

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.

Homestart (Boston, Mass.)

Renew Collaborative Program Evaluation

To engage a consultant to conduct an impact evaluation and increase the sustainability and scalability of the Renew Collaborative, a program that promotes housing stability among older adults and other vulnerable populations by tapping the savings generated by preventing evictions. One-year grant for \$50,000

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.

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 Massachusetts 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.

POLICY AND ADVOCACY

Community Catalyst (Boston, Mass.)

Lift Up Your Voice for Better Care! / Levanta Tu Voz para una Mejor Salud!

To train older adults in Rhode Island as effective advocates and educated health care consumers. Trainees will become members of the Rhode Island Organizing Project, a local advocacy nonprofit, which organizes participants in health policy advocacy. Two-year grant for \$125,000.

Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative (Roxbury, Mass.)

Development Without Displacement

To assist older people residing in affordable community land trust housing to prevent displacement. One-year grant of \$50,000.

GreenRoots (Chelsea, Mass.)

A Diverse, Intergenerational Model for Equitable Public Transit Delivery

To support organizing and advocacy by older adults on transportation issues affecting people with low-incomes in Chelsea, Mass. Two-year grant for \$130,000.

Health Care For All (Boston, Mass.)

Engaging Older Adults to Mobilize and Advocate for Oral Health

To educate and engage older adults in Massachusetts in Health Care For All's Oral Health Advocacy Coalition. Advocacy goals include policy or system changes that ensure better older adult oral health such as additional oral health benefits for MassHealth members and dental therapist licensure programs. Three-year grant for \$120,000.

Massachusetts Law Reform Institute (Boston, Mass.)

Older Adult Nutrition Access Project

To increase older adults' participation in the SNAP program by addressing policy and system level barriers. This will be accomplished through advocacy, training of enrollment agency staff and coalition building for stronger defense of federal nutrition programs. One-year grant for \$60,000.

Massachusetts Public Health Association (Boston, Mass.)

Integrating an Age-Friendly Built Environment and Community Health

To continue advocacy on statewide policy initiatives addressing healthy housing and transportation. Efforts will include older adults and focus on improving the social determinants of health and health equity. Two-year grant for \$130,000.

New Hampshire Legal Assistance (Concord, N.H.)

New Hampshire Alliance for Healthy Aging Advocacy Initiative

To organize older adults across New Hampshire and to lead the policy and advocacy work for the New Hampshire Alliance for Healthy Aging, the statewide collaboration advocating for healthy aging. Three-year grant for \$180,000.

Senior Agenda Coalition of Rhode Island (Providence, R.I.)

Senior Voices for Aging in Community - Years 4 & 5

To support the Senior Agenda Coalition as they engage low-income seniors and develop their capacity as community leaders effectively advocating for policy change. Two-year grant of \$120,000.

WalkBoston (Boston, Mass.)

Building a Massachusetts Community of Age-Friendly Walking Advocates

To expand the Massachusetts cohort of age-friendly walking advocates and practitioners while enhancing the capacity of the Massachusetts Healthy Aging Collaborative and other leaders to promote walking and walkability as core elements of the age- and dementia-friendly movement. Three-year grant of \$165,000.

Way Finders, Inc. (Springfield, Mass.)

Flexing Civic Muscle for Equitable Infrastructure and Improved Public Safety

To increase the capacity of local older adult advocates working on policy and system changes in Springfield. The older adult advocates are residents of a low-income neighborhood and lead efforts targeting the built community environment and community safety. Two-year grant for \$140,000.

MOMENTUM FUND

MASSACHUSETTS

Boston Neighborhood Network (Roxbury, Mass.)

Voices of Experience

\$10,000 for one year.

Cambridge YWCA (Cambridge, Mass.)

Community Conversations Sister to Sister: Novel Approach to Community Capacity Building through Diverse Stakeholder Partnerships

\$10,000 for one year.

Inquilinos Boricuas en Accion, Inc. (Boston, Mass.)

IBA's Resident Services Program – Community Ambassadors Network

\$10,000 for one year.

Jewish Family Service of Metrowest (Framingham, Mass.)

JFS LGBT Health Care Access Project: Patient Navigators/Medical Escorts for Older LGBT People

\$10,000 for one year.

Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers (Cambridge, Mass.)

MAPS Community Advocacy Project for Older People

\$10,000 for one year.

Pioneer Valley Regional Ventures Center (Springfield, Mass.)

