



MassHousing Award SMOC Grant For Sober Housing

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FRAMINGHAM – MassHousing has awarded a total of \$622,095 in grant funding to help create or modernize 152 affordable sober housing units in 11 communities across Massachusetts.

The awarded projects will serve veterans, and men and women in recovery, including 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 \$11 million in grants for the creation or preservation of nearly 2,300 units of substance-free housing, in 53 communities, serving recovery populations that include men, women, families, veterans, the homeless and ex-offenders.

“Having a safe, sober place to live is one of the top factors in overcoming substance abuse,” said MassHousing Executive Director Chrystal Kornegay. “These CCRI grants help not just those trying to clear the grip of addiction, but in many cases their children and other family members who are impacted as well. We’re pleased to partner with these non-profit organizations who work every day to help residents across the Commonwealth overcome addiction so they can lead healthy and productive lives.”

Framingham was one of the communities.

The South Middlesex Non-Profit Housing Corporation (SMOC) in Framingham received a \$47,500 grant.

Funds will help rehabilitate and preserve 22 units of sober housing for women in recovery in Framingham.

The scope of work includes new windows, roof and porch repairs, a fire escape and chimney.

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.