

MASSACHUSETTS RENTAL VOUCHER PROGRAM

Please support funding of \$100M for MRVP (line item 7004-9024) in FY2016.

MRVP provides housing stability and security to more than **6,665** extremely low income households, including elders, disabled individuals and families with children.

FY2016 FUNDING REQUEST: \$100 MILLION

RECENT SUCCESSES WITH MRVP

- Since 2013, more than **2,000** otherwise homeless families have been housed, allowing children to thrive, students to achieve and parents to succeed in work and education.
- The state has developed more than **300** units of supportive housing with MRVP, providing the necessary supports to make housing-first work, and has developed a pipeline of **100** additional units.
- Massachusetts has been able to preserve **1,000** units of affordable housing stock that would have otherwise been lost due to the loss of federal supports.

WHY NOW?

- Despite significant restorations to MRVP, the number of households experiencing housing instability and homelessness persists as Massachusetts remains one of the most expensive states in the nation to live.
- **229,600** MA low income renters pay more than **50%** of their monthly income for housing alone.
- With a median income of \$1,300/month and rents of \$1,170/month, many low income renters are left with only **\$130/month** for food and other necessities.
- Common setbacks such as job loss, illness, lack of childcare or missed child support payments often result in evictions and homelessness.



Stable homes



Stable neighborhoods



Success in school



Success at work

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