MRVP provides housing stability and security to more than 8,300 low income households, including elders, disabled individuals, and families with children.

Support funding of $130M for MRVP (line item 7004-9024) in FY2020.

Recent Successes with MRVP:
- A reduction in the state’s reliance on motels to house families experiencing homelessness;
- An increase of over 1,000 new units to the Commonwealth’s supportive housing portfolio; and
- The preservation of affordability in units that would have otherwise been lost due to the loss of federal supports.

Why Now?
- The number of households experiencing housing instability and homelessness persists as Massachusetts remains one of the most expensive states in the nation in which to live.
- More than 60% of the Commonwealth’s renter households earning less than 30% of the Area Median Income (AMI) are severely cost burdened, needing to spend more than half of their income on housing costs; the same is true for 32% of MA renter households earning 31%-50% AMI.*
- HUD’s 2015 Family Options Study demonstrated that families experiencing homelessness who secured a housing voucher experienced significantly better outcomes than other interventions. Families able to access vouchers were less likely to reenter homelessness; more often remained intact; had fewer school interruptions for their children; and decreased their levels of toxic stress, including domestic violence.
- Vulnerable residents of Massachusetts need reinvigorated state government supports for their stability amidst ongoing uncertainties within our federal policy environments.

What will $130M for MRVP in FY2020 Accomplish?
- Annualize the cost of new supportive housing units and current vouchers, a projected cost of $116M.
- Improve MRVP’s effectiveness and reduce the amount of time it takes for voucher holders to obtain housing by setting allowable rents at HUD’s area-wide, annually updated Fair Market Rent (currently $1,740 for a 2-bedroom in the Boston area), thereby setting a baseline for vouchers that will work more effectively in the current market.
- Provide approximately 500 new mobile and project based vouchers beyond the current maximum utilization of the program.

* Source: NLIHC tabulations of 2015 American Community Survey Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS) housing file.

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