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Foundation for MetroWest Awards Nearly \$270,000 to Local Nonprofits through Regional Competitive Grant Program

December 11, 2017 (Natick, MA) – The Foundation for MetroWest awarded grants totaling \$269,000 to 40 nonprofits serving MetroWest communities on December 11 at the Weston Community Center. This latest round of grantmaking brings the Foundation’s 2017 grant distribution to \$1.5 million. The funds distributed through the Regional Competitive Grant Program focus on family support, arts and culture initiatives, and the environment.

Nonprofit recipients will use the funding to strengthen local communities by supporting a wide range of programs and projects, including: immigrant services, historic preservation projects, mental health counseling, workforce development, resources for the elderly and victims of domestic abuse, language and literacy programs, visual and performing arts, and clean waterway initiatives.

“Our grantmaking is a significant source of funding for the MetroWest community, thanks to the generosity of our donors,” said Judith G. Salerno, Executive Director of the Foundation for MetroWest. “This year, we are honored to support a range of programs, from immigrant services to music performances. As your community foundation, we continually strive to make the biggest impact as possible here at home.”

The Foundation’s Distribution Committee reviewed and carefully considered more than ninety-five grant applications from nonprofits serving MetroWest over the past several months. This is a 6% increase over applications received in 2016.

“Every year there is a new project, new idea, or new program presented to help MetroWest become the best it can be,” said Patty Gannon, Chair of the Distribution Committee. “I am proud of the work the committee has done this year, and I look forward to seeing the progress made in 2018.”

The Foundation for MetroWest is the only community foundation serving the 33 cities and towns of MetroWest. By awarding annual grants, the Foundation retains charitable dollars in the region to create strong, vibrant communities, now and in the future.

2017 Grant Recipients

Arts & Culture:

51 Walden, Inc., Concord, \$5,000
Amazing Things Arts Center, Framingham, \$6,000
Chhandika, Cambridge, \$5,000
deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum, Lincoln, \$5,000
Exsultet, Inc., Holliston, \$1,000
Hopkinton Center for the Arts, Hopkinton, \$6,000
Mother Brook Arts and Community Center, Dedham, \$5,000
Needham Historical Society, Inc., Needham, \$4,500
New Repertory Theatre, Watertown, \$5,000
Open Door Theater, Acton, \$2,500

Sudbury Historical Society, Inc., Sudbury, \$10,000
The Discovery Museums, Acton, \$10,000

Family Support:

Bethany Hill Place, Framingham, \$7,500
Children's Trust, Inc., Boston, \$3,000
English at Large, Waltham, \$5,000
Family ACCESS of Newton, Waltham, \$5,000
Family Promise Metrowest, Framingham, \$10,000
Fresh Start Furniture Bank, Hudson, \$5,000
Friends of the Waltham Family School, Inc., Waltham, \$5,000
Habitat for Humanity MetroWest/Greater Worcester, Worcester, \$10,000
Hope and Comfort, Weston, \$5,000
Jewish Family Service of MW, Framingham, \$7,500
Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers (MAPS), Cambridge/Framingham, \$6,900
MetroWest Legal Services, Framingham, \$10,000
MetroWest Mediation Services, Inc., Framingham, \$8,500
Minuteman Senior Services, Bedford, \$9,000
Natick Service Council, Inc., Natick, \$6,000
National Alliance On Mental Illness Of MetroWest, Marlborough, \$10,000
One Family, Inc., Waltham, \$10,000
Project Citizenship, Framingham, \$5,000
REACH Beyond Domestic Violence, Inc., Waltham, \$10,000
SMOC/Voices Against Violence, Framingham, \$10,000
The Second Step, Newtonville, \$10,000
Thrive Support & Advocacy, Marlborough, \$6,600
WATCH, Inc., Waltham, \$10,000

Environment:

Charles River Watershed Association, Weston, \$6,000
Commonwealth Green Low-Income Housing Coalition/OHCDC, Worcester, \$5,000
Massachusetts Audubon Society, Lincoln, \$6,000
Massachusetts Rivers Alliance, Boston, \$6,000
OARS, Concord, \$6,000

About Foundation for MetroWest

Established in 1995, the Foundation for MetroWest is the only community foundation serving the 33 cities and towns in the region. We promote philanthropy in the region, help donors maximize the impact of their local giving, serve as a resource for local nonprofits and enhance the quality of life for all our residents. Since inception, the Foundation has granted more than \$14 million to charitable organizations and currently stewards more than \$18 million in charitable assets for current needs and future impact. To learn more, please visit www.foundationformetrowest.org or call 508.647.2260.

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