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Community Endowment of Lexington Releases First Request for Proposals

*Foundation for MetroWest Helps Lexington Residents
with Efforts to Strengthen and Enhance Community*

Lexington, MA - Foundation for MetroWest and the Community Endowment of Lexington (CEL) are inviting local nonprofit organizations and public agencies to apply for grants supporting the Lexington community through the CEL's first annual grant cycle.

The Community Endowment of Lexington was established in 2013 by Lexington residents as an initiative to build a permanent endowment to strengthen the community. CEL's mission supports programs and services that help make life healthier and more enjoyable for all Lexington citizens. Through the grants, the CEL will support programs that address the town's current needs, as well as those organizations that are working to innovate and be proactive for Lexington's future needs.

The Community Endowment of Lexington aims to support the health and well-being of all Lexington residents. Stephanie Lawrence, chair of the Community Endowment of Lexington, said, "The CEL was founded with the vision of raising money within Lexington to fund solutions to our community's needs and support innovative and collaborative programming and services that will enhance the quality of life for all who live in Lexington. The CEL is a vehicle through which to give locally to support initiatives that will further strengthen this remarkable community."

The grants will target four areas of need: health and human services, arts and culture, ecological well-being, and community building. Grant proposals of up to \$10,000 are available to qualifying organizations.

To download the grant application, visit www.lexingtonendowment.org/grants or www.foundationformetrowest.org/celgrants. The deadline to apply is March 15, 2014. Grant awards will be announced on May 1, 2014.

The Community Endowment of Lexington is an endowed fund of The Foundation for MetroWest. The Foundation for MetroWest invests and manages CEL moneys and is responsible for fund administration and distributions. Foundation for MetroWest promotes philanthropy in the region, helps donors maximize the impact of their local giving, serves as a resource for local nonprofit organizations, and enhances the quality of life for all residents. More information is available at www.foundationformetrowest.org

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