2018 Community Investments

Systems and Best Practices

Cheshire Medical Center (Keene, N.H.)
Promoting Age-Friendly Communities in Southwest New Hampshire
To build the capacity of rural communities in southwestern New Hampshire to respond to changing demographics using an age-friendly framework. Cheshire Medical Center is the fiscal agent for the Southwest Region Planning Commission. Two-year grant for $80,000.

Coastline Elderly Services (New Bedford, Mass.)
Age-Friendly Greater New Bedford
To create thriving communities that reflect and honor the diversity of older people; engage community members, businesses and civic leaders; and positively change attitudes towards aging in New Bedford. Three-year grant for $245,000.

Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley (Lawrence, Mass.)
Healthy Living Evidence-Based Program Implementation and Sustainability
To transition a fully integrated, statewide network for program delivery from reliance on philanthropic support to one that has an established value proposition for health care providers, housing and other payers. One-year grant for $93,788.

Enterprise Community Partners (Boston, Mass.)
Senior Affordable Housing Learning Collaborative
To support the continuation of a successful health and housing learning collaborative that includes Boston-area community development corporations. One-year grant for $50,000.
**Friends of Dedham Council on Aging** (Dedham, Mass.)

**Livable Dedham - Implementation**

To build the capacity of the Livable Dedham initiative, a suburban model/example of an age-friendly community. One-year grant for $57,000.

**Groundwork Lawrence** (Lawrence, Mass.)

**Age-Friendly Lawrence**

To lead a multi-stakeholder group that will plan, assess and develop strategies to support age-friendly efforts in Lawrence. Two-year grant for $199,813.

**Honoring Choices Massachusetts** (Weston, Mass.)

**Who’s Your Agent? Health Care Planning Ambassador Program: Peer-to-Peer Health Care Planning Discussions to Improve Healthy Living**

To expand into New Hampshire and Rhode Island a program meaningfully engaging older adults in peer-to-peer health care planning discussions. One-year grant for $45,000.

**Local Initiative Support Corporation** (Providence, R.I.)

**The Intergenerational Farmers’ Market Project**

To address social isolation for older adults through relationship-building activities that capitalize on the integration of arts, culture and community resources across Rhode Island. Two-year grant for $120,000.

**Massachusetts Association for Mental Health** (Boston, Mass.)

**Public Education and Systems Orientation for Community Organizations Serving Older Adults: Building a Level Playing Field for Mental Health Knowledge and Care Navigation Competency**

To build and strengthen the capacity of nonprofits and frontline staff to focus on older adult mental health, substance use, and co-occurring mental health and substance abuse conditions. Three-year grant for $270,000.

**Mill City Grows** (Lowell, Mass.)

**Marketing to Older Adults to Increase Healthy Food Access**

To increase older people’s access to fresh, local foods in Lowell through marketing, incentives, conveniently placed mobile market locations and a tailored product line. One-year grant for $20,000.
**Rhode Island Parent Information Network** (Cranston, R.I.)
*Own Your Health: A System to Support Evidence-Based Health Promotion in R.I. for Older People*

To improve Rhode Island’s system for providing evidence-based programs for older adults and their caregivers. One-year grant for $63,085.

**Southwest Boston Senior Services (ETHOS)** (Jamaica Plain, Mass.)
*AgeWell Equality*

To improve the systems used by aging services and other providers to reach, engage and serve LGBT elders and to help providers become more relevant to older LGBT people. Two-year grant for $80,000.

**St. Elizabeth Community** (Providence, R.I.)
*Support and Services at Home (SASH)*

To expand and sustain the nationally recognized Support and Services at Home program, a proven best practice, in Rhode Island. One-year grant for $49,500.

**Sustainable Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission Foundation** (Manchester, N.H.)
*Becoming an Age-Friendly Community – Phase II*

To utilize the completed community assessments and lessons learned from several age-friendly pilot communities conducted over the last year to guide additional communities as they develop short and long term age-friendly approaches. Two-year grant for $79,600.

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**Collaboration and Community Engagement**
*(James Roosevelt, Jr., Leadership Fund)*

**Cape Cod Foundation** (South Yarmouth, Mass.)
*Healthy Aging-Cape Cod: A Two-Year Assessment and Planning Process to Become an Age-Friendly Region*

To build upon initial planning to undertake assessment and action plan development for a regional age- and dementia-friendly effort on Cape Cod. Two-year grant for $121,520.
University of Massachusettts Foundation (Boston, Mass.)

Age-Friendly Boston Initiative: Phase II

To leverage partnerships, build collaborations, and intersect with initiatives in other sectors identified as priorities in the implementation phase of Age-Friendly Boston Initiative. Two-year grant for $200,000.