.

[Father Bill's and MainSpring](#), Brockton, \$75,000 to help construct 23 new studio apartments for men and women, including 12 for veterans, in Brockton. Other project partners include the City of Brockton, Federal Home Loan Bank and the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development.

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***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 \$20 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](#), [watch us](#) on YouTube and [Like us](#) on Facebook.

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