

Local agencies receive help from Metro Boston Network to End Homelessness

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Malden - Beginning July 1, Malden and 25 other Greater Boston communities will get more help to end homelessness.

The Metro Boston Network to End Homelessness announces the preliminary awarding of contracts to 12 area agencies and organizations to provide Housing First, homelessness prevention and diversion, and housing stabilization services as part of the Network's efforts to end homelessness. Additionally, emergency funds to assist with these services will be available to families served by the contracted agencies, as well as to two additional organizations that will be leveraging staff support for these services.

The Metropolitan Boston Housing Partnership (MBHP) is the convening agency for the Metro Boston Network.

"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 will begin July 1. Tri-City Action Program (Tri-CAP) will receive \$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 Malden, Everett, Medford and Melrose.

Housing Families will receive \$40,000 for eviction prevention and housing stabilization with the Everett and Malden housing authorities. Just-A-Start/Mediation for Results will receive \$44,800 for eviction prevention and housing stabilization with the Chelsea, Malden and Somerville district courts.

The Second Step will receive \$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.

Beyond the \$470,000 to be awarded to the 12 agencies, an additional \$465,729 in emergency flexible funds will be available. The funds will be used for such necessities as first/last month's rent on a new home, rental arrearages, utility deposits or arrearages, and the like, and dollars must be directly related to obtaining or retaining housing. In addition to the 12 contracted agencies and their partners, MBHP and the Cambridge Multi-Service Center will use the emergency flexible funds to leverage staff services and help residents obtain and retain housing.