

## **Catalyst Fund Grant Award Summaries 2002-2010**

Since October 2002, the BCBSMA Foundation has awarded **238 capacity-building mini-grants totaling more than \$675,916** to **150 non-profit** health care and community-based organizations throughout Massachusetts that serve the needs of uninsured and low-income people. These awards are through the Catalyst Fund, a program established and funded exclusively by the employees of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts. The following Catalyst Fund awards were made possible because of their generous donations.

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### May 2010

#### **Community Action Committee of Cape Cod & Islands (CACCI), Hyannis**

\$3,500

Funding to upgrade to a paperless archival records system and to expand the capacity of its server that will allow CACCI to scan, send and save public health insurance documents through an automated computer process; making the record tracking system more efficient, reducing processing time and reducing staff time needed for processing and retrieving records. CACCI has a good track record of referring clients to providers on the Cape and conducting follow-up with patients to ensure their compliance with care. CACCI's efforts are mostly focused on outreach, health education, and system navigation.

#### **Health & Social Services Consortium, Inc. (HESSCO Elder Services), Sharon**

\$3,300

A special grant to purchase an Automated External Defibrillator and staff training on how to use the life-saving device.

#### **North American Family Institute (NFI), Peabody**

\$3,500

A special grant to purchase three Automated External Defibrillators and staff training on how to use the life-saving device. An AED on site at each location will allow staff to have immediate access to a life-saving electronic device.

#### **Taunton Area Resource Center (TARC)**

\$3,200

A special grant to purchase an automated External Defibrillator and staff training on how to use the life-saving device. TARC provides meaningful experiences, socialization, and life skills training to more than 70 individuals with intellectual and development disabilities, many who have fragile medical conditions. In addition, TARC provides 250 recreational activities, which some require travel, and access to a portable AED will allow staff to respond immediately in an emergency.

### April 2010

#### **Community Connections, Inc., South Yarmouth**

\$3,500

A special grant to purchase two Automated External Defibrillators. An AED will be located at the Fairhaven Center in Fall River and the second AED will be located at its Somerset site.

#### **Crossroads for Kids, Duxbury**

\$3,500

A special grant to purchase an Automated External Defibrillator for Camp Mitton.

#### **Greenwood Street Medical Clinic, Worcester**

\$3,500

A grant to support start-up funding for the opening of the new Greenwood Street Medical Clinic. Funding will be used to purchase a variety of medical supplies, including digital thermometers, blood pressure cuffs, stethoscopes, an

ophthalmoscope, examination tables, and eye test charts. Funding will also support the purchase of an Automated External Defibrillator.

**The Nathan Hale Veterans Outreach Center, Plymouth**

\$3,500

Funding to hire a contracted grant writer to secure additional revenue to support Hale to Heal, an initiative created to improve access to health care by providing mental health services in Plymouth and Middleboro, MA

**March 2010**

**Boys and Girls Club of Wareham**

\$2,450

A special grant to purchase an Automated External Defibrillator (AED), supplies, and to support staff training on how to operate the AED.

**Wayside Youth & Family Support Network, Framingham**

\$3,500

Funding to hire a contracted grant writer to raise money to sustain its Health & Wellness initiative that includes health exams, nutrition, and fitness. Money raised will support *Access to Basic Health Care*, which provides mental health services, physical exams, and a dental van visits their site once a month to provide dental care. Wayside is a non-profit human service agency that provides counseling, family support, residential and educational services.

**YWCA of Southeastern Massachusetts, New Bedford**

\$3,500

A grant to purchase a laptop and desktop computer and database software for its outreach efforts. Funding will support its Breast Health program, which is a faith-based initiative created to reduce ethnic and racial barriers to accessing health care by educating low income and uninsured Spanish and Portuguese-speaking women, in their own language, about breast cancer, cervical cancer, colon cancer, and cardiovascular disease. Outreach staff will use the laptop computer as they travel to community sites to give presentations on health and wellness. New software will enable outreach staff to capture all demographics, screening and follow-up information on program participants, track health outcomes, and to design culturally appropriate flyers and brochures. The program targets vulnerable women in Southeast Mass.

**February 2010****Center for New Americans (CNA), Northampton**

\$3,330

A grant to contract with Community Partners to provide staff training on enrollment and using the Virtual Gateway, and to purchase two laptop computers and two mobile printers for its outreach and enrollment staff. Funding will allow this organization to provide training for its staff to operate its pilot health care outreach program, which will help CNA students and residents get access to health insurance, health care providers, and education on navigating the health care system. The Center for New Americans is a non-profit community-based organization created to provide educational and support services to immigrants, refugees, and other limited English speakers.

**The Arc of Greater Fall River**

\$3,500

A special grant to purchase two Automated External Defibrillators (AED) and to support AED and CPR training for all staff. The Arc provides services and advocacy for children and adults with mental retardation, and cognitive, physical, and developmental disabilities.

**Visiting Nurse and Community Health, Arlington**

\$3,500

Funding to help support the purchase of 25 Honeywell HomMed Telehealth Ecosystems. The HomMed is an electronic device that records blood pressure, heart rate, and oxygen saturation. HomMed provides patients with a sense of security knowing clinicians at Visiting Nurse are monitoring their health status daily. Clinicians are able to manage specific patient needs, identify potential health problems, and get patients started immediately on a treatment plan—reducing preventable ER visits and hospitalizations.

**January 2010****Massachusetts Nonprofit Network (MNN), Statewide**

\$3,500

A grant to hire a consultant to work on Phase II of the Nonprofit Health Insurance Project. The consultant will research resources to develop a training curriculum for the Small Non-profit Employer Education campaign. MNN has been responding to the new pressures placed on nonprofits by health care reform. Because of the employer obligations and individual mandate, the struggle of nonprofits to provide competitive and appropriate benefits to a workforce of more than 420,000 employees has become urgent. MNN seeks to explore the challenges of coverage and affordability for the nonprofit sector to find workable alternatives and solutions.

**New Hope, Attleboro**

\$3,500

Funding to support strategic planning. New Hope is a domestic violence and sexual assault agency serving 54 cities in Central Massachusetts, and serves approximately 11,000 individuals each year. New Hope provides mental health counseling, referrals to health care providers, and assists with social services. Fifty-four percent of its clients have income levels below \$17,000.

**United Teen Equality Center (UTEC), Lowell**

\$3,470

Funding to support the implementation of a new database, Efforts to Outcomes. Funding will also support the registration fee for its Director of Evaluation and Learning to attend a three-day training to learn how to use the database. The database will allow UTEC to track each participant's activities, outcomes, and progress. The database will streamline the evaluation process for staff; reducing staff time needed to complete paperwork. The Director of Evaluation and Learning will attend the training sessions and then teach all staff how to use the system. UTEC's core program, the Streetworker Outreach program is dedicated to identifying youth in Lowell that may need assistance with accessing health care, mental health counseling, and social services.

**December 2009****Community Care Services, Inc. (CCS), Taunton**

\$3,500

Special funding to purchase two Automated External Defibrillators (AED) and to support staff training on how to use the AED. CCS is a non-profit organization that provides behavioral, emotional, and educational support to more than 7,500 children, adults, and elders throughout Southeastern Mass. CCS has over 30 locations, including two Behavioral Health Clinics located in Taunton and Attleboro.

**Massachusetts Association for Mental Health, Inc. (MAMH), Boston**

\$1,500

A grant to support computer training for a new part-time employee to learn how to use a web-based content management system, which will allow the new employee to manage the content on its new web site. This capacity-building project will allow MAMH to expand its capacity to educate and provide mental health services for children and adults. MAMH is a private, non-profit citizen-based organization established for advocacy and educational purposes, and has worked towards the successful development of community-based education, health care, and mental health services.

**Spina Bifida Association of Massachusetts (SBA), Milford**

\$1,750

Funding to support strategic planning with its staff and board of directors. A grant will support a consultant who will work with SBA to facilitate the process and develop a strategic plan. One of SBA's goals is to work with other health organizations and medical facilities to coordinate efforts for the development of an Adult Clinic to serve individuals with spina bifida. SBA is the only organization in the state solely serving the health needs of individuals with spina bifida. They participate in several outreach opportunities to disseminate information about spina bifida to women of childbearing age and to educate women on the benefits of taking folic acid to reduce neural tube birth defects. They also provide their uninsured/underinsured clients with an annual financial benefit of up to \$500 to assist with expenses related to spina bifida.

**The Arc of Northern Bristol County, Attleboro**

\$3,500

A grant to purchase CPR manikins, which will maximize Arc's capacity to conduct CPR & First Aid training for all new employees and CPR recertification to all current employees; a company requirement of all employees. Previously, the Arc contracted with a CPR trainer to conduct training. Now, a staff member of the Arc is a certified CPR/First Aid trainer and the organization is able to expand its capacity to train/recertify its employees in a timely manner and reduce cost. The Arc serves more than 2,000 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities throughout Bristol County.

**November 2009****Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project (GMDVP), Cambridge**

\$2,500

Funding to support strategic planning. Two consultants will work with the executive director and board of directors to assess the organization's governance structure, staffing, services, and identify ways to strengthen the organization's operations, improve service delivery, and develop collaborative partnerships with other domestic violence agencies and community-based organizations. GMDVP helps its clients access social services and assistance with navigating the health care system and connecting them with mental health providers. GMDVP works with health care providers, social service agencies, and law enforcement to increase awareness of Gay Lesbian and Bi-sexual Transgender domestic violence.

**HealthFirst Family Care Center, Fall River**

\$2,890

A special grant to purchase an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and for staff training on how to use the AED. An AED onsite will ensure HealthFirst is prepared to respond to a medical emergency in the pediatric clinic.

**Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA), Statewide**

\$3,500

Funding to hire a consultant who will evaluate the organization's work over the past five years. The results of the evaluation will help MIRA continue its discussion on how to further strengthen MIRA's role on immigrant health care reform and prepare MIRA for its strategic planning.