Pioneer Valley Aging Communities Initiative

\$10,000 for one year.

Quincy Asian Resources Inc. (Quincy, Mass.)

Community Field Trips for Healthy Older Immigrants

\$10,000 for one year.

Revitalize Community Development Corporation (Springfield, Mass.)

Doorway to an Accessible, Safe & Healthy Home (DASHH)

\$10,000 for one year.

Villages in the Berkshires (Lenox, Mass.)

Designing a Village Model for Berkshire County, Massachusetts

\$10,000 for one year.

Watertown for All Ages (Watertown, Mass.)

Taking TRIPPS to Watertown: Using a New Online Tool to Create a Transportation Plan for Older People

\$9,900 for one year.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. (Lebanon, N.H.)

Experience/Arts in Northern New Hampshire

\$10,000 for one year.

Lakes Region Partnership for Public Health (Laconia, N.H.)

Winnepesaukee Village Network

\$10,000 for one year.

Monadnock Family Services, Inc. (Keene, N.H.)

Gatekeepers in the Monadnock Region

\$8,740 for one year.

Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc. (Berlin, N.H.)

Age Friendly Health and Art Classes

\$10,000 for one year.

The Granite YMCA (Manchester, N.H.)

Preventing Injuries When Older People Fall

\$10,000 for one year.

United Valley Interfaith Project (Meriden, N.H.)

Rollout of Useful Tools for Aging with Dignity Course

\$10,000 for one year.

Upper Valley Community Nursing Project (fiscal agent – Public Health Council of the Upper Valley) (Lebanon, N.H.)

Community/Parish Nurse Electronic Documentation System Implementation

\$9,985 for one year.

RHODE ISLAND

Benjamin Church Senior Center, Inc. (Bristol, R.I.)

Three-Part Alzheimer's Disease Informational Series (for Community, Care Givers and Healthcare Workers)

\$10,000 for one year.

Catholic Social Services of R.I. (Providence, R.I.)

Chores Service Programs in Rhode Island: Analysis and Case Studies

\$10,000 for one year.

Child and Family Services of Newport County (Middletown, R.I.)

Dementia Training for Life

\$10,000 for one year.

Cranston Senior Services (Cranston, R.I.)

Making Cranston a Dementia-Friendly Community

\$10,000 for one year.

Educational Center for Arts and Sciences (Providence, R.I.)

Tufts Health Plan Matinés de Domingo (Tufts Health Plan Sunday Matinees)

\$10,000 for one year.

PACE Organization of Rhode Island (Providence, R.I.)

Expanding Primary Care Access in the Community

\$10,000 for one year.

Progreso Latino, Inc. (Central Falls, R.I.)

Creating a Dementia-Friendly Central Falls

\$10,000 for one year.

Roger Williams University (Providence, R.I.)

Home Modification Community Assessment

\$10,000 for one year.

The Providence Village of Rhode Island (Providence, R.I.)

Building Age-Friendly Villages: A New Approach for Rhode Island

\$10,000 for one year.

Westbay Community Action Program (Warwick, R.I.)

Protective Support Fund for Older People

\$10,000 for one year.

TUFTS HEALTH PLAN EMPLOYEE GRANTMAKING

As recommended by Tufts Health Plan Business Resource Groups (BRGs)

BAGLY, Inc. (Boston Alliance of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer Youth) (Boston, Mass.)

Recommended by Prism, the LGBTQ and allies BRG

To support Health Education and Risk Reduction Team (HEARRT), a program that educates and trains LGBTQ+ youth about mental and physical health.

\$5,000 grant

Community Health Network Area 17 (Cambridge, Mass.)

Recommended by Mosaic, the multicultural BRG

To create discussion based on research on the role of racial and ethnic disparities in access to mental health services, and deliver tools for increasing equity to health care providers in Watertown, Cambridge and Somerville.

\$4,912 grant

Cotting School (Lexington, Mass.)

Recommended by Parallel, the disability advocates BRG

To develop and implement programs supporting youth with disabilities in the workplace.

\$5,000 grant

North Attleboro YMCA (North Attleboro, Mass.)

Recommended by Women Together, the women and allies BRG

To implement Gal Pals and Girl Talk, after-school programming that builds self-esteem and leadership skills of girls in grades six through eight.

\$4,675 grant

Operation American Soldier (Watertown, Mass.)

Recommended by Veterans & Military, the veterans and allies BRG

To prepare and ship care packages to deployed service members.

\$5,000 grant