2020 Community Investments

Collaboration and Community Engagement

- **Connecticut Community Care** (Bristol, Conn.)
  *Three-year grant for $150,000*
  Supports the creation of a statewide community-driven Age Well Collaborative promoting livable/age-friendly communities, healthy aging, advocacy and age-positive messaging. Connecticut Community Care is serving as the fiscal agent.

- **FSG** (Boston, Mass.)
  *One-year grant for $100,000*
  Examines how service/response adaptations in response to COVID-19 can contribute to more inclusive and equitable age-friendly practices. This research is a collaboration with the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs and the Massachusetts Healthy Aging Collaborative.

- **Harvard University Center for Health Law and Policy Innovation** (Cambridge, Mass.)
  *Two-year grant for $110,000*
  Creates a statewide inventory of nutrition programs specifically for older people to make it easier for health care providers, payers and social service agencies to connect eligible patients to Food is Medicine services.

- **Trust for America’s Health** (Washington, D.C.)
  *One-year grant for $50,000*
  Engages state public health and aging leaders across the New England region in a practitioners’ community to learn about and grow age-friendly efforts.

Systems and Best Practices

- **Cheshire Medical Center** (CMC) (Keene, N.H.)
  *Three-year grant for $185,000*
  Supports coordination activities for broadband connectivity; aligns Covid-19 responses with Building Resilience Against Climate Effects (BRACE) effort; and supports integration of age-friendly planning with activities around housing, economic opportunity and Alzheimer’s and related dementias. Cheshire Medical Center is the fiscal agent for the Leadership Council for a Healthy Monadnock.
• **Ethos** (Jamaica Plain, Mass.)  
  *Two-year grant for $80,000*  
  Makes technology and virtual programming accessible for older adults to reduce isolation; provides internet access and training to older people with modest incomes.

• **Greater Seacoast Community Health** (Somersworth, N.H.)  
  *Two-year grant for $120,000*  
  Develops a regional age-friendly plan for all of Strafford County and nearby towns in Rockingham and Carroll Counties.

• **Healthy Waltham** (Waltham, Mass.)  
  *Two-year grant for $100,000*  
  Expands Waltham Connections’ Senior Pantries to additional Housing Authority sites; increases communications around opportunities that address social isolation; and adapts the Waltham Senior Civic Academy curriculum to a virtual format. Healthy Waltham is the lead agency and fiscal sponsor for Waltham Connections.

• **ONE Neighborhood Builders** (Providence, R.I.)  
  *Two-year grant for $100,000*  
  Develops new design, financing mechanisms and community development options to increase the supply of accessible, affordable housing for diverse older adults.

• **Pioneer Valley Regional Ventures Center** (Springfield, Mass.)  
  *Three-year grant for $195,000*  
  Convenes a Pioneer Valley Age-Friendly Collaborative to engage member communities in planning for an aging population. Pioneer Valley Regional Ventures Center supports the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission.

• **The Mental Health Center of Greater Manchester Inc.** (Manchester, N.H.)  
  *Three-year grant for $165,000*  
  Establishes a citywide collaborative focused on connecting and expanding access to mental health services for older adults.

• **The Open Door** (Gloucester, Mass.)  
  *One-year grant for $85,000*  
  Supports the rollout of a Medically Tailored Groceries program for low-income older adult clients with chronic health conditions.

• **University of Massachusetts Foundation / Lowell** (Lowell, Mass.)  
  *Three-year grant for $300,000*  
  Creates a citywide age-friendly initiative building community capacity to develop and implement action and evaluation plans that promote health, independence and quality of life for older residents in Lowell. The University of Massachusetts Foundation is the fiscal agent for the University of Massachusetts, Lowell.

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COVID-19 Funding

The Foundation has given $1 million beyond its usual grantmaking to organizations affected by the coronavirus. These general operating grants can be used to support emerging community needs.

