



## MassDevelopment grants to New England Public Radio

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New England Public Radio is building new studios on Main Street in Springfield. *(Republican file)*

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SPRINGFIELD - **MassDevelopment** and the **Massachusetts Cultural Council** have provided a \$113,432 Cultural Facilities Fund grant to the New England Public Radio Foundation for its new studios now under construction on Main Street.

The **New England Public Radio Foundation**, Inc. is using grant funds to renovate a recently purchased space at 1525 Main Street in Springfield. Renovation plans call for rebuilding the 15,000-square-foot location installing four radio production suites, a technical operations center, and office space for programming, operations, engineering, development and administration staff.

Once completed in July, the New England Public Radio will relocate its headquarters from its current facility at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, expanding the school's presence in downtown Springfield in conjunction with the UMass Center at Springfield projected to open for the fall 2014 semester. New England Public Radio will maintain a satellite news office, intern space, and the Five Colleges Studios at UMass Amherst.

**MassDevelopment** and the Massachusetts Cultural Council administer the Cultural Facilities Fund, an initiative of the Commonwealth to increase public and private investment in cultural facilities throughout the state. Created by the Massachusetts Legislature in 2006, the Fund offers capital, feasibility, technical assistance, and systems replacement grants for eligible nonprofits engaged in the arts, humanities, or interpretive sciences. The Fund has awarded more than \$55 million in grants to cultural organizations across Massachusetts. For more information, visit the MassDevelopment and Massachusetts Cultural Council websites.

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