October 2009

**Beaverbrook STEP, Inc., Watertown**

\$3,500

To hire a contracted grant writer that would specifically research and submit proposals to raise additional money to: 1) expand the current part-time STEP Medical Director position to full time status; 2) develop a community-based medical resource; and 3) purchase adaptive equipment and assistive devices that are not covered by insurance. STEP provides residential services, clinical support, and medical care to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. They evaluate the needs of its clients to determine the medical services needed and coordinates services with community health providers. STEP also provides day programs, self-advocacy and family support services, and operates residential properties that provide 24-hour staff support for its clients.

**Brookline Community Mental Health Center**

\$3,200

A grant to hire a contracted software specialist to design a program and create templates for its financial reporting. The specialist will automate its accounting system and the health center will have immediate access to financial reporting to monitor its financial performance, and have greater oversight of finances—the health center will be able to produce accurate and timely financial reports.

**Steppingstone, Inc., Fall River**

\$3,500

Funding to support the training of 55 employees utilizing the DISC behavioral profile system. Funding will be used to contract with an organization that will conduct the training and provide two half-day follow-up sessions with the staff. Staff will develop an understanding of distinct behaviors styles, which will lead to both professional and personal insights, and help staff to identify strategies for success through effective communication, understanding tolerance and conflict reduction, so staff can function as an empowered team with improved abilities to achieve Steppingstone's mission of providing treatment and services for chemically addicted men and women.

September 2009

**Comprehensive School-Age Parenting Program, Inc. (CSAPP), Jamaica Plain**

\$3,500

A grant to develop a new electronic database that will reduce the staff time needed to record intakes of their clients, allow staff to have immediate access to reports, and the ability to produce accurate and timely financial reports and assist with third party billing. CSAPP is an innovative, non-profit school-based agency that provides year round wrap around services to at-risk youth enrolled in eight high schools and one middle school in Boston. They help pregnant teens and at-risk youth access mental health services, dental, and primary care services. CSAPP counselors perform an assessment with each client to determine their needs and makes referrals to health centers and local hospitals. CSAPP serves more than 650 at-risk youth who are underserved and uninsured.

**VNA Care Network & Hospice, Needham**

\$2,275

To contract with the Central Massachusetts Area Health Education Center (CMAHEC) to conduct community interviews with Latino residents to learn about the specific traditions, rituals and needs at the end-of-life. The information compiled will help the VNA meet its long-term goal of providing culturally appropriate hospice services to its Latino patients.

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**Inflammatory Breast Cancer New England Region, Holbrook**

\$3,500

Funding to hire a web designer to develop its first website. The new website is an important resource for all people, including patients and caregivers seeking factual, reliable, and up-to-date information about inflammatory breast cancer, and provides access to support services. The organization's mission is to provide educational information about inflammatory breast cancer and other helpful resources, so women can seek immediate medical care.

**Geiger Gibson Community Health Center, Dorchester**

\$1,700

Funding for its director of nursing to attend the National Center for Quality Assurance (NCQA) training to learn about NCQA standard and how to receive the NCQA recognition as a patient-centered medical home. The training and NCQA certification will help the health center achieve a high performing patient-centered medical home that supports the health center's mission and transforms its primary care practices into high quality medical homes.

**Interfaith Social Services, Inc. (ISS), Quincy**

\$2,250

A special grant to purchase an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and for staff training on how to use the AED. ISS is a non-profit agency that provides a food pantry, free professional clothing for women seeking employment, counseling, and assistance with rent, utilities and medical expenses.

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**Boys & Girls Club of Marshfield**

\$2,250

Funding to purchase an Automated Electronic Defibrillator (AED) and staff training for the AED.

**Eastern Massachusetts Abortion Fund (EMA)**

\$3,500

A grant to send two of its volunteer board members and two volunteer staff to the 2009 Networking Organizing Summit in Chicago, a four-day capacity and leadership building conference. Funding will also support a grant writer. EMA provides financial assistance through grants for their clients who cannot afford to pay for reproductive health services and offers counseling services and access to a 24-hour hotline.

**Food for the World, Lawrence**

\$3,500

To support a contracted grant writer to write and submit proposals to raise funding to support the expansion of its Wellness program. Food for the World works to alleviate hunger and poor nutrition by providing free food to low-income families combined with its Wellness program that includes nutrition classes, health screenings, and diet counseling. The organization has experienced a 50 percent increase in services provided in the Merrimack Valley and need to expand its Wellness program and Food Pantry.

**RESPOND, Inc., Somerville**

\$3,500

Funding to hire a web design consultant to evaluate and redesign its website, which was created in 2003. A new website will allow RESPOND to enhance efforts to publicize its services, educate the community about this epidemic problem, and promote long-term sustainability by soliciting donor support. The ability to provide a user-friendly website that has helpful information for its program participants, community partners, and funders is

essential to its success, particularly when the demand for their services continue to increase. RESPOND, a domestic violence agency, helps women and children create options for a safer life and works to end domestic violence. RESPOND offers a variety of services to its clients including shelters, referrals for health care and mental health services, and educates health care providers to recognize the signs of domestic abuse.

**Samaritans of Boston**

\$3,500

A grant to hire a contracted grant writer to research and identify funders, and write proposals to seek additional funding to support the development, implementation, and sustainability of its Youth Instant Messaging (IM) project. Samaritans will collaborate with five high schools in Boston and Framingham to pilot its IM project and will advertise the new IM services throughout each school. The IM program manager at Samaritans will evaluate the project and make recommendations for a full rollout of the IM project to more schools. Samaritans' mission is to reduce the number of suicides in the state and they have a large volunteer workforce staffing a 24-hour phone line for callers who are isolated, depressed, despairing, suicidal, or concerned for a loved one, community education and outreach programs, and grief support services. The IM project will expand Samaritans capacity to reach more people in need.

**WEATOC, Inc., Roxbury**

\$3,500

To hire a consultant to expand its donor database by researching and identifying potential funders to generate additional revenue to develop its Building Obesity Awareness program. WEATOC is a leading state certified teen health promotion agency that works with teens to prevent teen pregnancy, substance abuse, AIDS/HIV, and then train teens to be peer educators. The agency has an innovative and vibrant model of peer education that has been very successful. WEATOC primarily serves African American and Latino teens in Dorchester, Jamaica Plain, Mattapan, Roxbury, and the South End.

**Youth and Family Enrichment Services (YoFess), Hyde Park**

\$3,500

A grant to hire a contracted grant writer to research, identify funding sources, and write proposals to generate new funding that will allow YoFess to continue operating its health and prevention programs, which includes its HIV Education for Women, Childhood Obesity Prevention, and its Heart Health program. YoFess is a community-based organization whose mission is to build strong families that can raise healthy children by providing social, prevention, and wellness programs. Nearly all of its clients are low-income and approximately 30 percent are uninsured. YoFES has identified a need for cost effective and cost-efficient strategies to help immigrant youth and families address health issues, cope with poverty, linguistic and cultural barriers, and the challenges of navigating a complex health care system.

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**Jordan Boys & Girls Club, Chelsea**

\$2,250

A grant to purchase an Automated External Defibrillator and to train staff on how to operate the life-saving device.

**Father Bills & MainSpring, Inc., Quincy**

\$3,500

To hire a grant writer to submit proposals to other Foundations to raise money to support its Capacity Building project. Generating additional operating funds will allow the organization to increase the Nurse Practitioner's hours to full-time status and increase the clinic's hours of operation. Father Bills & MainSpring is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving homeless men, women, and children by providing shelter, medical care, and referrals to primary care physicians.

**Hearth, Inc., Boston**

\$2,740

A grant to purchase supplies that will allow Hearth to become a fully participating member in the Statewide Health Care Mutual Aid Evacuation and Supply Plan. Supplies include rollaway beds, privacy screens, identification bags, and 250 identification wristbands. Under this Plan, all of its residents, especially residents that require ongoing

access to medical equipment will immediately be moved temporarily to another participating facility that will tend to their personal and health care needs. This funding expands their capacity to be able to care for its own residents and residents from other facilities during an emergency. Hearth provides wellness assessments by registered nurses and social workers, assistance with medication management and transportation to medical appointments, and nurses work directly with resident's PCPs to discuss their health concerns.

### **People Acting in Community Endeavors, New Bedford**

\$2,620

Funding to purchase a laptop, a personal computer, and a portable printer for its outreach and enrollment staff. New computers will improve its outreach and enrollment systems by having immediate internet access to research health insurance products and submit health insurance applications online to help residents enroll onto Commonwealth Care and MassHealth, and help to find people new medical homes.

### **Volunteers in Medicine Berkshires (VIM), Great Barrington**

\$3,500

To hire a consultant to work with its board of directors and staff to develop a strategic plan. VIM provides free medical, preventative, and dental services to a large number of uninsured residents in Western Mass.

### **March 2009**

### **God's Messengers of Comfort, Dorchester**

\$3,500

A grant to hire a contracted grant writer to research funding opportunities and submit proposals. GMC sponsors community events to reach residents in Boston, Dorchester, Mattapan, and Roxbury with the sole purpose of outreach and educating residents about HIV/AIDS and encouraging people to be tested for HIV/AIDS. GMC collaborates with the Justice Resource Center, Upham's Corner Health Center, and the AIDS Action Committee. They also collaborate with Boston Medical Center's Project TRUST who attends GMC's community events and administers the HIV/AIDS test.

### **Open Door Free Medical Program**

\$3,500

Funding to purchase an Electrocardiogram (EKG), and a rechargeable battery and adult/pediatric pads for its Automated External Defibrillator. Funding will also be used to hire a grant writer. An EKG will allow medical staff to continue providing diagnostic testing to its patients on-site, rather than sending its patients to Marlborough Hospital—reducing health care costs. The grant writer will help generate more revenue to support the free services offered and to help Open Door develop a more comprehensive approach to the diagnosis and treatment of hypertension and diabetes.

