



The Foundation for MetroWest is continuing to respond when and where the needs are most urgent.

In 2022, the Foundation **granted \$3.7 million to over 450 nonprofits in the region**. In addition to our traditional grantmaking programs, we also launched our **Workforce Development and Equity in Education Action Projects**. At the conclusion of the first year, **more than 250 individuals and families have been positively impacted** by these two programs. In addition, we also remained focused on our hunger relief work and supporting our donor-advised fund holders with their local giving.

This report summarizes these key initiatives and our work during the second half of the year.

Addressing Hunger Relief Locally

When the Commonwealth was allocating federal funds for hunger relief, they turned to the Foundation because of our expertise and partnership with local nonprofits. They provided us with over \$1M through their Community Development Block Grants (CDBG). This was based on confidence in us to distribute the funds where they can have the most impact.

- Additionally, we granted \$248K from Foundation funds dedicated to hunger relief.
- By year-end 2022, we will have committed \$1.3M towards hunger relief efforts in MetroWest.

Recipients of CDBG Grant Funding in 2022

A Place To Turn
 Natick Service Council
 Needham Community Council
 Open Table
 Hockomock YMCA
 MetroWest YMCA
 Jewish Family and Children's Service
 Waltham Boys and Girls Club
 Hospitality Common

Healthy Waltham
 Lovin' Spoonfuls
 Medway Village Church Food Pantry
 Clear Path for Veterans NE
 Food Link, Inc.

* For a complete list of our 2022 hunger relief partners, visit the News & Updates section of our website.

"Thank you for all you do for Natick Service Council. Your funding has been so helpful in adding over 100 new appointments to our food pantry each month and doubling our Mobile Market usage to keep up with the needs in Natick. We could not do what we do without the Foundation for MetroWest."

DANIEL SHEA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
NATICK SERVICE COUNCIL

Equity in Education & Workforce Development Action Projects

Action Projects address a specific issue in our region and are identified through a combination of data and collaborative conversations with local nonprofit partners, educators, and civic leaders.

Workforce Development

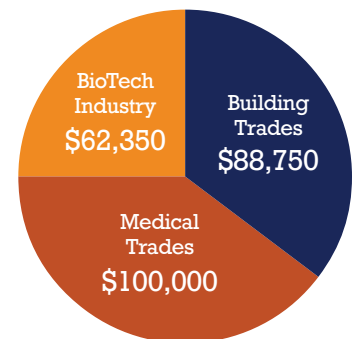
- We granted \$251K to workforce development initiatives throughout the MetroWest.
- Our funding has invested in four new programs, supporting 115 MetroWest residents who are primarily students or families of color and from low-income backgrounds.
- We have begun Phase II of this initiative, and are investing in priority programs and analyzing long-term impact.

Equity in Education

We continued our partnership with Literations and Jewish Family Service of Metrowest (JFS).

- Literations engaged 22 volunteers who provided 1-1 literacy tutoring to 52 elementary students in Framingham. In October this was expanded to a 3rd school with the lowest literacy scores in the district.
- Additionally, 139 Framingham households also received support through JFS Metrowest's Family Assistance Team.
- We anticipate year-end grants to total \$150K which will impact more than 150 students.

Workforce Development Grants by Trade



Impact Report

Summer/Fall 2022

Donor-Advised Fundholder Meets Immediate Need

During a regularly scheduled partner check-in call, the Waltham Boys & Girls Club expressed concern about transportation needs for students who use the Club. Information like this often comes from our conversations with many of our nonprofit partners, and we in turn can pass it on to our donor-advised fundholders.

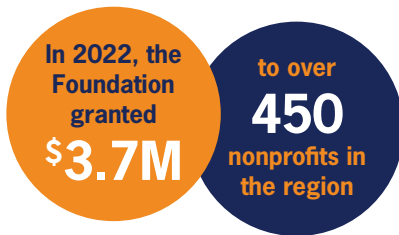
After additional conversations, we reached out to one of our donor-advised fund (DAF) holders who are passionate about supporting under resourced youth and families. Within days of learning about this challenge, the Matys Family Charitable Fund, a DAF of the Foundation for MetroWest, funded the project.

"When we chose to work with the Foundation for MetroWest, we really wanted to work with a partner that would help us make an impact in the MetroWest area and become more involved in the community."

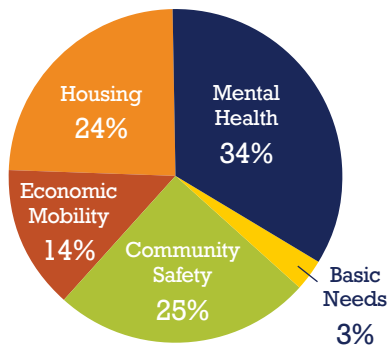
MATYS FAMILY CHARITABLE FUND

"These opportunities, to directly connect our fundholders with mission-driven projects and emergency needs, are at the core of our mission. It's very rewarding to see our local nonprofits receive critical support because of a connection or conversation with our fundholders."

CAROLINE MURPHY, DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS



Human Services Grant Awards by Focus Area



Record Number of Human Services and Arts & Culture Grant Requests in 2022

The Foundation received a record number of applications for its Human Services and Arts & Culture grants this fall, totaling 83 grant applications.

Human Services – We identified three areas of need and granted the majority of funding accordingly: mental health, community safety and housing.

Arts & Culture – Applications for grants were up 45% from 2021. We were able to grant \$125K to 18 different organizations.



Making a Difference Together

The needs in our community are significant, and we're continuing to make an impact in a variety of ways. In addition to the initiatives above, our Youth in Philanthropy (YIP) program continues to engage students, our Board Matching program places corporate leaders on nonprofit boards, and the data on our Impact MetroWest interactive website has been refreshed.

As we reflect on the past months, we are grateful for your support and look forward to continuing to be a resource, and improving the quality of life in our MetroWest communities. Together we are making a difference.



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