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MassHousing Awards \$150,000 for Affordable Sober Housing in Worcester *Funding will benefit sober programs for men and women and young adults*

BOSTON – November 28, 2012 – MassHousing has awarded \$150,000 in financing to help create 27 new units of affordable sober housing in Worcester.

The MassHousing grants will come from the Center for Community Recovery Innovations, Inc. (CCRI), a nonprofit subsidiary corporation of MassHousing that creates and preserves affordable sober housing in Massachusetts for recovering substance abusers. CCRI to date has awarded more than \$6 million in grants for more than 1,500 units of substance-free housing in more than 35 communities for men, women, families, veterans, the homeless and ex-offenders.

"There is a great need for affordable sober housing throughout the Commonwealth and these two CCRI grants will help men and women in Worcester who are overcoming addiction and working to reclaim their lives as productive members of society," said MassHousing Executive Director Thomas R. Gleason.

Receiving grants in the latest round of CCRI funding are:

- **Spectrum Health Systems, Inc.**, for 27 West Street, \$75,000 to help create 12 new apartments in a recently acquired building for men and women in recovery.
- **South Middlesex Non-Profit Housing Corporation**, \$75,000 to help create 15 units of affordable sober housing on Queen Street for men and women. Funding partners include the state Department of Housing and Community Development and the City of Worcester.

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 nearly \$14 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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