

# *Massachusetts Coalition for Addiction Services*

*~ Saving Lives, Saving Dollars ~*

The *Massachusetts Coalition for Addiction Services* (MCAS) is a group of advocacy organizations that have come together to speak with one voice to strengthen support for funding for addiction harm reduction, prevention, treatment and recovery support services and increased access to services for people with substance use disorders. MCAS greatly appreciates the ongoing support of the legislature to address the impact of addiction - on individuals with substance use disorders, their families and communities across the Commonwealth.

## **MCAS Budget Proposal passed by Massachusetts House and Senate. Signed by Governor Charles Baker**

- \$3 M in funding for the Massachusetts Access to Recovery (MA-ATR) Program,
- \$3.5 M in funding for the opening of 5 new Recovery Centers; 3 of 5 centers must serve gateway municipalities
- \$3.5 M in funding for the 5 recovery centers first funded in fiscal year 2021
- \$2 M for BSAS to provide technical assistance and training on medication management, MAT and treatment of co-occurring disorders
- \$1 M in funding for workforce development efforts in concert with the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC)
- \$1.5 M in funding for outpatient and mobile services for deaf/hard of hearing and deaf/hard of hearing/blind individuals with a substance use disorder
- \$2 M to increase the addiction treatment workforce through outreach and recruitment at local/regional education institutions and vocational high schools
- \$10 M to expand low-threshold housing for homeless individuals with substance use and mental health disorders at risk of HIV
- A provision ensuring that funds for family supportive housing programs (\$10 m) and for technical assistance and training (\$2 M) that were appropriated in FY21 but not expended yet shall still be made available for those purposes in FY22

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Connie Peters on behalf of MCAS, at [cpeters@abhmass.org](mailto:cpeters@abhmass.org) or at 978-390-1146.

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