### **Manet Community Health Center**

\$3,500

A grant to purchase two laptop computers and two portable printers for its mobile Outreach and Enrollment staff. Funding will help Manet strengthen its capacity to serve more people through its Community Outreach and Enrollment program, which strives to identify, enroll, and counsel those in need of health insurance and a medical home. The program has regular "drop-in" hours at more than five community centers, public agencies, and community-based organizations. This year, Manet will expand its program to include four additional sites. This grant will allow Manet to equip two additional outreach staff members with laptop computers, so they can enroll more people onto MassHealth and Commonwealth Care.

## February 2009

### **Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program (BHCHP)**

\$3,000

Funding to purchase a DCA Vantage Analyzer, a point-of-care diabetes management platform that performs hemoglobin A1C and microalbumin/creatinine tests. The Analyzer will allow medical staff to provide immediate diabetes preventative management to its patients. Since BHCHP serves homeless individuals, some who are less likely to get follow up care, the equipment on site will allow medical staff to obtain hemoglobin results in about 6 minutes rather than waiting a couple of days for laboratory results. Obtaining immediate results allows BHCHP to expedite medical intervention needed for its diabetic patients and enhances the quality of its diabetic care management and health education program.

### **Birth to Three Family Center (B3), Ipswich**

\$3,500

Funding to implement a community-based pilot program to identify and assist families in the delivery of Maternal-Infant Mental Health (MIMH) services. The grant will help this organization expand its capacity to screen new mothers for postpartum depression and provide referrals to mental health providers. B3 has built an emerging and unique collaborative partnership with Women, Infants and Children (WIC) to develop and implement a validated screening paradigms for new mothers, which will facilitate the delivery of services and expand access to mental health care through its MIMH initiative that focus on advocacy, awareness, and treatment for maternal depression.

### **Gavin Foundation, South Boston**

\$3,500

A grant to hire a consultant to train its counselors on Motivational Interviewing (MI), which will provide counselors with the tools needed to help them effectively assist their clients. Gavin provides substance abuse and addiction treatment services ranging from residential treatment to long-term case management to approximately 500 individuals in Charlestown, Dorchester, East Boston, South Boston, and Roxbury. The majority of its clients are low-income, unemployed, and uninsured.

## January 2009

### **Cooperative for Human Services (CHS), Burlington**

\$3,500

A grant to hire a consultant to research and write grant proposals. The consultant will help the organization generate up to \$150,000 in grants for its campaign to build housing capacity for the medically fragile, low-income adults with multiple disabilities who are members of the Rolland Class Action lawsuit settlement. The grant will allow this organization to facilitate the court ordered movement of adults who were inappropriately placed in nursing home facilities and into handicapped accessible community housing where they can receive medical services from the CHS. CHS serves 300 adults with disabilities and provides tailored services for each adult to meet their complex health care needs.

### **Urban Medical Group (UMG), Boston**

\$3,330

Funding for three Urban Medical Group staff to attend the 10th Annual International Summit on Redesigning the Clinical Office Practice that will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia. This is a great opportunity for UMG to share its House Calls Model and preliminary evaluation results with an international audience. The staff will have the opportunity to network with other practitioners, learn about other successful house call practices, and share what they have learned with other UMG staff so they can strengthen its program and better serve its patients. UMG was recently featured in the New England Journal of Medicine to highlight its work on bringing primary care to elders in their homes. UMG provides primary care services to more than 6,500 people each year. UMG's physicians and nurses provide in-home care for its patients who are elderly or have disabilities and unable to travel to their office.

## December 2008

### **Community Connections, South Yarmouth**

\$2,830

A grant to purchase two Automated External Defibrillators (AED) and to train staff on how to operate the life-saving device.

### **South Shore Mental Health (SSMH), Quincy**

\$3,500

Funding to purchase physical therapy equipment for toddlers in its Step One Early Intervention Program. The equipment will increase the organization's capacity to provide additional rehabilitation services to toddlers in its Step One program. Step One provides evaluation and physical therapy services to children from birth to age 3 who were born prematurely, have feeding, vision or hearing problems, are slow to reach developmental milestones, and who were born with a disability or health condition that affects their development. SSMH is a non-profit provider of behavioral health care services for individuals and families. Fifty percent of SSMH's families are below 200% of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines.

## November 2008

### **Family Health Center of Worcester, Inc.**

\$3,000

Funding to partner with the faculty at the College of the Holy Cross to conduct a preliminary assessment of the language proficiency of the health center's 25 bilingual Medical Assistants who are on the front-line working with Spanish-speaking patients. The assessment will help the health center to better understand the needs of its staff and improve the effectiveness of staff development planning so the health center's staff can effectively communicate with its patients and provide quality health care.

### **Friends of the Shrewsbury Senior Center, Shrewsbury**

\$2,000

A grant to purchase an Automated External Defibrillator and to train staff on how to operate the life-saving device.

### **New England Hemophilia Association (NEHA), Dedham**

\$3,500

Funding to hire a consultant to organize and conduct a two-day Board of Directors retreat. The consultant will help the organization develop a 3-5 year strategic plan, re-evaluate the organization's mission, values, and future direction. The strategic plan will serve as a basis for determining its next fiscal year budget, identifying new programs, and addressing staffing needs. NEHA operates with a staff of five, volunteer board members, and more than 70 volunteers to provide education, advocacy, and information to people suffering with hemophilia (blood disorders), many who are underinsured and uninsured.

### **Wachusett Regional High School, Holden**

\$2,250

A grant to purchase an Automated External Defibrillator and to train staff on how to operate the life-saving device.

### **YWCA of Southeastern Massachusetts, New Bedford**

\$3,425

Funding to recruit and train four women from faith-based communities on how to conduct cancer and cardiovascular education curriculums. The train-the-trainer model will allow the outreach workers to reach more than 200 women over the age of 40 and educate them on breast cancer awareness, screenings, and self-breast exams. The organization will also purchase breast models, cervix displays, colon displays, cardiovascular models, and produce health education material for participants.

## September 2008

### **Behavioral Health Network (BHN), Springfield**

\$3,160

Funding to develop a forensic mental health resource website. Providers at BHN will have access to relevant court cases, scholarly articles, presentations, and community resources to help providers to better serve people with behavioral health and developmental challenges. Funding will support one-time expenses that include website design, content and conversion, hosting, domain registration, and online access to the American Psychological Associates and other scholarly databases. BHN provides comprehensive behavioral health to individuals, families, and communities to improve the quality of lives for those with behavioral health and developmental challenges

### **MetroWest Free Medical Program (MWFMP), Sudbury**

\$3,500

A grant to support start-up costs for the opening of a new free clinic in Framingham. Start-up costs include medical exam tables, privacy screens, patient chart supplies, and medical supplies that include latex and non-latex gloves, gowns and speculums for women's health exams, and a new laptop computer, printer, fax machine, and a file cabinet. The MWFMP's volunteer physicians, nurses, social workers, and specialists provide free health care services to its uninsured patients two nights a week.

## August 2008

### **Boys & Girls Club of Taunton**

\$3,350

A grant to purchase two Automated External Defibrillators and to train staff on how to operate the life-saving device.

### **Span, Inc., Boston**

\$3,500

Funding to hire a consultant to research funding opportunities, submit proposals, develop a strategy to increase the number of individual donors, and train staff on how to identify potential private funding sources and how to write proposals. To ensure that Span is able to continue its work connecting former prisoners to health care and education, additional private donations are needed so that Span can supplement its current federal and state grant funding.

### **Massachusetts Senior Action Council, Statewide**

\$3,500

Funding to hire a consultant to develop a 5-year strategic plan. The consultant will help the organization set goals, objectives, create working teams of staff, and leaders, identify key strategic questions, analyze the potential impact of the baby boom generation, perform a gap analysis, create work plans, and work with its board of directors on planning and implementation.

### **VNA of Southeastern Massachusetts, Fall River**

\$3,000

A grant to purchase two laptops for its home care clinical staff. The upgrade to laptops will allow clinical staff to improve and facilitate communication with clinical managers, physicians, patients, and will reduce the number of visits to the office to check patient records and report in with the clinical managers. Clinical staff will also have electronic access to clinical policies and teaching tools.

## May 2008

### **BRIDGE, Inc., Great Barrington**

\$3,000

Funding to hire a consultant to develop an 18-month strategic plan. The consultant will work with all staff and the board of directors in all phases of the strategic planning process. Bridge offers a variety of services that help to facilitate more favorable outcomes in professional and clinical encounters by improving communication and understanding between patients/consumers. Services include a 24-hour interpreting service, on-site cultural competency training for health professionals, and community outreach.

**Concilio Hispano, Inc., Cambridge**

\$3,500

A grant to hire a consultant to help its board of directors explore options for a potential merger. If a merger is not an option, the consultant will provide services to Concilio to help improve its infrastructure by identifying more sufficient staffing strategies, and evaluating its current programs to determine the need for continuation and the development of new programs that are core to its mission, and additional assistance to the board of directors to help stabilize its operations and build its vision. Concilio Hispano is a multi-service community-based organization serving the Latino community. It offers a variety of programs including its HIV program, community outreach, referral programs, teen pregnancy, and its parenting case management program.

**Geiger Gibson Community Health Center, Dorchester**

\$3,300

Funding to hire a consultant to help the organization refine its strategic plan based on recent changes both within its organization and externally, and facilitate its three-day board and staff retreat. Topics that will be discussed during the retreat include how to build support for effective change; lessons on employee involvement; building leadership capacity internally; and building community partnerships.

