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Partnerships Encourage Philanthropy in Southborough

Southborough Community Fund Forges Support for Historical Society and Town Emergency Fund

December 19, 2016 (Southborough, MA) — The three year old Southborough Community Fund (SCF) has been busy. After distributing its 2016 grant awards to recipients last month, the SCF is happy to announce rapid success with two matching grant partnerships: the Southborough Trust Fund and the Southborough Historical Society (SHS). In total, over \$35,000 of funding will support the Collaborative Emergency Relief Fund and the Southborough Historical Society in 2017 through the efforts of the Southborough Community Fund.

“These partnerships are considered significant by the Southborough Community Fund. A key element of our mission is to act as a conduit between all available funding resources and the needs and wants of the people in our town,” according to Elizabeth Wetherbee Klein, SCF board member. “The Southborough Trust Fund and the Southborough Historical Society have joined forces with SCF to ensure needs are fully met. Now, town agencies can rapidly address food insecurity, medical and dental requirements and cover fuel costs. The Historical Society is equipped to recover and preserve valuable town treasures following major flood damage.”

In 2014, SCF made its first grant to a town agency collaborative - the Food Pantry, Senior Center and Youth and Family Services – to create a pool of emergency funds for Southborough residents in need. Since that time, SCF has increased its funding to the collaborative each year, in response to increasing need. This year, SCF helped double the funds available for 2017 by proposing a match with the Southborough Trust Fund. Recently, Nick McCoy, chair of the Board of Commissioners of the Southborough Trust Funds announced that they had approved the matching of the \$7,500 Southborough Community Fund grant to support the Town Collaborative Emergency Relief Fund, bringing the total funding to \$15,000 for 2017.

In November, the SCF awarded a grant of \$10,000 to the Southborough Historical Society, and offered an additional sum of \$5,000 if the Historical Society could raise the same amount in the community. Through outreach to the Southborough residents, the Southborough Historical Society was able to report on December 8th that it surpassed the \$5,000 mark making it eligible to receive the matching funds, bringing the total funding between SCF and the community to \$20,000.

About Southborough Community Fund:

Established in 2014 by local residents, the Southborough Community Fund (SCF) promotes a spirit of philanthropic giving to help enhance the quality of life for all Southborough residents. As a fund of the Foundation for MetroWest, the SCF is a source of funding to support community needs and opportunities in the areas of Family Support, Arts & Culture and the Environment, and provides ways for residents to make an immediate impact in their community. For more information, please visit: foundationformetrowest.org/Southborough.

About Foundation for MetroWest

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