

## Proposals for Residential Retrofit Program Round V

(No. 2026-MBI-05)

### Questions and Answers

Questions Due: Friday, September 19, 2025

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	Question	Answer
1.	The stated objection of Solicitation No. 2026-MBI-05 is “Massachusetts Technology Collaborative’s (“MassTech”) Residential Retrofit Program (the “Program”) will make a transformational capital investment in the infrastructure needed to support delivery of high-speed internet in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts’ Affordable Housing developments.” Several of the eligible buildings are single family homes. Please explain the eligibility of these locations are eligible as an Affordable Housing development.	The single family homes included in the solicitation are deed restricted affordable locations that serve residents that fall at or below 300% of Federal Poverty Guidelines for household size or income at or below 65% of Annual Median Income (AMI) and households at or below 185% of Federal Poverty Guidelines for household size or income at or below 40% of AMI in alignment with the program eligibility requirements posted on MBI’s Retrofit Program website under the “eligibility” tab.
2.	MBI also stated on its webpage that “MBI intends to increase low-income residents’ opportunities to access high-quality, reliable and affordable broadband service in their homes by addressing deficient wiring and infrastructure through grants for the deployment of fiberoptic cabling to the unit to qualified Internet Service Providers (ISPs) who will install, own and maintain equipment.” Please explain the method by which the MBI determined that the single family locations have deficient wiring and infrastructure.	<p>MBI will validate wiring eligibility via the FCC’s Broadband Availability Map by ensuring Technology Provided at any given address does not include “Fiber to the premises” and will require awarded grantees to photographically document wiring conditions as a component of execution of work.</p> <p>Housing operators have validated through their expression of interest form that wiring upgrades have not been made in the past 5 years to properties submitted under the Retrofit program.</p>