



## MASH Grant Funds Project Summaries: Development and Capacity Building Projects

*Note: There are four projects still to be publicly announced*

### Development Projects

#### NeighborWorks® Housing Solutions (NHS)

[www.nhsmass.org](http://www.nhsmass.org)

**150 Pleasant Street, Attleboro - NeighborWorks® Housing Solutions** will blend \$2,000,000 of MASH Grant Funds with local and state funds to construct a new building with 40 beds for individuals experiencing homelessness, 22 of which will be fully furnished micro-units dedicated to permanent supportive housing (PSH). The housing will be situated in the same building with what will be Attleboro's first single adult shelter in order to facilitate rapid rehousing. The property is located within walking distance of food shops, public transportation, and services. NeighborWorks® Housing Solutions will own and manage the property with Father Bill's & MainSpring providing on-site case management services during the day, as well as 24-hour on-call emergency response teams after hours. Catholic Social Services' on-site overnight shelter staff will provide an added level of oversight and support.

#### Renaissance Development

[www.redevelopmentllc.com](http://www.redevelopmentllc.com)

**443 State Street, Springfield - Renaissance Development** has been awarded \$2,000,000 towards the renovation of a former furniture warehouse to create 35 new units, 21 of which will be dedicated for PSH for individuals experiencing homelessness. The project will repurpose the space as a mix-use building with community space for residents, an outdoor patio area for commercial tenants, and weekend flea market open to the public. The building is centrally located near downtown, a local community college and local high schools along a bus line. Mental Health Association will provide services, including varied life skills trainings, as well as medication monitoring/assistance, assistance with accessing medical and dental care, and arrangement of transportation services.

#### Worcester Community Housing Resources

[www.wchr.org](http://www.wchr.org)

**50 Oriol Drive, Worcester – Worcester Community Housing Resources** will leverage \$2,000,000 in MASH Grant Funds to create 90 units of PSH for individuals experiencing homelessness. The building, which had once been a hotel, will have 57 one-bedroom and 33 studio units with common laundry facilities on each floor. Nine of the units will be fully handicap accessible. The property will have a community garden, a fitness room, and 25,000 square feet of exterior recreational space. The location offers a private, quiet atmosphere with access to stores and supportive services, all within walking

distance. Eliot Community Human Services will provide supportive services which will include recovery coaches, mental health professional services, and case management.

#### **Berkshire Housing Development Corporation**

[www.berkshirehousing.com](http://www.berkshirehousing.com)

**74 First Street, Pittsfield** – In partnership with a local church, **Berkshire Housing Development Corporation** will leverage \$1,250,000 in MASH Grant Funds to convert a church classroom space into nine units dedicated to PSH for unaccompanied individuals experiencing homelessness. The church is located in downtown Pittsfield close to a hospital, employment opportunities, services, shopping, etc. The project is part of a comprehensive initiative to address the need for PSH in Pittsfield. The new units will be developed alongside another 44 PSH units, and will share the same continuum of resident services, case management, and community-level programming.

#### **Action Inc.**

[www.actioninc.org](http://www.actioninc.org)

**Gloucester** – **Action Inc.** will acquire a property on the North Shore with \$1,000,000 in MASH Grant Funds. The units will house adults who had previously experienced homelessness. Supportive case management services will be offered. This project will address the need for low-threshold PSH in the Gloucester area by serving individuals who conventional community-based landlords have refused to house - a particular challenge in a smaller community where individuals who have experienced homelessness may be "known" in the community.

#### **Louison House**

[www.louisonhouse.org](http://www.louisonhouse.org)

**11 Bracewell Ave, North Adams** – A MASH award of \$1,000,000 will help **Louison House** fast-track the renovation of a historic building, dating back to 1870, in downtown North Adams. The project will offer six low-threshold PSH units for young adults who are experiencing homelessness, including those with children, and will be targeted toward individuals with existing barriers to securing housing. One unit will be handicap accessible. All the residents will receive case management, personal service plans, and personal goal development programs as part of comprehensive supportive housing, based upon individual needs. Residents will have easy access to a supermarket, pharmacies, stores, and bus lines, all within walking distance of the building.

#### **Community Teamwork, Inc. (CTI)**

[www.commteam.org](http://www.commteam.org)

**275-277 Summer Street, Lowell** – **Community Teamwork, Inc. (CTI)** will leverage \$650,000 in MASH Grant Funds with local and private commitments will be used to rehabilitate a century-old structure, creating 19 units dedicated to PSH for individuals experiencing homelessness. The building, which had previously served as a lodging house for Veterans experiencing homelessness, will include space for one staff office for wraparound services, case management and ongoing stabilization supports to be provided five days per week. The property is located near multiple sites that provide day programming and other services, and is within walking distance of Lowell's public transportation hub and downtown. These 19 units will contribute toward Lowell's Homeless Task Force goal of creating 300 units for individuals experiencing homelessness within the city.

