

## Weymouth project to provide housing to six veterans

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WEYMOUTH – Francisco Ureña held up a single key and asked the crowd in front of him to recall the sound of a key turning to open a locked front door.

“Not everyone has one of these,” the state’s Secretary of Veterans Services said Wednesday before tucking the key back into his pocket.

Six veterans will soon get keys of their own as the nonprofit NeighborWorks Southern Mass. prepares to open an apartment building for low-income veterans at 741 Main St. in Weymouth. Several dozen town and state officials, nonprofit and business leaders and residents gathered to celebrate the new building on Wednesday, which marked the 242nd anniversary of the Battles of Lexington and Concord and the start of the American Revolution.

Set to open in June, the two-story complex will offer six single-person apartments, each with its own kitchenette. The six residents will share a full kitchen, laundry room and common restrooms.

Some of the officials who spoke of the project’s significance included Robert Corley, the nonprofit’s executive director; Weymouth Mayor Robert Hedlund; Weymouth Planning Director Bob Luongo and U.S. Congressman Stephen Lynch, D-South Boston.

Lynch said he doesn't believe Trump is aware of the ramifications of those cuts, but members of Congress are.

"That part of his budget, it's dead on arrival in terms of him trying to zero out funding for veterans housing," Lynch said. "I can say on behalf of my Republican colleagues and my Democrat colleagues in the House, that's just not going to happen."

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