**April 2008****Brookline Community Mental Health Center**

\$3,500

Funding to help offset the cost of hiring a database consultant to develop and implement a database that integrates the health center's electronic billing and medical records system. The health center primarily serves low-income residents in Brookline and offers a sliding fee scale for those without health insurance.

**Hope Restored Human Services, Inc., Milton**

\$3,400

A grant to hire a consultant to begin phase 1 of its three-phase project to improve its infrastructure. The project will allow the consultant to work with staff and the board of directors to offer recommendations that will lead to a more efficient way to operate its business, improve program delivery, and identify resources to financially sustain the agency. Hope Restored is a home health agency that provides health care services to disabled and elderly populations in Milton and surrounding communities.

**Partners in Health, The PACT Project, Boston**

\$3,500

Funding to translate its training curriculum and patient workbook to accommodate its Spanish-speaking patients. PACT's health promoters will be able to use the curriculum as a guide to educate patients about HIV/AIDS, health maintenance, and the effective utilization of health care services. The workbook will allow its HIV/AIDS patients to track their progress and share information about their health with providers. PACT's health promotion program targets HIV patients who are chronically non-adherent to their medication regimens and who requires direct intervention to help them avoid severe illness.

**The Arc of Northern Bristol County, Attleboro**

\$2,250

A grant to purchase an Automated External Defibrillator and to train staff on how to operate the life-saving device.

**March 2008****Boston Coalition for Adult Immunization**

\$3,500

Funding will allow a grant writer to research and identify potential funders to secure additional funding to support the organization's long-term financial stability and sustain its medical student program. The Coalition is committed to working with the community and other organizations to provide access to health services for elders and underserved populations. They offer first and second year medical students from three medical schools in Boston

education on the importance of immunizations and then trains the students in the skills needed to help the organization with community outreach and administering immunizations to vulnerable people. Each year, this innovative program provides hundreds of medical students with real-life, community health experience.

#### **Greater Boston Guild for the Blind**

\$3,500

A grant to design a low vision manual and print 600 copies of the manual to be distributed to its participants in the SightCare Vision Loss Education program. The low vision manual will include several topics such as the visual system, common eye diseases and its complications, optical devices, and advice on how to deal with the emotional and psychological impact of vision loss. To make the booklet more accessible for seniors with vision loss, low literacy, and limited English proficiency, the manual will incorporate an array of photographs and illustrations of the eye and the text will be printed in a larger font size. The SightCare Vision Loss program curriculum covers visual health and wellness. Greater Boston Guild for the Blind provides access to health and mental care services, including prevention, rehabilitation, education, and training programs for people who are legally blind or have low vision.

#### **Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers (MAPS), Allston, Cambridge, and Dorchester**

\$3,400

Funding to purchase three new computers and software, this will improve its outreach/enrollment systems by having immediate internet access to research health insurance products and submit health insurance applications online. MAPS current computers are 8 years old and not efficient to run most programs, which delay the process for submitting online applications to MassHealth. Since the computers often stall, client data is lost and staff must reenter information. MAPS provides low income children and families outreach, community education, enrollment and case management assistance when enrolling in MassHealth, Commonwealth Care and other health insurance programs.

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#### **RESPOND, Inc., Somerville**

\$3,500

A grant to hire a management and resource development consultant to conduct strategic fundraising planning, research, and submitting proposals to potential funders. RESPOND, a domestic violence agency, helps women and children create options for a safer life and works to end domestic violence. It offers a variety of services to its clients including referrals for health care and mental health services, and educates health care providers to recognize the signs of domestic abuse. RESPOND recently lost 32 percent of its funding from the state due to budget cuts and the organization must raise funds to increase its revenue to continue supporting its current programs. Over 95 percent of RESPOND's clients are low-income and uninsured.

#### **Stavros Center for Independent Living, Amherst**

\$3,500

Funding for a grant writer to prepare and submit proposals to foundations and corporations to secure funds for its Home Sweet Home Program that builds ramps for homes and apartments of disabled individuals. The ramps will allow disabled individuals to have unlimited access to leave their homes for medical appointments—reducing the need for emergency care and preventing institutionalization. The Home Sweet Home program has a list of individuals waiting to have ramps built. They collaborate with community leaders, building inspectors, private businesses, and volunteer groups to build ramps.

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#### **Crossroads for Kids, Duxbury**

\$2,250

A grant to purchase an Automated External Defibrillator. An AED on site will allow trained staff to have immediate access to a life-saving electronic device. Crossroads for Kids designs and delivers summer camping and year round programs that promote the emotional well being of children, while providing stable and positive relationships in a diverse and natural setting. Through innovative social, recreational and educational programs, they empower youth at risk to achieve success regardless of their environment.

**National Alliance on Mental Illness of Massachusetts, Statewide**

\$3,500

Funding to hire a consultant that will develop a needs assessment to determine how a statewide mental health information and referral system will benefit the organization and its clients. The health information and referral system will expand access and improve the delivery of medical information for its clients with mental illness and their families. The new system will allow its 23-affiliate offices across the state to have a central place to refer its callers to receive immediate informative medical information.

**Neighbor to Neighbor Massachusetts Education Fund, Statewide**

\$3,500

Funding to hire a consultant for cultural competency staff training. With the search of a new executive director, the Board of Directors decided this was a good time for the organization to diversify its leadership and management team, and address issues of race and class by providing cultural competency training to staff and board members. Cultural competency training is critical to the organization and to the staff that works to strengthen the low-income voice in the health care debate and ensures that health care reform works for all low-income individuals and families in the state.

**Volunteers in Medicine Berkshires (VIM), Great Barrington**

\$3,500

Funding to hire a consultant with database management and analysis experience to help VIM evaluate its current database and develop new reporting systems for its medical and dental office. The consultant will develop a data management plan for analysis and reporting of patient and program data to assist clinical staff in identifying patients in need of follow-up care, developing quality assurance indicators to measure health outcomes for its patients, and allow dental staff to record and maintain patient data and analysis of dental services. The reporting system will also help VIM meet proposal and funding requirements of foundations and funders. VIM is a clinic that provides free medical, preventative, and dental services to a large number of low-income and uninsured residents in Western Mass.

**December 2007****Diabetes Association, Inc., Fall River**

\$3,500

A grant to purchase a new larger capacity network server that will improve the organization's daily operations to better serve its growing client population. With the opening of its new satellite office, new staff positions, and the demand for DAI's services, a larger network server is critical to its operations. DAI offers diabetes self-management and prevention programs, support groups, workshops, and fitness programs to low-income individuals and families.

**October 2007****Healthy Malden, Inc. (HM)**

\$2,590

Funding for its executive director to attend a three-day leadership development workshop and to support grant writing services. Grant writer will research funding opportunities and submit approximately 15 grant applications. Healthy Malden works to improve the health of the community by conducting and maintaining comprehensive assessments of the health of Malden residents and collaborating with private organizations, community groups and agencies to promote health awareness and prevention. HM serves a large low-income and uninsured population in Malden.

**Parents Helping Parents, Watertown**

\$3,500

A grant to support the cost of hiring a strategic planning consultant. The consultant will work with the executive director and board of directors to create a new mission statement, redefine the role of the chief executive officer, develop long-term strategic goals for the organization, and board development. PHP's mission is to promote and support healthy parent/child relationships and break the cycle of child abuse through peer-led, professionally facilitated mutual help groups that provide a nurturing, non-judgmental environment in which to improve family

relationships, and a 24-hour help line for parents and caregivers. PHP provides free services to low income, uninsured, and underserved parents.

### September 2007

#### **Berkshire South Regional Community Center. Great Barrington**

\$ 2,250

A grant to purchase an Automated External Defibrillator. An AED on site will allow trained staff to have immediate access to a life-saving electronic device.

#### **Community Action Committee of Cape Cod & Islands (CACCI)**

\$960

A grant to purchase a television and DVD player, a TV stand, health education and children's videos, and three bulletin boards for the HOPE Project. CACCI converted its conference room into a waiting room to support HOPE Projects growing client base. CACCI has a good track record of referring clients to providers on the Cape and conducting follow-up with patients to ensure their compliance with care. CACCI's efforts are mostly focused on outreach, health education, and system navigation.

#### **Jewish Family & Children's Service, Waltham**

\$2,250

Funding to purchase an Automated External Defibrillator. Funding can also be used for AED training and maintenance

#### **Massachusetts Association of Public Health Nurses, Statewide**

\$2,650

A grant to print and distribute seven new public health nursing competency areas including Academics and Municipal Leadership; Cancer Screenings; and Health Screenings. The review and standards of public health nurses competency is an ongoing effort. The new competency areas will be distributed to its public health nurses. MAPHN have more than 200 members and is recognized as the official state organization for public health nurses.

#### **South Middlesex Opportunity Council, Inc., Framingham**

\$3,500

A grant to purchase two computers and a network printer that will allow the Elderly Nutrition Program to operate its new Senior Information Management System, a comprehensive consumer and case management system that will help the organization meet state and federal intake, enrollment, data management, assessment and reporting requirements. Two computers will allow staff to have simultaneous access to the system. Funding will also be used to hire a consultant for fundraising and grant writing. The Elderly Nutrition Program works to improve the health and wellbeing of low-income seniors in MetroWest.

### July 2007

#### **Rape Crisis Services of Greater Lowell**

\$2,885

Funding to support three projects: 1) one staff member to attend the Massachusetts Victim Assistance Academy to learn the skills needed to improve their ability to serve rape survivors in the Cambodian community; 2) to provide two internal training sessions for all staff to learn how to reach out to victims of the GLBT community; and 3) to print 5,000 donor envelopes for its direct mail fundraising campaign. Rape Crisis Services provides support groups, counseling, and outreach to rape survivors.

