



June 11, 2025

The Honorable Aaron Michlewitz  
Chair, House Ways & Means

The Honorable Michael Rodrigues  
Chair, Senate Ways & Means

The Honorable Ann-Margaret Ferrante  
Vice Chair, House Ways & Means

The Honorable Jo Comerford  
Vice Chair, Senate Ways & Means

The Honorable Todd Smola  
Ranking Member, House Ways & Means

The Honorable Patrick O'Connor  
Ranking Member, Senate Ways & Means

Dear Chair Michlewitz, Chair Rodrigues and Members of the Conference Committee:

On behalf of the Massachusetts Supportive Housing Pipeline Coalition, a coalition of 80 nonprofit and for-profit developers, health care companies, services providers, policy organizations and advocates working to advance a unified agenda to create the supportive housing needed to end chronic homelessness in Massachusetts, we respectfully request your adoption of the following priorities identified by the Coalition.

Please see below for the Supportive Housing Pipeline Coalition's budget requests for the Conference Committee that we are seeking your adoption of.

- 1. \$11,922,875 for the Sponsor-based Permanent Supportive Housing line item (7004-0105):** Adopt the House budget that includes funding to cover the increased costs of the current inventory, plus an estimated 79 additional supportive housing units for people with disabilities experiencing homelessness.
- 2. Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program (7004-9024):** Adopt the \$258,111,840 funding level included in the House budget.
- 3. \$693,855,438 for DMH Adult Services and Supports (5046-0000):** Adopt the Senate Budget that includes full funding for community-based behavioral services, such as Adult Respite and Adult Community Clinical Services (ACCS). Adult Respite provides temporary short-term, community-based clinical and rehabilitative services, while ACCS provides clinical interventions, peer/family support, and a range of provider-based housing options as treatment settings.
- 4. \$17,048,125 for the DMH Rental Subsidy Program (7004-9033):** Adopt the Senate Budget that includes a \$500,000 increase for rental vouchers so that ~30 new DMH clients may live in studio and one-bedroom apartments with supportive services.
- 5. \$10,000,000 earmark for DPH BSAS low- threshold housing, employing a "Housing First" model (4512-0200):** Adopt the House Budget that includes \$10 million earmark language. The Senate Budget does not specify the earmark request.

Thank you,

## **Supportive Housing Pipeline Coalition Members**

1. United Ways of Massachusetts (16 chapters)
2. Heading Home, Inc
3. Caritas Communities
4. Massachusetts Association for Mental Health (MAMH)
5. Horizons for Homeless Children
6. Massachusetts Association of Behavioral Health Systems
7. Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance
8. Western Massachusetts Network to End Homelessness
9. Preservation of Affordable Housing
10. Chelmsford Housing Authority/CHOICE Inc
11. Pine Street Inn
12. UnitedHealthcare
13. Eliot
14. Barnstable County Department of Human Services - MA-503 Cape Cod and Islands
15. National Association of Social Workers - MA Chapter (NASW-MA)
16. City of Springfield
17. City of Taunton Department of Human Services
18. Urban Edge
19. WinnCompanies
20. Valley Community Development
21. Action Inc.
22. Catholic Charities
23. CHAPA
24. Greater Lawrence Community Action Council

25. HomeStart
26. Somerville Homeless Coalition, Inc.
27. Lynn Housing Authority and Neighborhood Development
28. The Neighborhood Developers
29. Roxbury Stone House
30. YWCA Malden
31. South Coast Regional Network to End Homelessness
32. LEO Inc.
33. New Hope, Inc.
34. Beacon Communities, LLC
35. Children's Services of Roxbury
36. Union Capital Boston
37. Victory Programs, Inc.
38. Malden City Council
39. Everett Haitian Community Center (TheEHCC)
40. Father Bills & MainSpring
41. Three County CoC
42. Harborlight Homes (Harborlight Community)
43. Community Action Agency of Somerville, Inc.
44. Massachusetts Housing & Shelter Alliance (MHSA)
45. WinnCompanies
46. La Colaborativa
47. Bay Cove Human Services
48. The Boston Foundation

49. Commonwealth Land Trust
50. CSH
51. Community Teamwork
52. TAC
53. Continuum of Care
54. Mental Health Association
55. North Shore Community Action Programs
56. New England Association of Schools and Colleges
57. Allston Brighton Community Development Corporation
58. Craig's Doors - A Home Association, Inc
59. Steppingstone, Inc
60. Housing Assistance
61. NeighborWorks Housing Solutions
62. Community Counseling of Bristol County
63. Housing Families Inc.
64. MA Association of CDCs
65. SoCo
66. Volunteers of America, MA
67. Boston Medical Center
68. Greater Lawrence Community Action Council
69. High Point
70. SEMCOA
71. MA Continuums of Care Network
72. Project Place
73. Baystate Medical Center

74. Cambridge Continuum of Care (MA-509)

75. On The Rise

76. Hearth, Inc.

77. Wellspring House, Inc.

78. The Midas Collaborative

79. Boston Public Health Commission

80. Transition House

81. Hildebrand Family-Self Help Center

82. Coalition of MA IL Centers