

Massachusetts Supportive Housing Under Threat:

Impact of Federal HUD Funding Changes

THOUSANDS IN MASSACHUSETTS COULD LOSE THEIR HOMES

BACKGROUND

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is proposing major policy changes to the Continuum of Care (CoC) program that would **undo decades of bipartisan progress** toward ending homelessness.

Across the country, **\$3.6 billion in federal support is at risk**, which could put more than **170,000 people** out of housing.

These changes would:

- **Cut funding for permanent supportive housing**, a proven strategy to that helps reduce homelessness.
- Add new requirements that **could make it impossible** for Massachusetts communities **to apply for this critical funding**.



"After losing everything, I thought I'd be stuck [being homeless] forever. I have everything I need here now. It's a good feeling."

— Joe

60s, housed since 2014

IMPACT ON MASSACHUSETTS

Total HUD CoC
homelessness funding
in MA:

\$136 million

\$91 million of this total
funds rent and services for more than
3,800 households for people with
disabilities who have experienced
homelessness

CONSEQUENCES

- **More than 3,800 individuals and families with disabilities could lose their homes**, including many of whom have maintained stable housing for years or even decades
- **Unsheltered homelessness would increase**, leaving more people on streets, in tent encampments, or struggling to find space in already overcrowded shelters
- Property owners and service providers would **lose income**
- Frontline workers in housing sector could **face job losses**
- Emergency services, hospitals, and shelters would **experience severe strain**

3,800 Supportive Housing Units* Impacted Across Massachusetts

Divided Across 11 CoCs