### June 2007

#### **Community Partners, Statewide**

\$ 3,500

Funding to hire two fundraising consultants to develop an individual donor program. The consultants will work with Community Partners to refine its fundraising strategies, develop marketing materials, identify potential donors, and outline a long-term fundraising strategy. This capacity-building project will allow the organization to establish viable fundraising strategies to bridge the funding gaps. Community Partners primarily serves outreach workers and others providing health care coverage enrollment assistance and education to low-income residents.

**Benjamin A. Friedman Middle School, Taunton**

\$2,250

To purchase an Automated External Defibrillator. The school has a variety of athletic programs. An AED on site will allow trained staff to have immediate access to a life-saving electronic device while school is in session and during after-school sporting events.

**Massachusetts Senior Action Council (MSAC), Statewide**

\$3,000

A grant to purchase a portable professional Language Interpretation System, which will enable MSAC to expand its capacity to recruit and serve more limited English proficient speaking residents across the state. To reach these residents, MSAC will be able to simultaneously translate during its chapter meetings, conferences, planning sessions, and during outreach activities. The system includes an interpreter-monitoring unit so the interpreter may clearly hear speakers, while simultaneously interpreting through 15 individual headset receivers. This translation system will prevent language barriers and MSAC will be able to communicate important information regarding health care coverage and prescription costs, and allow MSAC to have a meaningful dialogue with its members. MSAC holds chapter meetings to provide information and education about health care programs and resources.

[April 2007](#)

**Boston Health Care for the Homeless (BHCHP)**

\$3,000

Funding to purchase a DCA 2000 Plus Analyzer, a point-of-care diabetes management platform that performs hemoglobin A1c and microalbumin/creatinine tests. The diagnostic equipment will allow BHCHP to provide immediate diabetes preventative management to homeless individuals. The equipment will allow medical staff to obtain immediate results to expedite medical intervention needed for its diabetic patients, and enhances the quality of its diabetic care management and health education.

**Carson Center for Human Services, Westfield**

\$2,149

Funding to support the purchase of a software package, Rorschach Interpretation Assistance Program that is used in psychological assessments. The software will allow this organization to provide culturally competent care to its Russian-speaking patients. The Rorschach program is designed to assist clinicians with scoring and interpreting Rorschach test results for people aged 5-70. The results will help clinicians initiate a discussion with patients to talk about mental health and treatment. The Carson Center provides a variety of behavioral health and rehabilitation services to approximately 3,600 low-income clients each year. The area served by this organization has a prominent and growing Russian population.

**Garrett Pressley Autism Research Center (GPARC), Mattapan**

\$3,500

A grant to hire a consultant for strategic planning, program development, and grant writing. The consultant will help GPARC further develop its medical referral program so its clients will have access to a network of physicians and other medical professionals. The enhanced referral program will include nurses, complementary care providers, physical therapists, nutritionist, and podiatrists. GPARC provides resources, medical referrals, counseling, advocacy, support groups, and workshops for families with autistic children.

**YWCA of Southeastern Massachusetts**

\$2,900

Funding to support the training of 10 outreach workers to increase the number of women it educates on breast awareness. Funding will also be used to purchase two breast models and educational material. The grant will allow outreach workers to target uninsured and underinsured women age 40+ in Southeastern Mass and provide education on the importance of breast cancer screening and refer at least 30 hard to reach women for mammography screenings. Many breast health programs have been eliminated due to state budget cuts, so funding through the Catalyst Fund will help this organization expand its capacity to provide breast health outreach to vulnerable women in Southeastern Mass.

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**Cambodian Mutual Assistance of Greater Lowell (CMAGL), Inc.**

\$3,500

Funding to support a survey of dietary practices and beliefs in the Cambodian community. A grant will allow CMAGL to hire five consultants to serve as survey enumerators. Each consultant will receive training and then complete surveys with 30 different respondents for a total of 150 surveys. The survey will allow CMAGL to identify the increased rates of diabetes, high blood pressure, and heart disease among Cambodians in Lowell. The results of the survey will allow CMAGL to refine its current nutrition program by developing and implementing programs that are culturally appropriate and providing relevant nutrition resources for the Cambodian community.

**Manet Community Health Center, Quincy**

\$3,000

A grant to purchase an EyeTel Digiscope, a digital camera that takes retinal images. Since Manet does not have a digiscope on-site they refer its patients to external ophthalmology providers, and reports show that a large percentage of their patients that were referred did not visit the ophthalmologist. Not having this equipment onsite presents barriers for its patients—lack of transportation to travel to the provider, cost of services, inconvenience, and lack of motivation. This grant will cover start-up costs that include the purchase of the Digiscope, installation, staff training, and technical support. This equipment will be self-sustaining after the start-up costs.

**Mid-Upper Community Health Center, Hyannis**

\$3,500

Funding to hire a consultant to facilitate the process for developing the health center's 3-year strategic plan. The consultant will facilitate meetings, provide an analysis of data to create outcomes for how to close the disparity gap, and create a first draft of its strategic plan. The health center has an increasing immigrant population, including seasonal workers on the Cape. To meet the needs of every patient, regardless of their ethnicity, the health center is making a commitment to incorporate cultural competency into its strategic plan. This 3-year strategic plan will identify areas of strengths and weaknesses in cultural competency.

**Partners in Health (PIH), Boston**

\$3,500

A grant to develop a patient recruitment video. Funding will support video production and editing. The video will feature PACT Project patients who are currently receiving treatment at PIH and who represents the communities they are targeting. Patients will narrate their personal experiences, offer a rationale for seeking treatment, and explain the PACT Project. The video will be distributed to community health centers and other HIV agencies to share with their clients to encourage them to enroll in PACT. The video will allow PIH to reach people living with HIV/AIDS who may not be receiving medical care. Each year, only 100 patients receive care through PIH's PACT Program. This is due primarily to lack of awareness of PACT, stigma, hopelessness, and inadequate knowledge of treatment opportunities. Through this video, PIH will be able to reach out to people in need of care, dispel some of the myths that keep people from accessing care, and allow PIH to expand its patient base.

**VNA Care Network, Worcester**

\$2,100

Funding to translate its visual pain scale into four languages—Spanish, Vietnamese, Portuguese and Khmer/Cambodian. The VNA will also produce 1500 laminated copies of its pain scale, translate *The Final Days* hospice pamphlet into Spanish, and purchase *What Language Does Your Patient Hurt In*, a reference guide for its clinical team to provide culturally competent care to multi-cultural patients. By having reliable reference materials and appropriate patient education materials, the VNA will strengthen and improve patient and provider relationships and communication, even when the patient and provider are of different ethnicities and/or speak different languages.

**WEATOC, Inc., Dorchester**

\$3,500

A grant to hire a consultant to research and identify potential funders, develop a proposal template, develop a system for organizing grant campaigns, develop strategies for marketing their programs to various funders, and train staff in grants management. This fundraising project is very important to the agency since its two large federal grants ended in June 2006, thus reducing the number of staff and programs. If WEATOC raises additional funds, they can develop new programs and material that will educate youth and parents on the need and options for access

to health care. WEATOC is a leading state certified teen health promotion agency that works with teens to prevent teen pregnancy, substance abuse, AIDS/HIV, and STDs, and then trains teens to be peer educators.

## December 2006

### **The Home for Little Wanderers, Inc., Boston**

\$3,021

A grant to hire a contracted registered dietician to develop a “train-the-trainer” model, teach staff, and evaluate its 6-week nutrition program. Funding will also be used to purchase training resources, which includes a film 'Super size Me', and a Supermarket Tour Kit. Using the model, existing staff will be able to teach its nutrition program to new staff. They offer a variety of programs that focus on prevention, intervention, health education, outreach, research, and advocacy.

### **Millbury Free Health Program**

\$3,500

Funding for this free clinic to purchase a portable EKG machine with computer interpretation. Its patient base is growing steadily and there is a need for additional medical equipment.

### **Greater Lawrence Family Health Center**

\$2,300

Funding to purchase a Midmark IQmark Digital Spirometer and Software Interface. The purchase of the spirometer will help ensure the continued success of its asthma program. GLFHC provides high quality comprehensive health care services to the most vulnerable communities in Merrimack Valley

### **Center for Health and Development, Inc., Boston**

\$3,000

Funding to hire a contracted consultant to train three staff in facilitation skills as part of their 'train-the trainer' initiative. Funding will also be used to purchase books and resources for the curriculum, binders, index dividers, and for printing services. This organization provides a range of critical services to more than 3,500 medically underserved adults diagnosed with severe mental illness and substance abuse problems.

### **Massachusetts Association of Community Health Workers, Statewide**

\$3,248

A grant to hire a communications consultant to develop a marketing and communications plan, print 400 brochures in color, and to purchase a display board.

## November 2006

### **AIDS Support Group of Cape Cod**

\$3,500

A grant to hire a consultant to conduct and manage its strategic planning process that will help to address consumer access to services, sustainability, and program development. The consultant will facilitate meetings, conduct assessments, and interview key stakeholders. The majority of its clients has no health insurance or is underinsured

### **Mattapan Community Health Center, Inc.**

\$3,500

Funding to hire a fundraising consultant to write and submit proposals to foundations to secure funding to support its capital campaign. The health center serves low-income people in Mattapan and Hyde Park, and it is the only health center in these communities.

### **Lynn Community Health Center**

\$3,500

A grant to hire a contracted professional website designer to redesign its website. The designer will redesign the website by re-writing 119 pages of data so that all pages are consistent, and make improvements to its navigation to make the site more accessible and user friendly. They will also create a new page on its website that highlights several of its programs, including its work on cultural competence.

**Allies in Recovery, Sunderland**

\$3,500

A grant to hire a communications consultant to work with Allies in Recovery's (AIR) executive director to develop a communications campaign to target Puerto Ricans in Springfield who are low income, uninsured, and uninsured. The communications campaign will enable AIR to generate additional referrals to its agency. AIR provides substance abuse treatment to abusers and offer support services to their families.

