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Fiscal Year 2024 Grants

The Foundation awarded a total of \$183,500 in grants to 16 organizations.

ADDRESSING SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

Amherst Survival Center received \$7,500 to support the free grocery delivery program, which dramatically expands access to the food pantry, and provides food security to 1,300 area residents who have transportation barriers.

Catholic Charities Worcester County received \$5,000 for their emergency stabilization programs, which provide essential nutritional support, direct financial aid, and emergency services, with a specific focus on equitable distribution of resources to the community.

Center to Support Immigrant Organizing received \$8,500 to support Equity Now & Beyond, which brings together Haitian, Brazilian, African, and Latinx community groups to organize collectively for immigrant health equity to reduce health disparities and address the social determinants of health that cause community health inequities.

Community Health Programs received \$7,500 to support the expansion of the current comprehensive food insecurity initiative for vulnerable populations in Berkshire County.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Brigham and Women's Hospital received \$10,000 to support the Bridges to Moms program to increase access to mental health services for mothers experiencing housing insecurity.

Doc Wayne Youth Services received \$10,000 to support Chalk Talk® Group Therapy for youth, which uses a theoretical curriculum that incorporates social-emotional learning and life skills through the lens of sport.

Women's Lunch Place received \$10,000 to support a part-time Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner, who provides therapy and prescribes critical medication for vulnerable women experiencing homelessness and poverty.

YMCA of Metro North received \$10,000 to support the Lynn Youth Mental Health Collaborative, a partnership between the Demakes Family YMCA and the Lynn Community Health Center that seeks to combat the youth mental health crisis by providing free on-site behavioral health resources and clinical services to underserved youth.

IMPROVED ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

Father Bill's & MainSpring in Quincy received \$10,000 for the Outreach Program, which connects people living outdoors across the region to health care and services, helping participants improve their health and exit homelessness.

Jewish Family Service of Metrowest received \$7,500 to support a multilingual navigator to assist migrants (immigrants, parolees, asylum seekers, etc.) to access critical health care services.

Lawrence General Hospital received \$15,000 to support the Community Health Screenings Program, which addresses the needs of underserved residents who have become disconnected from regular medical care by screening for common diseases, providing them with resources to monitor their health indicators, and connecting them to providers.

QUALITY HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR THE UNINSURED AND UNDERINSURED

Gratis Health received \$16,500 to support the addition of a second location in Framingham to increase access to women's health services for the uninsured.

MetroWest Free Medical Program in Marlboro received \$13,000 to assist with becoming a full-service medical home for uninsured and underinsured patients in the MetroWest.

St. Anne's Free Medical Program received \$23,500 to increase diagnostic services at St. Anne's and St. Peter's Free Medical Programs in Shrewsbury and Worcester.

UMMH HealthAlliance-Clinton Hospital received \$10,000 to partner with the Fitchburg Health Department to establish a free medical program to provide health care and resource navigation services to uninsured or underinsured individuals in North Central Massachusetts.

Volunteers in Medicine Berkshires received \$19,500 to support the addition of dermatology services for uninsured or underinsured individuals at both the Great Barrington and Pittsfield sites.

GLOBAL HEALTH STUDIES GRANTS

The following six medical students and four resident physicians received grants totaling \$12,000 to offset travel and lodging expenses for study in another country.

Alekhya Gunturi — 3rd-year medical student — Boston University School of Medicine

Lois Owolabi — 3rd-year medical student — Harvard Medical School

Archana Singh — 1st-year medical student — Tufts University School of Medicine

Audrey Hoyle — 1st-year medical student — Tufts University School of Medicine

Niharika Putta — 1st-year medical student — UMass Chan Medical School

Andrew Liu — 1st-year medical student — UMass Chan Medical School

Aliyah Moreira — 2nd-year resident — Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center — Internal Medicine

Antony Gonzalez — 3rd-year resident — Boston University Medical Center — Psychiatry

Anjali Chandra — 1st-year resident — Brigham and Women's Hospital — Psychiatry

Amundum Mancho — 2nd-year resident — Boston Children's and Boston Medical Center — Pediatrics