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Fiscal Year 2022 Grants

The Foundation awarded a total of \$175,000 in grants to these 13 organizations.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

[Interfaith Social Services](#) — \$10,000

The New Directions Counselling Center is a safety net for the uninsured and underinsured and addresses the mental health needs of impoverished people without health insurance or with inadequate coverage.

[Old Colony YMCA](#) — \$10,000

Funding supports the Comprehensive Counseling project and will include the implementation of an Open Access model for new clients to engage in behavioral health services and expand upon current services available to individuals and families impacted by mental illness and addiction.

[YMCA of Metro North](#) — \$15,000

The Lynn Youth Mental Health Collaborative is a partnership between the YMCA and the Lynn Community Health Center which provides an on-site behavioral health clinic and a therapeutic after-school program at the Demakes Y facility in Lynn. The services provided are designed to meet the special developmental, socio-emotional, and access needs of low-income adolescents and youth.

HEALTH PROMOTION

[Ethos](#) — \$10,000

Ethos' Healthy Aging Program: Reducing Isolation and Preventing Chronic Disease for Boston's Seniors encourages well-being and community among Boston's older adults through outreach strategies, community-based educational and social programs, and evidence-based health promotion workshops.

IMPROVED ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

[Father Bill's & MainSpring](#) — \$20,000

The Father Bill's & MainSpring's Outreach Project builds on the success of the MainSpring Outreach Project, connecting people living outdoors across the region to health care and services, helping participants improve their health and exit homelessness. The Outreach Project provides impactful services that this population might not receive otherwise.

[Health Care Without Walls](#) — \$10,000

Funding supports health care for homeless women by providing free, "bridging" health care to 1,100 vulnerable homeless women, resulting in increased access to preventive health care, chronic disease management/prevention, reduced health care costs, and improved health outcomes.

[MetroWest Free Medical Program](#) — \$10,000

The MetroWest Free Medical Program serves as an entry point to the health care system for those in MetroWest who are uninsured/insufficiently insured and provides care for patients to meet immediate health care needs and connect patients with other health resources.

Restoration Recovery Center — \$15,000

Funding supports the Critical Access to Recovery program which utilizes Recovery Resource Navigators to provide outreach in underserved/high-need areas to increase access to recovery programming, resources, behavioral health, and health care, with the overarching goal of preventing illness as well as reducing costs to the community by preventing more serious complications through consistent care and attention.

ADDRESSING SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

Amherst Survival Center — \$20,000

Funding supports the Grocery Delivery Program, which dramatically expands access to the food pantry, providing food security to 1500–1600 area residents who have transportation barriers to the Center.

Lovin' Spoonfuls, Inc. — \$15,000

Funding supports the expansion of its food rescue and hunger relief operation by launching its first route in Worcester County, which will provide fresh, nutritious food to people in a region experiencing high levels of food insecurity.

Our Neighbors' Table (ONT) — \$5,000

Funding supports efforts to provide Food Security 101 training to Anna Jaques Hospital and its primary care network, first responders, and school nurses in the region on how prevalent food insecurity is in the community, how to recognize the signs, and sensitively make referrals to a food resource advocate who will assist with enrollment in ONT's free food services and screen for additional eligible programs.

QUALITY HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR THE UN- AND UNDERINSURED

Gratis Healthcare — \$25,000

Funding supports the development of the clinical setting for a tri-lingual community-based free health care program for the Framingham region to provide temporary basic medical care to uninsured people while waiting for community health care placement.

Tufts University – The Sharewood Project — \$10,000

The Sharewood Project is entering its 25th year as a student-run health care and educational organization operating in Malden each week. The project provides free care for diverse in the Greater Boston area. A major focus of the Sharewood Project is its case management services, which connect clients with primary care physicians, MassHealth, and other social services that they may need.

INTERNATIONAL HEALTH STUDIES GRANTS

The following nine medical students and three resident physicians received grants totaling \$13,700 to offset travel and lodging expenses for study in another country.

Max Goder-Reiser – 4th year medical student, Boston University School of Medicine
Julia Krumholz – 4th year medical student, Boston University School of Medicine
Stephanie Blumenstock – 2nd year medical student, Boston University School of Medicine
Tara Ahmadi – 4th year medical student, Tufts University School of Medicine
Josh Drake – 2nd year medical student, Tufts University School of Medicine
Megan Harper – 4th year medical student, Tufts University School of Medicine
Anusha Jayaram – 4th year medical student, Tufts University School of Medicine
Vanya Zvonar – 3rd year medical student, UMASS Chan Medical School
Sabahat Rahman – 3rd year medical student, UMASS Chan Medical School

Tiffany Kung, Anesthesiology, Mass General Hospital
Leah Wibecan, Child Neurology, Mass General Hospital
Richard Bido Medina, Psychiatry, MGH/McLean Hospital