October 2006

**Multi-Service Center, Leominster**

\$3,200

A grant to purchase a skin analyzer machine and a cholesterol-screening machine. Funding will allow MSC to expand its capacity to provide screenings for cholesterol and skin cancer.

**Diabetes Association, Inc., Fall River**

\$3,500

Support to offset the cost of hiring a consultant to conduct a comprehensive evaluation that will help with decision-making regarding its office expansion and staff functions. The consultant will provide an analysis of current staff functions to determine reallocation for job responsibilities and/or the creation of new staff positions. The consultant will also develop a grant template, research funding opportunities, and prepare proposals.

**Boston Coalition for Adult Immunization, Dorchester**

\$3,500

Funding will allow a grant writer to research and identify potential funders to secure additional funding to support the organization's long-term financial stability and sustain its medical student program. They work with the community and other organizations to provide access to health services for elders and underserved populations.

**Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public School, Worcester**

\$2,250

Funding to purchase an automated external defibrillator. Abby Kelly Foster School is expanding its athletic programs. An AED on site will allow trained staff to have immediate access to a life-saving electronic device while school is in session and during after-school sporting events.

**Talking Information Center, Marshfield**

\$1,700

Funding for printing expenses for its tri-fold marketing brochure, 500 posters that will be displayed in senior centers and hospitals, and 500 Public Relations (informational) binders. Funding will also be used for the reproduction of the Station Demonstration CD and DVD. The Talking Information continues to provide essential and timely health information for their listening audience.

September 2006

**Community Action Committee of Cape Cod & Islands, Hyannis**

\$2,500

A grant to purchase three laptop computers and printers for the Harmonic Outreach Project Educators project. The laptops will allow the H.O.P.E Project's outreach workers to be mobile and conduct outreach at community sites to offer assistance to uninsured and low-income individuals and families by having immediate internet access to research health insurance products and submit health insurance applications online

**Community Health Programs, Great Barrington**

\$3,500

A grant to hire a contracted website project coordinator to implement a preliminary work plan for creating a website. The coordinator will survey program staff to determine website content, downloadable forms, and links. Implementation of the preliminary plan will allow the organization to bid out for a web designer to create and launch the organizations first website.

**New England Hemophilia Association, Dedham**

\$3,500

A grant to hire a grant writer to research funding opportunities, create a corporate and foundation contact database, develop an effective grants calendar, and create a proposal template. They provide education, advocacy, and information to people suffering with hemophilia, many who are underinsured and uninsured.

**Volunteers in Medicine Berkshires. Great Barrington**

\$3,500

This free clinic received funding to hire a professional grant writer to prepare and submit proposals to organizations and foundations, including researching funding through several pharmaceutical companies.

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**Health Quarters, Inc., Beverly**

\$3,500

Funding to hire a contracted bi-lingual assessment specialist to conduct a community needs assessment of Latinos in Haverhill to determine their reproductive health and family planning needs. HQ will have data on the reproductive health and family planning needs, and the assessment will provide data that will allow HQ to make recommendations to its planning committee to improve cultural proficiency. Health Quarters' teen clients come from families who are low-income, uninsured or underinsured, and have limited English proficiency.

**Mary Immaculate Health/Care Services, Lawrence**

\$3,500

A grant to hire a contracted public relations and communications specialist to assist with the design and production of materials for its 'Clean-up' fundraising campaign. The specialist will interact with the media to promote the crisis and the need for support, provide timely updates concerning its operations, and will update its website content.

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**Addiction Referral Center, Marlborough**

\$3,500.00

A grant to hire a development consultant who will research potential corporate and foundation funding sources, and write and submit proposals. The center provides intervention and outreach programs, referrals, and weekly AA meetings for substance abusers. They serve low-income, uninsured, and homeless men and women.

**Joseph M. Smith Community Health Center, Allston-Brighton**

\$3,500

Funding to support the cost of hiring a consultant to conduct market research on Allston's Asian population. The results of the market research will allow the health center to align staffing and program needs that meet the needs of Asians in Allston.

**Parents Helping Parents, Watertown**

\$3,500

Funding to support the cost of printing and distributing educational pamphlets and marketing materials that benefits low-income families in Massachusetts.

**YWCA of Central Massachusetts**

\$2,250

A special grant to purchase an automated external defibrillator.

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**Central MA Adolescent Substance Abuse Coalition**

\$3,500

Funding to support the cost of developing an 'Adolescent Substance Abuse Resource Guide'. The guide will ensure access to a continuum of care for adolescent substance abusers and their families. The guide will identify resources related to adolescent substance abuse prevention and treatment, resources for the treatment of co-occurring

disorders, and resources available outside of the region that will help to address the gaps in substance abuse services.

**Rape Crisis Services of Greater Lowell, Inc**

\$1,698

A grant to purchase two computers and office furniture for its expanded office space. Funding for two new computers will reduce the wait time for staff use and new furniture will allow staff to counsel rape victims in a quiet, confidential, welcoming space. The office expansion allows the organization to build its capacity to serve its clients in a confidential manner. This organization serves low-income and uninsured women.

**Pathways to Wellness, Boston**

\$3,500

Funding to support consulting fees as a result of the merger between Pathways to Wellness (PTW) and Southend Community Health Center (SECHC). PTW will bring its existing clients to SECHC, thereby, diversifying its clientele and attracting new South End residents to the SECHC. PTW provides complementary therapies to uninsured and low-income patients, and is the largest provider of acupuncture for people living with HIV/AIDS

**South End Community Health Center**

\$3,500

Funding to support consulting fees as a result of the merger between SECHC and PTW. The integration of PTW into SECHC will give the health center's existing patients new options and introduces its patients to holistic care. Staff and consultants will begin evaluating and expanding the health centers capacity to provide health care services to new patients.

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**The Carson Center for Human Services, Western Mass.**

\$1,208

A grant for two Psychiatric Nursing staff to attend Advances in Psychiatry: A Guide to Clinical Practice, a two-day conference. Information not only enhances the work that is administered by the organization's psychiatric nurses, but it also benefits the entire psychiatric team that includes eight doctors, three clinical nurse specialists and six psychiatric nurses. More than 90 percent of their psychiatric patients are low-income, and are underinsured or uninsured.

**RESPOND, Inc., Metro Boston**

\$3,500

Funding to upgrade its fundraising software. The upgrade includes new software, an additional license for another staff member, technical support and maintenance. The upgrade from its 4-year old software will help the organization better manage its direct mail campaign, maintain donor contact information, evaluate the success of its campaign, track all fundraising revenue, and allows staff to have simultaneous access to the database. Over 95 percent of its clients have low or no income and the vast majority is uninsured or relies on MassHealth.

**VNA of Middlesex-East & Visiting Nurse Hospice**

\$3,200

Funding to hire a professional graphic designer to re-design two patient education handbooks. One handbook will address chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and the other will focus on congestive heart disease. The graphic designer will create a more user-friendly layout for the handbooks that includes larger font type to accommodate elderly patients. The new handbooks will feature easy to understand text and added information on patient self-care through exercise and nutrition. Since 42 percent of their patients, mostly elderly, have been diagnosed with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease or congestive heart disease, it's critical that the organization provide health information that can be read and understood by all of its patients. The majority of its patients are elderly and living on low fixed incomes.

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**Greater Boston Guild for the Blind**

\$2,230

A grant to implement a trial Community Diabetes Education and Self-Management Education program. Funding will be used for educational material, plastic food aids, and to hire an Educator Consultant, who is a registered

dietician. The consultant will provide health education and training regarding glucose control, nutrition, and weight management. The organization will target low-income older adults who are at-risk or have diabetes.

#### January 2006

##### **African Community Health Initiatives (ACHI), Boston**

\$3,500

Funding to hire a fundraising consultant to write and submit proposals to secure additional funding to support its long-term financial stability and to purchase a computer. ACHI works to eliminate health disparities, provides community outreach, health education, screenings, HIV/AIDS programs, and sponsors community planning groups to address the health care needs of the African immigrant community.

##### **Healthy Malden, Inc.**

\$3,500

Funding to hire a development consultant to research and write proposals. Funding will also be used to extend the coalition coordinator's work hours to work additional hours on a consulting basis to conduct community outreach activities and develop partnerships with community groups. Healthy Malden works to improve the health of the community by conducting and maintaining comprehensive assessments of the health of Malden residents and collaborating with private organizations, community groups and agencies to promote health awareness and prevention.

##### **VNA Care Network, Inc., Worcester**

\$1,700

Funding to upgrade its website. The upgrade includes translating and inserting Spanish-version pages, a new website design, and improvement to navigation to make the site more accessible and more culturally competent for its patients and potential employees. The new website will allow the VNA to better promote its services, including its availability of language assistance, health care provider information, and website improvement to meet Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Standards (CLAS) as set by the Office of Minority Health.

#### November 2005

##### **Alliance to Defend Health Care, Boston**

\$3,500

A grant to hire a fundraising consultant to create a strategic work-plan to secure additional funding to support the long-term financial stability of the organization. Funding will also be used to purchase a laptop computer, software, and a projector to enhance the organization's ability to provide visual presentations and will increase the effectiveness of its outreach to people with limited English proficiency. Alliance has helped to increase access to health care for the underserved in Massachusetts by working with health care providers to provide outreach and education to their patients.

##### **Hilltown Community Health Centers, Inc., Western Mass.**

\$2,000

Funding to hire a contracted web designer to develop and launch a new website to expand its patient base. Funding will support consultation, the design of a logo, set-up, and design of a 10-page web site. The health center is located in a rural part of the Commonwealth, which lacks many opportunities for communicating with its potential patient base. There is no public transportation, no community newspaper, advertising billboards, and no shopping centers. The new website will allow the health center to provide general information, hours of operation, services offered, specialized services, and its affiliations with hospitals and specialists.

