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MassHousing Awards \$275,000 for Affordable Sober Housing to Support Men and Women in Recovery in Three Massachusetts Communities

Funding will help create 31 new units and rehabilitate 24 existing units of sober housing, in Amesbury, Lowell, and Wrentham

BOSTON – March 21, 2018 – MassHousing has awarded a total of \$275,000 to help create or modernize a total of 55 affordable sober housing units in Amesbury, Lowell, and Wrentham. The awarded projects will serve men and women in recovery, including young women with children.

The grants come from the [Center for Community Recovery Innovations, Inc.](#) (CCRI), a nonprofit subsidiary corporation of MassHousing that helps nonprofits create or preserve affordable sober housing in Massachusetts for individuals in recovery.

To date, CCRI has awarded more than \$10 million in grants for the creation or preservation of nearly 2,200 units of substance-free housing, in 50 communities, serving recovery populations that include men, women, families, veterans, the homeless and ex-offenders.

“The safe, affordable, sober housing these CCRI grants help provide is extremely important to the men and women who are working to overcome the devastating effects of addiction,” said **MassHousing Executive Director Chrystal Kornegay**. “The housing challenges faced by this vulnerable population are many, and living in a sober setting with support services is invaluable to their successful recovery.”

CCRI grant awards:

[Gilly’s House](#), Wrentham, \$75,000

MassHousing grant funds will help acquire and renovate a home to create 22 new sober units for young men in recovery. Milford National Bank is a primary financing partner.

[The Megan House Foundation](#), Lowell, \$125,000

Grant funds will help construct 9 new apartments at Emma’s Place for young women in recovery and their children. The housing is being developed in conjunction with the [Coalition For A Better Acre Community Development Corporation](#).

MassHousing Announces Down Payment Assistance Program

Housing Supports, Amesbury, \$75,000

Grant funds will help rehabilitate 24 single room occupancy (SRO) units for men. The scope of work includes both interior and exterior improvements. Partners include the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston and Newburyport Savings 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 \$22 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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