



FY2016 Supplemental Budget Priority: Homeless Assistance to Individuals

Homeless Assistance for Individuals (Line Item 7004-0102)

Assists individuals who are homeless or in danger of becoming homeless, including assistance to organizations that received funding in 2015 and that provide shelter, transitional housing and services that help individuals avoid entry into shelter or successfully exit shelter.

<i>FY2015 funding:</i>	<i>\$42.9 million</i>
<i>FY2016 Governor's budget recommendation:</i>	<i>\$40.8 million</i>
<i>FY2016 CMHA Budget Recommendation:</i>	<i>\$42.9 million</i>

Our Request:

While Worcester continues to effectively implement a Rapid Rehousing approach to individual homeless in the community, the demand for shelter services has none the less risen. In the past year, there has been a 20% rise in the amount of individuals who have used services at the GWHC triage and assessment center. Cutting assistance at this time of increased demand will only exacerbate the ability to effectively rapidly rehouse those seeking services and strain shelter resources further while such efforts are taking place.