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## Awarding of stimulus funding completes financing for JCHE's Shillman House

Jewish Community Housing for the Elderly announced today that all the funding commitments for its new Shillman House on the Weinberg Campus project in Framingham have been secured. The recent award of federal stimulus funds from the state, combined with tax credit investments from the Brookline Bank and the Massachusetts Housing Investment Corporation (MHIC), has completed the financing for the development of this MetroWest-based senior housing.

Governor Deval Patrick announced earlier this week that JCHE was one of eight organizations to receive federal funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), administered through the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development. Shillman House, which will have 150 units of senior housing, will receive \$2.9 million. Eligibility for this funding required that projects be 'shovel-ready' and have a significant economic impact both in terms of the number of affordable units developed and new jobs created. Brookline Bank and MHIC are investing \$6.6 million in the project.

JCHE Board Chair Paul Rosenberg said "This has been a long development process, beginning with the purchase of the Framingham land in 2003. The financing reflects an understanding among public and private funders that Shillman House is an important project and JCHE is a deserving organization. There were many hoops to go through to reach this point, and our Board and staff demonstrated great skill and perseverance. We are grateful to all who invested their resources and talent to make this project happen."

Shillman House, to be located at 49 Edmands Road, in the Nobscot neighborhood of Framingham, will include 90 units that will be reserved for low income senior individuals and households, as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. An additional 60 units will be rented at market rates. The building will offer a dining program and access to extensive supportive services. The community space will include a computer center, fitness center and a wellness center. Shillman House will feature important elements of green design, including water conservation and a solar power system.

Rosenberg announced that construction activities would begin before the end of the year. "Our shovels are ready! We appreciate the assistance that we have received from Town of Framingham officials and our many supporters – as well as their patience. Shillman House will be a vital addition to the MetroWest community. We are so pleased to be able to move forward and make our plans a reality."

To learn more about JCHE visit [www.jche.org](http://www.jche.org). For information about the Shillman House notification list, contact [kmargolis@jche.org](mailto:kmargolis@jche.org).

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