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Commonwealth Land Trust Awarded \$5.5M for Housing Boston's Most Vulnerable Residents

Boston – January 26, 2021 [Commonwealth Land Trust](#) is one of two local nonprofits to receive a [grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts](#) to ensure low-threshold access to housing for homeless adults and those at high risk for HIV exposure. Through this grant, CLT will receive \$1 million per year over 1-1/2 years -- with options to renew for an additional 4 years -- to provide housing and case-management services for vulnerable individuals and families.

The grant was awarded by the Commonwealth's [Executive Office of Health and Human Services](#) (EOHHS) and the [Department of Public Health](#) (DPH) and will be funded through the Massachusetts State Harm Reduction line item. It recognizes the importance of CLT's use of the Housing First Model, under which sobriety is not a requirement for accessing housing. Health and Human Services Secretary Marylou Sudders explained, "Safe and stable housing for individuals vulnerable to chronic health issues, like HIV, is crucial, especially as COVID-19 continues to impact communities. Utilizing the Housing First Model connects these individuals with critical housing first without barriers while offering wraparound services to meet the complexity of their needs."

This grant will enable CLT to expand its mission of providing affordable housing and supportive services to the most vulnerable individuals and families in Massachusetts to prevent homelessness, rebuild lives, and preserve neighborhoods. "We are grateful for this new resource and excited about the opportunity to provide needed services in Suffolk County," said CLT President and CEO Iva Comey. "The Housing First model will continue to inform what we do -- as will CLT's history of housing and serving some of the most vulnerable individuals in the Commonwealth."

Founded in 1985, CLT owns and manages over 350 units of affordable housing in twenty properties, providing affordable housing and case management services in the Greater Boston area.