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Metro Boston Network to Give \$473K to 12 Area Nonprofits

June 19, 2009 —The Metro Boston Network to End Homelessness, one of eight regional networks that get state funding to help end homelessness, has awarded \$473,000 to 12 area agencies and organizations, and announced that it will make an additional \$465,000 available in emergency funds.

In addition to the 12 contracted agencies and their partners, the **Metropolitan Boston Housing Partnership** (MBHP), which manages the funds for the Network, and the Cambridge Multi-Service Center will use the emergency funds to augment staff services and help residents obtain and retain housing.

"I am thrilled these agencies have stepped forward in partnership with the Metro Boston Regional Network to provide a much-needed service that I believe will prove to be replicable and will benefit families at risk of homelessness," MBHP Executive Director Chris Norris.

Each contract, once finalized and accepted, will be for 18 months and take effect July 1. The awardees are:

- **Affordable Housing & Services Collaborative (a nonprofit arm of Peabody Properties)** – \$63,000 for eviction prevention and housing stabilization in two Chelsea and Somerville housing developments.
- **Brookline Community Mental Health Center** – \$20,000 for eviction prevention and housing stabilization with the Brookline Housing Authority.
- **Community Action Programs Inter City, Inc. (CAPIC)** – \$78,000 for diversion from shelter at the Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) offices in Revere and (in conjunction with the Community Services Network) Malden, and for stabilization for families who are served and referred by Just-A-Start/Mediation for Results in working with Malden District Court.
- **Community Dispute Settlement Center** – \$18,000 for eviction prevention at the Cambridge District Court and for leveraging similar services in the Woburn District Court.
- **Community Service Network (CSN)** – \$21,000 for eviction prevention and housing stabilization with the Woburn Housing Authority, and for housing stabilization on cases referred by Just-A-Start/Mediation for Results and the Community Dispute Settlement Center at the Woburn District Court.
- **Tri-City Action Program (Tri-CAP)** – \$30,112 for the Four City Tenancy Preservation Collaborative eviction prevention and housing stabilization services through working with Eliot Community Human Services and the Malden and Somerville district courts to serve residents of Everett, Malden, Medford and Melrose.
- **Heading Home** – \$44,347 for a Housing First program for Network-area families.
- **HomeStart, Inc.** – \$44,347 for a Housing First program for Network-area individuals.
- **Housing Families** – \$40,000 for eviction prevention and housing stabilization with the Everett and Malden housing authorities.
- **Just-A-Start/Mediation for Results** – \$44,800 for eviction prevention and housing stabilization with the Chelsea, Malden and Somerville district courts.

- **Somerville Community Corp.**— \$50,000 for Somerville Tenancy Preservation Collaborative eviction prevention and housing stabilization with the Somerville Housing Authority, individual Somerville rental property owners, and the Somerville District Court. Additional partners include Cambridge and Somerville Legal Services, Community Action Agency of Somerville, Somerville Homeless Coalition, and Somerville Mental Health Association.
- **The Second Step** – \$20,000 for services in conjunction with the Metro Boston Domestic Violence Collaborative for diversion from shelter and housing stabilization services at the Malden and Revere DTA offices.

The Metro Boston Network to End Homelessness includes the following communities: Arlington, Bedford, Belmont, Brookline, Burlington, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Lexington, Malden, Medford, Melrose, Milton, Newton, North Reading, Reading, Revere, Somerville, Stoneham, Wakefield, Waltham, Watertown, Wilmington, Winchester, Winthrop and Woburn.

Metropolitan Boston Housing Partnership, the state's largest regional provider of rental housing voucher assistance, serves homeless, elderly, disabled, and low- and moderate-income individuals and families in Boston and 29 surrounding communities.

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