

**HUD Awards MA. New Funding for People with Disabilities in Facilities or Homeless
MFP Enrollees Designated Priority Group to Receive Vouchers**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recently announced that Massachusetts has been awarded \$6.8m in Project Rental Assistance (PRA) funds to develop new affordable housing opportunities for people with disabilities who are in facilities or are chronically homeless.

The HUD 811 PRA award is the outcome of a collaborative effort involving two Massachusetts state agencies, the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and the Executive Office of Health and Human Services. The award provides Massachusetts with 100 Section 811 PRA vouchers, as well as 50 state rental vouchers added by DHCD. The HUD award also designates MFP enrollees as the priority population to receive these vouchers when they become available.

This latest HUD funding marks the second 811 PRA award received by Massachusetts through a partnership between its housing and health and human services agencies. In 2013, Massachusetts was selected to participate in the first ever HUD Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities PRA Demonstration. Under that \$5.2m grant, Massachusetts received 90 Section 811 PRA vouchers and an additional 38 state rental vouchers. Currently, MFP enrollees are actively accessing the state-matched vouchers from that award.

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