

MassHousing Announces Awards to twelve Hoarding Task Forces (HTFs) in Massachusetts

Local and Regional HTFs, Teams, Networks or Collaboratives bring together local partners to plan, sponsor trainings and community education events, discuss and strategize around cases, develop, coordinate and/or provide services including coaching, decluttering, sorting, discarding and cleanups, and organize professional and/or peer led support groups. These activities help preserve tenancies and save lives. Through the MA Statewide Steering Committee, MassHousing and its partners will help support local efforts in FY20 as follows:

Brookline HTF

Brookline Center for Community Mental

Health

\$ 3,400

Cape Cod HTF

Barnstable County Department of Health

and Environment

\$ 4,000

ClearPath - MetroWest

Marlborough Community Development

Corporation

\$ 4,300

ClearPath – Nashoba Valley

Marlborough Community Development

Corporation

\$ 4,200

Fresh Start

City of New Bedford

\$ 4,300

Greater Brockton Area HTF Old Colony Elder Services

\$ 4,000

Hoarding Outreach Partnership Effort

Greater Lynn Senior Services

\$ 4,300

Newton HTF

City of Newton

\$ 4,300

North Shore HTF

North Shore Elder Services

\$ 4,200

Scituate Hoarding Response Team

Town of Scituate

\$ 4,300

Watertown HTF

Town of Watertown Health Department

\$ 3,200

Western MA HD Resource Network

ServiceNet

\$ 2,500

For further information, go to www.masshousing.com/hoarding or contact Ed Chase at echase@masshousing.com.

Local HTF work was championed in Massachusetts by Lee A. Mannillo, a founding member and chair of the Cape Cod HTF. Lee also worked with MassHousing to provide start up assistance to many localities across the Commonwealth. Lee's skill, dedication and enthusiasm is missed by all who do this work in Massachusetts and beyond, but her inspiration lives on in the communities and the initiatives of all hoarding teams, networks and collaboratives.