

MASH-ARPA Capacity Building Pre-Qualification Form

In 2021, the Massachusetts State Legislature appropriated \$150 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for a reserve to support the production of permanent supportive housing. Of that \$150 million, \$15 million is being administered by the Massachusetts Alliance for Supportive Housing (MASH) -- a collaboration between Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance (MHSA), United Way of Massachusetts Bay & Merrimack Valley (United Way), and Corporation of Supportive Housing (CSH) -- to advance the creation of permanent supportive housing for unaccompanied adults experiencing homelessness who have disabling conditions.

MASH will fund Development and Capacity Building grants. To apply for a Capacity Building grant, please complete and submit the Pre-Qualification Form below. To apply for a Development grant, please click [HERE](#) to complete that Pre-Qualification form. Applicants can submit Pre-Qualification forms for multiple Development and/or Capacity Building projects. However, applicants must submit one Pre-Qualification Form per project.

PLEASE READ THIS OVERVIEW TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENT AND CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS, INCLUDING THE TWO-STEP APPLICATION PROCESS, SELECTION CRITERIA, AND TIMELINE.

* 1. Please complete the following about your organization:

Name of Applicant Organization:	<input type="text"/>
Organization Primary Address of the Applicant (Street Address):	<input type="text"/>
City:	<input type="text"/>
State:	<input type="text"/>
Zip Code:	<input type="text"/>
Contact Person - Name	<input type="text"/>
Contact Person - Title	<input type="text"/>
Contact Person - Email	<input type="text"/>
Contact Person - Telephone number	<input type="text"/>

2. Is the applicant a Minority-Owned Business Enterprise (MBE) certified business?

- Yes
- No

3. Is the applicant partnering with an MBE on this project?

- Yes
- No

4. Does your agency already have an eImpact Profile? This is United Way's online data management system. If you do not have a profile, one will be set up for you.

- Yes
- No

5. The MASH-ARPA funds will be allocated for low-threshold, Housing First projects (See Housing First Principles Checklist). Does your capacity building project align with these Housing First Principles? If you select YES, then you are confirming that your capacity building project supports these Housing First principles.

- Yes
- No

6. Will your capacity building project directly support your organization's effort to create low-threshold, permanent supportive housing? (See Definition of Permanent Supportive Housing)? If you select YES, then you are confirming that your organization is committed to meeting low-threshold permanent supportive housing expectations through the capacity you are seeking to build.

- Yes
- No

7. What is the amount of MASH ARPA funds requested for capacity building?

8. How will the funds be utilized for this project? (NOTE: These expenses must be expended by December 31, 2026.) [Check all that apply]

- Legal/architectural/other specialized pre-development services
- Project management staff
- Grant Writers
- Assistance with building equitable partnerships with a Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)
- Other (please specify)

9. Do you have site control or acquisition plans?

- Yes
- No

10. Please explain your site control or acquisition plans, including details of the building type (e.g., motel/hotel conversion, new construction, manufactured housing, renovation).

11. What is the total number of project units?

12. Of that total, how many units will be permanent supportive housing for unaccompanied adults experiencing homelessness who have disabling conditions?

13. Please explain what stage the Capacity Building project is currently in, and the progress made to date.

14. Please explain how the MASH ARPA funds for capacity building could make a critical difference in the success of developing permanent supportive housing for unaccompanied adults experiencing homelessness who have disabling conditions. (Examples: simplify development, provide staffing support, build sustainable organizational capacity, fill critical gaps)

15. Are you or your partner organization(s) new to developing permanent supportive housing?

- Yes
- No

16. Have you already incurred capacity building costs for the project?

- Yes
- No

17. **Additional Information**

Please provide specific examples of how the applicant plans on developing housing and delivering supportive services in ways that address systemic racism and advances racial equity.