##### **The Edinburg Center, Lexington**

\$1,000

A grant to hire a fundraising consultant to facilitate a one-hour workshop planning session with staff and a two-hour workshop with the board of directors and staff to learn how to identify and solicit potential funders. The Edinburg Center provides a variety of services that enhances the quality of life for people with mental illness, mental retardation, emotional disorders, and substance addictions, regardless of their ability to pay.

## October 2005

### **Abilities Unlimited of Western New England, Inc.**

\$3,500

A grant to hire a consultant specialized in Autism Spectrum Disorder to train new and current respite workers. The consultant will train new respite workers who are currently working with families, but need additional expertise working with individuals with Autism. The consultant will also facilitate a train-the-trainer program for its current respite workers to increase the availability of its resources.

### **Latham Centers, Brewster**

\$3,000

Funding for a grant writer to prepare and submit proposals to foundations to secure the remaining funds needed to build a new dormitory, and expand its facilities to make it handicap accessible and suitable for the children and adults they serve. Latham provides residential care, treatment, educational programs, and vocational training to children and young adults. Many of their clients suffer from a mental illness and are behaviorally and developmentally challenged

### **Lynn Community Health Center**

\$3,500

Funding to purchase an online health and education training program, HealthStream Learning, for its staff. The online program will improve staff knowledge of cultural diversity, customer service, patient safety, and training in HIPAA and cultural competency.

### **Stavros Center for Independent Living, Western Mass.**

\$2,500

Funding for a grant writer to prepare and submit proposals to foundations and corporations to secure funds for its Home Sweet Home Program that builds ramps for homes and apartments of disabled individuals. The ramps will allow disabled individuals to have unlimited access to leave their homes for medical appointments—reducing the need for emergency care, preventing institutionalization, and helping individuals stay involved with their community.

### **YWCA of Lowell**

\$3,500

To support the training of 50 outreach workers to increase the number of women it educates on breast awareness through the Women's Health Network, a breast health outreach program. Funding will also be used to print curriculum material for its outreach workers and for the production of 5,000 educational brochures that every woman in the program will receive.

## August 2005

### **Child Care Resource Center, Inc., Cambridge**

\$3,500

Funding to obtain a professional consultant to train 8 direct service staff on guiding eligible uninsured and low-income clients to subsidized health insurance plans, and assist in navigating the health care system. The training will increase the organization's capacity to help its clients navigate the health care system and establish a relationship with primary care providers.

### **Children's Healthcare & Nutritional Goals through Education (CHANGE), Shrewsbury**

\$2,250

CHANGE received funding to purchase an Automated Electronic Defibrillator (AED) for St. Anne's Free Medical Program, one of three free medical programs sponsored by CHANGE.

### **Community Action Committee of Cape Cod & Islands, Hyannis**

\$3,000

Funding to purchase three new computers. New computers will improve its outreach/enrollment systems by having immediate internet access to research health insurance products and submit health insurance applications online.

Paper applications take up to 8 weeks to process. New computers and software will reduce processing time to 8 days.

**Manet Community Health Center, North Quincy**

\$3,600

Funding to purchase two Automated Electronic Defibrillators (AED). The health center has five sites in Quincy, only three of the sites have an AED. An AED at the remaining two sites will allow physicians and trained staff to have immediate access to a life-saving electronic device.

**Talking Information Center, Marshfield**

\$3,500

Funding to contract with a project coordinator to develop a 'Healthy Initiatives Campaign.' This outreach initiative will increase access to health information and health services to the visually impaired population of Massachusetts. The Talking Information Center will collaborate with organizations such as Visiting Nurse Associations and the Muscular Dystrophy Association to make health information available to the visually impaired and educate them about health access opportunities.

**The Open Door Free Medical Program, Hudson**

\$3,500

Funding to implement a trial diabetes program, in partnership with Marlborough hospital. A nurse educator from the hospital will teach patients how to manage their diabetes by learning how to use a glucometer, through daily blood sugar monitoring, exercise, and eating healthy.

[July 2005](#)

**Island Health, Inc., West Tisbury**

\$2,500

Funding to hire a consultant to work with its staff and board of directors to develop a sustainability plan for the Vineyard Health Care Access Program. A sustainability plan will help this organization continue its efforts to improve access to health care for all low-income uninsured residents of Martha's Vineyard.

**Multi-Service Center, Leominster**

\$3,500

Funding to hire a grant writer to prepare and submit proposals to local and national foundations. The Multi-Service Center provides free preventative health services to low-income children and adults in Central Massachusetts.

**New England Hemophilia Association (NEHA), Dedham**

\$2,500

Funding to contract with a grant writer to research funding opportunities. NEHA provides services to people suffering from blood disorders, many of whom are underinsured and uninsured.

**The Family Van, Dorchester, Roxbury and Mattapan**

\$2,500

Funding to hire a data specialist who will design a database to input and track patient data, generate data reports, and analysis. The Family Van will be able to monitor and evaluate health trends, provide accurate reporting, improve service delivery, and improve funding opportunities through verification of effective program management and program impact.

**Volunteers in Medicine Berkshires, Great Barrington**

\$2,500

Funding to hire a professional grant writer to research and prepare proposals. The grant will allow this free clinic to secure additional funding for its health programs and expand its dental program. VIM provides free medical, preventative, and dental services to a large number of uninsured residents in Western Mass.

## June 2005

### **Helping Our Women, Provincetown**

\$2,500

A grant to purchase two computers and software. New computers and upgraded software will allow this organization to continue producing its client newsletter and outreach material, ensure timely communication with clients and staff, and immediate internet access to research illnesses and treatments for its clients. Two staff members of this very small community organization serve women with chronic and life-threatening illnesses, regardless of their ability to pay for services.

### **Partners in Health/PACT Project, Dorchester**

\$3,070

This organization requests funds to organize and implement a three-day leadership development retreat for 30 inner-city teens who are peer educators focused on HIV/AIDS prevention, STDs, substance abuse issues, and violence. This interactive summer leadership seminar will teach teens how to become more proactive in the fight against HIV/AIDS and develop tools to improve their lives and the lives of people in their community.

### **Samaritans of Boston**

\$3,500

Funding for six of its executive and program staff and Board members to attend a two-day advanced workshop, Raising More Money, a model designed to raise unrestricted operating funds by finding and retaining long-term individual donors. The mission of this organization is to reduce suicide and has a large volunteer workforce staffing 24-hour phone lines.

### **Women of Means, Inc. (WOM), Boston**

\$2,500

WOM received funding to update and print its 2005 Telephone and Shelter Resource Directory and to hire an IT consultant. Health care providers will be able to use this directory, the only statewide resource, to access comprehensive contact and descriptive information about programs for the homeless. WOM provides preventative care and outreach services to homeless women and children.

## April 2005

### **Diabetes Association, Fall River**

\$2,898

Funding to purchase three computers, software, and a printer. New computers and network cards will allow staff to have simultaneous access to department and client files, immediate internet access, ensure timely communication with clients and providers, record donations, and increase staff productivity. The Association currently has eight computers that are hybrid systems, which include hardware that was assembled internally in 1995. The updated software will allow the organization to provide effective and accessible diabetes self-management and prevention education to low-income people in Southeastern, Mass.

### **Lower/Outer Cape Community Coalition**

\$2,500

A grant to hire a professional fundraiser to implement its sustainability plan. The fundraiser will identify and solicit potential long-term funders. The coalition works to connect the Cape's estimated 44,000 uninsured residents with access to affordable dental care.

### **Massachusetts Alliance on Teen Pregnancy (MATP), Statewide**

\$2,100

Funding to help offset the cost of hiring a consultant to conduct an all-day strategic planning session for staff, advisory committee, and its board. A consultant will help MATP develop and implement a three-year plan that outlines its corporate goals, objectives, and long-term sustainability. MATP provides statewide leadership to prevent teen pregnancy and helps with access to health care for low-income and uninsured teenaged parents and their children.

## February 2005

### **Cancer Connection, Florence**

\$2,500

Funding to hire a consultant to facilitate a daylong session and three half-day sessions to help the board and co-directors develop a 3-5 year strategic plan. Cancer Connection provides free counseling and support services to people with cancer and their families.

## January 2005

### **Community Research Initiative of New England, Boston**

\$2,500

A grant to hire a consultant to conduct strategic planning and create an implementation plan. Funding will allow the organization to evaluate its long-term mission, goals, and financial stability. This organization is dedicated to the research, education and treatment of low-income and uninsured HIV/AIDS patients.

### **Rape Crisis Services of Greater Lowell**

\$2,500

A grant to hire a grant writer to research funding opportunities, identify potential donors, and write proposals. Rape Crisis provides counseling and education at no cost, and serves a large low-income and uninsured population. Funding will allow the organization to sustain and expand its programs.

## December 2004

### **Whitman-Hanson Regional School District, Whitman**

\$2,250

Special funding grant to purchase an Automated Electronic Defibrillator. An AED on site will allow the nurse leader and trained staff to have immediate access to a life-saving electronic device while school is in session and during after-school sporting events.

## November 2004

### **North Shore Community Health, Inc., Salem**

\$2,500

A grant to hire a consultant for strategic planning and board development. Funding will also support the implementation of new health programs.

## October 2004

### **MetroWest Latin American Center, Framingham**

\$2,500

Funding to hire a consultant to identify potential funders and develop proposals. The grant will allow MetroWest to submit proposals to corporations and foundations to secure funding to help sustain its community-based health programs. Funding will help to promote sustainability for programs that serve a large population of uninsured and low-income Latinos in the MetroWest community.

### **Pregnant & Parenting Teen Program at Oxford Public Schools**

\$2,500

A grant to hire a consultant to create and implement a 5-year development plan. The consultant will conduct an organizational assessment, write and submit proposals to regional and national foundations, and government and private organizations. The free school-based program provides health education and support services at no cost to uninsured teen parents and at-risk teens.

