

MASSACHUSETTS REENTRY SERVICES

ABOUT FUNDING FOR RESIDENTIAL REENTRY

- CRJ is asking for support for FY27 funding of \$16.5M for line item 0339-1011 (FY26 \$16.5M). The funds reduce recidivism by supporting individuals with the tools they need for success in the community.
- Since 2018, this line item has allowed for the addition of residential beds and wrap around services throughout Boston, West Springfield, New Bedford, and in FY26 for further expansion.
- In September 2024, CRJ subcontracted to open Road to Renewal a 25-bed male residence in Lowell, MA.

WHAT WE DO

Funding for community-based residential reentry programs provides essential support for men and women as they transition from state or county incarceration back into Massachusetts neighborhoods. Our programs reduce recidivism by helping individuals find employment, housing, substance use treatment, recovery, mental health counseling, and more so they can thrive in the community.

We support individuals nearing the end of their sentence, completing their sentence, on probation or parole, or in the community post incarceration and in need of housing. Participants receive short-term transitional housing typically for a period of three to six months, as well as evidence-based case management services and supervision during their stay. Staff at the program do an assessment for each resident and develop an individual case plan outlining which support services will be most helpful.



FY 2025 AT A GLANCE

In our Massachusetts Residential Reentry programs:

- 290 individuals completed reentry services.
- 164 residents left with health insurance.
- 74% left with stable housing.
- 145 residents left the programs with valid government ID.
- 70% left with full or part-time employment.
- 120 residents participated in substance use treatment.

SECOND CHANCES



Jose's Story

Despite living with significant physical and mental disabilities, Jose never gave up on himself. With steady support from staff, he secured vital documents, rebuilt his résumé, and pursued part-time employment. His determination paid off—Jose not only reintegrated successfully into the community and found meaningful work, but he now volunteers his time to help others. His journey reflects what's possible when resilience meets opportunity.

Mary's Story

After completing the McGrath House program, Mary moved into her own studio apartment and returned to work at UPS as a package delivery driver. While at McGrath House, she earned her GED and graduated from Empire Beauty School—milestones she once thought were out of reach. Today, she is preparing to open her own hair studio, transforming her goals into reality. Mary's success shows the lasting impact of stability, support, and a second chance.

OUR PROGRAMS

Our four Massachusetts residential reentry centers provide support and structure to men and women as they transition from incarceration back into their communities. Residents receive assistance in obtaining steady employment, supportive housing, education and training opportunities, and substance use and mental health counseling services. (Pictured at right is Road to Renewal, 25 beds for males.)



**NEW BEDFORD
REENTRY CENTER**

20 beds for men



**MCGRATH HOUSE
BOSTON**

33 beds for women



**BROOKE HOUSE
BOSTON**

65 beds for men



**WESTERN MASS
REENTRY CENTER**

26 beds for men, 4 beds for women