Connecticut

- Agency on Aging of South Central Connecticut: $10,000
- Catholic Charities, Institute for the Hispanic Family: $20,000
- Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness: $20,000
- Connecticut Food Bank: $50,000
- Foodshare, Inc.: $30,000
- Hispanic Alliance of Connecticut: $15,000
- North Central Area Agency on Aging: $10,000
- Person-to-Person: $10,000
- Senior Resources Agency on Aging: $10,000
- Southwestern Connecticut Agency on Aging and Independent Living: $10,000
- Western Connecticut Area Agency on Aging: $10,000

Massachusetts

- 2Life Communities: $15,000
- Attleboro YMCA, Greater Attleboro Stronger Together Fund: $10,000
- Berkshires Tomorrow: $10,000
- The Boston Foundation, COVID-19 Response Fund: $25,000
- Boston Health Care for the Homeless: $50,000
- Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association of Greater Lowell: $10,000
- Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts, SouthCoast Emergency Response Fund: $20,000
- Essex County Community Foundation, COVID-19 Response Fund: $25,000
- The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts: $25,000
- Greater Boston Chinese Golden Age Center: $20,000
- The Greater Boston Food Bank: $50,000
- Greater Worcester Community Foundation, Worcester Together: Central Mass COVID-19 Fund: $25,000
- Homeowners Rehab Inc.: $20,000
- HomeStart: $10,000
- International Institute of New England: $10,000
- Pine Street Inn: $25,000
- Project Bread: $10,000
- Quincy Asian Resources Inc.: $20,000
- Union Capital Boston, COVID-19 Fund: $15,000
- United Way of Greater Fall River, United We Help Greater Fall River COVID-19 Relief Fund: $15,000
- United Way of Mass Bay/Merrimack Valley, One Chelsea Fund: $30,000
- Watertown Community Foundation, Community Resilience Fund: $5,000
• Watertown Food Pantry (via Watertown Council on Aging): $5,000
• Worcester County Food Bank: $25,000

New Hampshire

• Granite United Way, COVID-19 Relief Fund: $15,000
• Monadnock United Way, COVID-19 Relief Fund: $15,000
• New Hampshire Public Health Association: $10,000
• The New Hampshire Food Bank: $50,000
• Tri-County Community Action Program: $25,000
• United Way of Greater Nashua, COVID-19 Emergent Needs Fund: $15,000
• United Way of the Greater Seacoast, COVID-19 Family Fund: $15,000

Rhode Island

• Federal Hill House: $20,000
• House of Hope Community Development Corporation: $20,000
• Meals on Wheels of Rhode Island: $25,000
• Progreso Latino: $10,000
• Rhode Island Community Food Bank: $50,000
• Saint Elizabeth Community: $10,000
• United Way of Rhode Island, Rhode Island COVID-19 Response Fund: $50,000

Tufts Health Plan Employee Giving

Each of these community organizations received a $10,000 grant as recommended by Tufts Health Plan Business Resource Groups (BRG).

• Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center, an organization that empowers Asians and new immigrants to build healthy families, achieve greater economic success, and contribute to thriving communities by providing a broad range of programs and services. Recommended by Mosaic, the multicultural BRG.

• The Carroll Center for the Blind, a statewide organization that provides support, including adaptive technologies for distance learning, for people who are blind or visually impaired to achieve independence and lead fulfilling lives. Recommended by Parallel, the disability advocates BRG.

• Crossroads Rhode Island, an organization that helps secure stable homes for people who are experiencing homelessness or at-risk, including youth who identify as LGBTQ+. Recommended by Prism, the LGBTQ and allies BRG.

• New England Center and Home for Veterans, an organization that equips veterans facing or at-risk of homelessness with the tools for economic self-sufficiency and a path to achieve independent living. Recommended by Veterans & Military, the veterans and allies BRG.
• **Women’s Lunch Place**, a day shelter community, providing nutritious food and individualized services for women who are experiencing homelessness or poverty. Recommended by Women Together, the women and allies BRG.