



MASH Grant Funds Overview

What is the Massachusetts Alliance for Supportive Housing?

The Massachusetts Alliance for Supportive Housing (MASH) is dedicated to developing and expanding low-threshold permanent supportive housing (PSH) as a solution to homelessness in the Commonwealth. MASH is a collaboration of MHSA, United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley (UWMB), and Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH).

What are the MASH Development and Capacity Building Funds (MASH Grant Funds)?

MASH is currently managing \$15 million in funds specifically designated to advance the creation of PSH for unaccompanied adults experiencing homelessness who have disabling conditions and who live in underserved areas that demonstrate high rates of racial inequities in homelessness, tent encampments, and/or shelter occupancy, and that may have been considered COVID-19 hot spots. These funds were allocated by the Massachusetts State Legislature in 2021 as part of a \$150 million reserve to support the production of PSH. There are two subcategories of funding – one for Development, to construct new PSH, and one for Capacity Building, to assist organizations in expanding PSH.

Why are the MASH Grant Funds important?

With homeless shelters overcrowded and tent encampments growing across the state, there is a critical need for innovative and streamlined ways to add housing with supportive services for people who are experiencing homelessness. The Supportive Housing Pipeline Coalition which brings together MASH, Citizens' Housing and Planning Association (CHAPA), and other advocates, has set a goal to provide PSH for 4,000+ households experiencing long-term homelessness who also have disabling conditions by January 2027. Meeting that goal requires adding new housing stock through innovative approaches, streamlined funding, and building the capacity of more housing developers and service providers, especially Minority Business Enterprises that have been underrepresented. MASH is playing a key part in advancing a systems approach to address this need. With these awards, MASH is helping to create 362 PSH units and building capacity for a pipeline that will result in additional housing.

Who is the target population for the MASH Grant Funds?

The MASH Grant Funds are designated for adults who are experiencing homelessness and have disabling conditions, and are not accompanied by children.

Who applied for MASH Grant Funds?

In the summer of 2022, MASH opened a call for applications for Development and Capacity Building projects. MASH specifically sought projects that focused on areas with a high concentration of homeless encampments and shelters, communities that have been significantly impacted by COVID-19, places with racial and ethnic inequities in homelessness, or Gateway Cities or rural/underserved areas. In total, 52 Development proposals were submitted by 40 organizations, totaling \$136 million in requested funding.

There were 21 Capacity Building proposals submitted by 19 organizations, totaling \$7.2 million in requested funding. The number of applications submitted clearly demonstrates the interest among organizations across the Commonwealth to meet this pressing need for more PSH.

Who is receiving MASH Grant Funds?

After reviewing applications and conducting interviews with applicant organizations, MASH is awarding 10 organizations a combined total of \$11.75 million for Development projects that will create 362 PSH units, and \$1.2 million to eight organizations for Capacity Building projects. These grantee partners are located across Massachusetts from Pittsfield to Attleboro.

What is the timeline of MASH Grant Funds?

MASH will begin distributing funds in April 2023. The grantee partners must allocate project funds by September 30, 2024, and expend all funds by September 30, 2026.

Who do I contact if I have questions about MASH Grant Funds?

Please contact Verna Skeete, MASH Program Manager at the Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance, who can be reached at vskeete@mhsa.net

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For more information about the MASH Grant Funds, please visit www.mhsa.net/MASH

MASH DEVELOPMENT AND CAPACITY BUILDING GRANT FUNDS

\$11.75 million for 10 Development projects

- 4 Acquisition projects
- 4 Renovation projects
- 2 Site Control projects

\$1.2 million for 8 Capacity Building projects

7 organizations will hire staff/consultants, conduct staff trainings, and/or pursue Minority Business Enterprise certification to help expand their capacity to create PSH

*100% of projects are committed to following the Housing First approach
362 housing opportunities will be created, while building capacity for a pipeline that will result in additional housing*

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