### **Independent Housing Solutions, Inc.**

[www.independenthousingsolutions.org](http://www.independenthousingsolutions.org)

**5 Franklin Street, Northampton** – *Independent Housing Solutions, Inc.* has been awarded \$650,000 in MASH Grant Funds to acquire a property that will be developed into 16 units of PSH for individuals with complicated medical needs who are experiencing homelessness. The facility, which is located near a bus line, has ample common space, including a game room and a kitchen, and two rooms that can accommodate persons who weigh more than 500lbs. All rooms meet ADA accessibility standards. An on-site medical office will provide dedicated support to tenants.

## **Capacity Building Projects**

### **Commonwealth Land Trust**

[www.commonwealthlandtrust.org](http://www.commonwealthlandtrust.org)

**570 Warren Street, Boston** - *Commonwealth Land Trust* was awarded \$200,000 by MASH, which will expand the organization's capacity to develop low-threshold supportive housing for unaccompanied adults with disabling conditions experiencing homelessness. The funds will also augment the capacity of Lion Construction, a minority-owned small business, to develop PSH by providing the means to hire a project manager and secure their Minority Business Enterprise certification. Commonwealth Land Trust is also renovating a 26-unit property at Warren Street in Roxbury in partnership with Lion Construction. Additionally, the organization is adding a 14-unit property at Seaver Street in the same area.

### **NeighborWorks® Housing Solutions (NHS)**

[www.nhsmass.org](http://www.nhsmass.org)

**South Shore** - *NeighborWorks® Housing Solutions (NHS)* has been granted \$200,000 by MASH to hire new staff and invest in a regional team approach to support housing development for individuals experiencing homelessness. Projects include redevelopment of older wood-frame, family-style houses to create new, higher density micro-units, as well as opportunities to convert underutilized commercial properties into PSH. Funds will also be used to help enhance NHS's initial stabilization services for PSH properties already in development, with the understanding that tenants moving directly into housing from long-term homelessness typically require more intensive services during their first year of tenancy.

### **St. Francis House**

[www.stfrancishouse.org](http://www.stfrancishouse.org)

**41 LaGrange Street, Boston** - *St. Francis House* will receive \$200,000 from MASH to create the new position of Director of Housing within the organization. The Director will assist in managing and overseeing the development of residential services at their new residential sites. The Director of Housing will work closely with the Planning Office for Urban Affairs, acting as project manager for St. Francis House, and planning how to best leverage the organization's expertise and integrated services model for the new sites as they are being constructed and once people move in.

### **Metro North Housing Corporation**

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**Malden** - *Metro North Housing Corporation* will receive \$138,000 from MASH to retain an experienced real estate consultant to help identify potential sites for new low-threshold PSH in the Malden area. The consultant will work with Metro North Housing through site acquisition and predevelopment on at least

one of these sites. Metro North Housing has emerged as the primary entity in the Malden area working to develop new low-threshold PSH.

#### **Justice 4 Housing**

[www.justice4housing.org](http://www.justice4housing.org)

**Springfield – Justice 4 Housing** has been awarded \$50,000 from MASH to inform the development of 15-20 units that will be used for PSH for women experiencing homelessness. This project is intended for women with disabilities, elderly women, and women who have been discriminated against due to incarceration, disability, or mental health, or women who have been labeled sex workers. The funds will be used to hire experts to assist in the acquisition of real estate to rehab or land to build upon, connect with developers, develop and design healing spaces to ultimately provide single-room occupancy units and wraparound services. In addition, Justice 4 Housing will hire Deanna Van Buren, an expert in the field of designing healing spaces for individuals who have experienced chronic homelessness, are elderly, or disabled.

#### **Together We Stand Corporation**

[www.togetherwestandcorporation.org](http://www.togetherwestandcorporation.org)

**56 Liberty Street, Fall River - Together We Stand Corporation (TWSC)**, a newly formed organization, has secured \$50,000 of MASH Grant Funds to enhance the organization's capacity to develop and operate PSH for individuals with disabilities who are experiencing homelessness. Specifically, a part-time Program Manager will be hired to support property management and oversight for the residents. TWSC will be the first nonprofit organization in Fall River to provide supportive services to individuals experiencing homelessness and serve as a connector for landlords and tenants.

**For more information about the MASH Grant Funds, please visit [www.mhsa.net/MASH](http://www.mhsa.net/MASH)**

