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Residential Retrofit Progam

The Massachusetts Broadband Institute's (MBI) Residential Retrofit Program will provide $22 million in funding* to modernize broadband infrastructure in eligible Affordable Housing Units and and Public Housing Developments. The installation of cutting-edge fiber infrastructure will create opportunities for high-quality, affordable, and reliable home internet access to residents of Affordable Housing. This program will increase Massachusetts residents' ability to engage in essential daily activities such as working remotely, pursuing educational opportunities, and accessing healthcare from home.



**The funding for the Retrofit Program comes from the U.S. Treasury's Capital Projects Fund (CPF), a program launched as part of the national American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The project is part of $175 million in total CPF funding to address the digital divide in Massachusetts.*

Who is Eligible?

Operators of Public / Affordable Housing are eligible to submit properties that meet the following requirements:

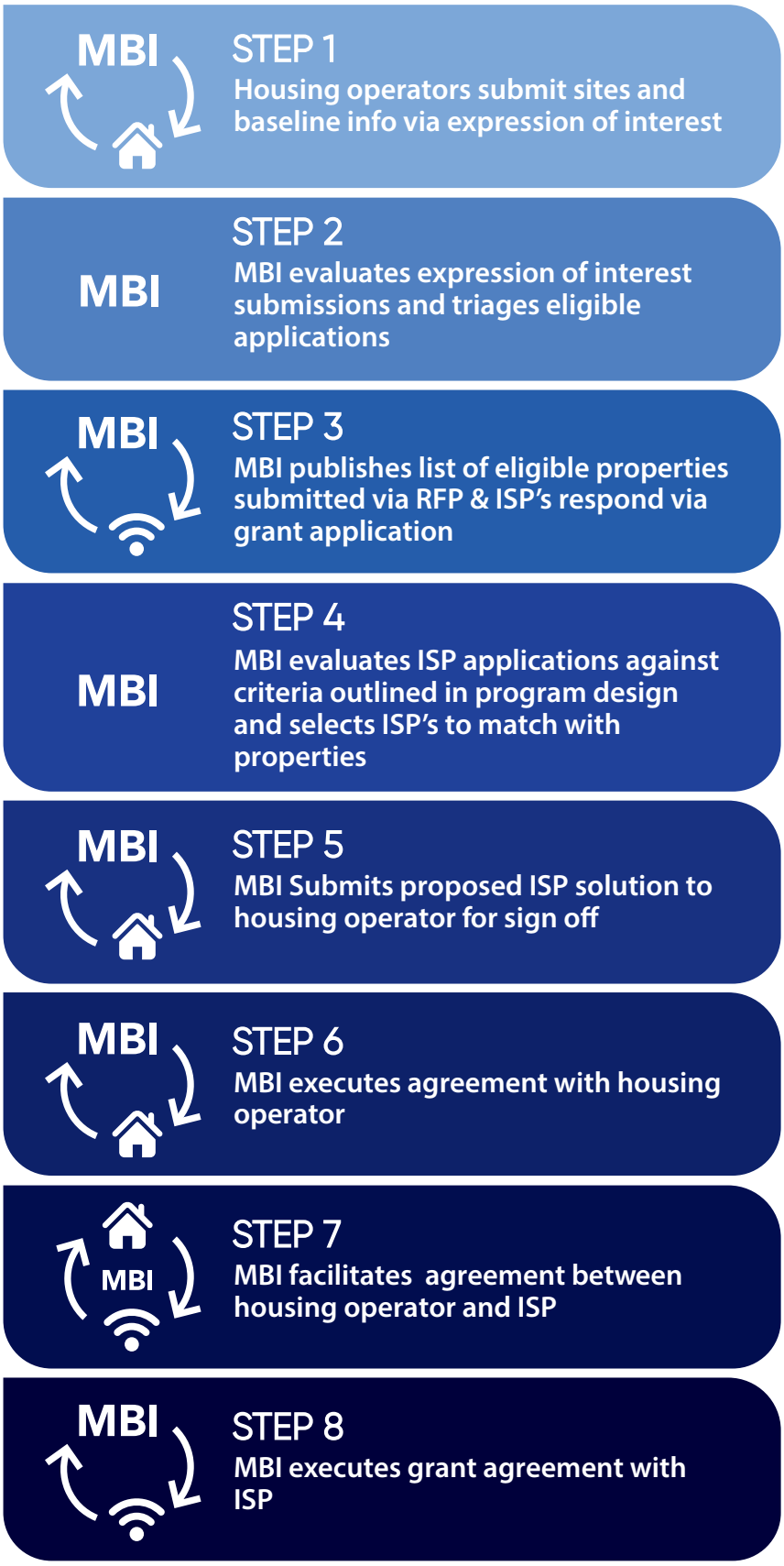
- Serve residents at or below 300% of Federal Poverty Guidelines or income at or below 65% of Annual Median Income
- More than 50%* deed restricted affordable
- Mixed income affordable housing developments will only be eligible if they are located in "Qualified Census Tracts" (QCTs)
- Properties with existing fiber to the unit or CAT6 cabling to the unit, with fiber backhaul are not eligible

MBI will also evaluate building age and documentation of broadband wiring upgrades in the past five years when considering eligible properties.

**MBI will consider properties with less than 50% of units deed restricted if the property owner can provide sufficient information regarding the long-term affordability of the property and that residents meet US Treasury definitions of "impacted".*

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Broadband Residential Retrofit Process



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