### **Urban Medical Group, Jamaica Plain**

\$2,490

Funding to hire a consultant to conduct four discussion and decision-making sessions with its steering committee. The consultant will facilitate interviews and discussions with its board and staff to evaluate the organizational and leadership structure. The consultant will make recommendations to redefine the role of the board of directors and its corporate membership.

**Whittier Street Health Center, Roxbury**

\$2,500

Funding to hire a grant writer to research funding opportunities and develop grant proposals for the men's free health clinic. The clinic provides primary care services including HIV, behavioral health and substance abuse counseling to a large population of low-income and uninsured men in Roxbury and surrounding communities.

**September 2004****Allies In Recovery, Western Mass.**

\$2,500

Funding to hire consultants to develop a business plan and create an economic model for evaluating the cost-savings of a substance abuse, family-centered early intervention process.

**Boston Institute for Art Therapy**

\$2,500

Funding for board training, potential donor identification, and revised marketing materials to promote sustainability for an organization that provides children's mental health services to low-income families.

**Crispus Attucks Children's Center, Dorchester**

\$2,350

A grant to hire instructors to conduct a three-day staff training session that includes children's health issues such as development, behavior, and nutrition, which would enable early detection, treatment and referrals. The organization will also hire a consultant to train staff in the new computerized tracking and evaluation system that will help the medical staff and parents with health care recommendations.

**Hilltown Community Health Center, Western Mass.**

\$2,500

Funding for a marketing consultant to develop and implement a strategy for increasing the visibility of the health center to serve more low-income and uninsured patients.

**Millbury Free Health Program**

\$2,430

This free clinic that serves a large uninsured and low-income population received a grant to purchase blood pressure cuffs, Stethoscopes, Oscope, Spirometer, and a Pulse Oximeter.

**VNA Care Network, Needham**

\$1,600

Funding supported two staff members to attend and present at the *4th Annual Quality Health Care for Culturally Diverse Populations*. Information obtained during the conference will be implemented in staff training workshops, shared in meetings and with their collaborating community agencies, and would serve as recommendations for revisions to agency policies. The information will also help the VNA identify culturally appropriate resources for its patients and potential funding sources for their programs.

**July 2004****Fenway Community Health Center**

\$2,500

Funding to purchase two computers and software to create two insurance verification stations. Financial counselors will be able to increase the number of patients the health center serves, and reduce the waiting period for low-income and uninsured patients to access care.

**North Quabbin Community Coalition**

\$2,500

A grant to support the Volunteer Physician Network (VPN), a health access model that will provide medical services to low-income and uninsured residents in the North Quabbin region. Funding will assist the Coalition with strategic planning and will help to identify potential funders to launch and sustain its program.

**Neponset Health Center, Dorchester**

\$2,250

Funding was requested to develop a curriculum for staff training to improve staff knowledge of cultural diversity, customer service, JCAHO and HIPAA regulations and other patient safety and quality issues.

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**Volunteers in Medicine Berkshires, Western Mass**

\$2,500

This new free clinic received a grant to hire a professional grant writer to prepare a proposal to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for a \$100,000 grant. The grant will allow the free clinic to secure additional funding for its first year operating budget. The opening of the new clinic is a result in part of a 2003 Catalyst Fund grant that enabled the Free Health Care Center to conduct a needs assessment.

**Massachusetts Community Health Care Worker (MCHW), Statewide**

\$2,500

Funding for two half-day training sessions to support strategic planning and skills development for its board members and staff. The sessions will support organization growth, sustainability, expand its membership, and increase its capacity to prepare and submit proposals to other foundations.

**Manet Community Health Center, Quincy and South Shore**

\$2,500

The health center requests funding to purchase five tri-fold display boards for its five prevention and outreach programs. Funding will also allow the health center to design and print marketing brochures to expand low-income patient enrollment and attract potential funders.

**Outreach Van Project, East Boston**

\$2,500

A grant will support The Outreach Van's speaker honorarium series, volunteer training sessions, the printing of one-year supply of educational brochures, and for part time grant writing. This is a program run almost entirely by Boston University Medical School students on a volunteer basis, serving basic health care and dental needs of homeless people and migrant workers.

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**Diabetes Association, Inc., Fall River**

\$2,500

Funding to purchase classroom furniture to host educational programs, seminars, and support groups. Furnishings include 50 chairs, tables, and a portable writing board. The Association's services and the growing number of low-income and uninsured people it serves have outgrown its current space.

**Lynn Community Health Center**

\$2,500

The funding is to create patient care guides, and printed in a variety of languages and includes patient's rights and confidentiality, how to schedule appointments, how to get prescriptions filled, and how to access after-hour care.

**Women of Means, Inc., Boston**

\$2,000

Funding to hire a facilitator to conduct a strategic plan to determine the organization's capacity for expansion to include additional medical services and volunteer medical staff to benefit homeless women and children. The strategic plan will also identify the organization's ability to provide medical services beyond Boston, and will review its long-term sustainability.

**YWCA of Lowell**

\$2,500

A grant to support its breast health outreach program. Funding will support the expansion of its volunteer peer-educators and training program to increase the number of women it educates on breast awareness. Many breast health programs have been eliminated due to state budget cuts.

**March 2004****Center for Health & Development, Inc., Boston**

\$2,500

Funding to implement and evaluate a four-year strategic plan that includes board development and fundraising to sustain its community-based mental health programs for low-income patients.

**The Family Van, Boston inner-city communities**

\$2,255

Special funding grant to purchase an Automated Electronic Defibrillator. The Family Van provides free medical care and operates in Boston's most economically disadvantaged neighborhoods.

**Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center, Dorchester**

\$2,500

A grant was awarded to develop a database to identify potential funders, and help the health center to develop marketing strategies to expand low-income patient enrollment.

**February 2004****The Granada House, Inc., Allston**

\$2,000

Funding was requested to hire a grant writer to research funding opportunities, and write and distribute grant proposals. Granada House is a substance abuse recovery home, and helps clients to transition into the community as sober, productive citizens.

**Hampshire HealthConnect, Inc., Northampton**

\$2,500

A grant was awarded to hire a development consultant to train the Board and staff on how to create and implement an effective fundraising plan to sustain Hampshire HealthConnect, a volunteer physician and sliding-fee health care program.

**Mass. Immigrant & Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA), Boston**

\$2,500

Funding helped MIRA to hire a consultant to develop a five-year plan to analyze the organization's financial stability, to increase the effectiveness of its programs, identify potential funders, submit proposals to regional and national foundations. MIRA is the state's leading health care advocacy organization, helping to protect immigrants' rights.

**Pathways to Wellness, Boston**

\$2,500

Pathways to Wellness, an alternative health care organization for low-income and uninsured patients received a grant to hire a grant writer to research funding opportunities, write and distribute grant proposals.

**Brockton Neighborhood Health Center**

\$2,255

A special funding grant was awarded to the health center to purchase an Automated Electronic Defibrillator. The health center treats an average of three patients per day with chest pain who are visiting the health center for other conditions.

## January 2004

### **The Open Door Free Medical Program, Hudson**

\$2,500

A grant will help to purchase diagnostic and intervention equipment: combination otoscope/audiometer, pediatric pulse oximeter, and a Hemoglobin A1c test machine. Funding will enable the Program to increase the number of tests performed onsite and improve its referral rate for follow-up care with other medical partners.

## December 2003

### **Prevent Blindness Massachusetts, Inc., Beverly**

\$2,500

Funding to hire two professional consultants to research funding sources and develop proposals. The grant will enable the grantee to submit proposals to Foundations to secure additional funding to provide eye health and safety education.

## October 2003

### **Jeanne Jugan Residence/Little Sisters of the Poor, Inc., Somerville**

\$2,465

Funding will help to hire a fundraising consultant for this home that serves the elderly poor.

### **The Brookline Center**

\$2,500

The grant allowed the Center to purchase computer software to benefit the visually impaired staff and clients. Staff will have full access to critical web-based information and services.

### **Visiting Nurse Association of Cape Cod**

\$1,704

The VNA received a grant to send its program coordinator and 11 trained Medical Interpreters to the 7th Annual Conference of Massachusetts Medical Interpreters Association. The Conference will enable staff to enhance their work on cultural competence within medical interpreting.

## September 2003

### **Community Action Committee of Cape Cod & Islands, Inc.**

\$1,650

The grant will help to purchase a new computer, software, printer and scanner to enable the Project Manager to use a new web-based public health insurance application and better identify which low-income residents qualify for state-funded health programs.

### **Gloucester High School/School-Based Health Center**

\$2,500

A grant supports the services of a grant writer to research funding opportunities, identify potential donors, and write proposals.

### **HealthCare Dimensions Hospice, Boston**

\$2,000

The Hospice received a grant to collaborate with neighborhood health centers, hospitals, nursing homes, and faith communities to create the Urban Hospice Accessibility Project, a comprehensive hospice program.

### **Joseph M. Smith Community Health Center, Allston**

\$2,500

The health center will purchase a video projector and projection screen to train more than 75 associates in Microsoft Outlook and enable associates to communicate more effectively with their colleagues and clients, and improve work productivity.

### **VNA of Middlesex-East, Inc., Wakefield**

\$1,950

Funding for a Team Building workshop for the Board of Directors. The workshop is designed to maximize the effectiveness of its work team.

### August 2003

#### **Greater Lawrence Family Health Center**

\$2,500

Funding will help the health center to hire an independent consultant to create an effective fundraising strategy. The initial phase of the study will assess the health center's public image, and identify strategies and specific individual donors for a potential fundraising campaign. This grant will help facilitate the campaign implementation.

### June 2003

#### **The Samaritans of Boston**

\$2,500

The grant funded a two-day workshop to enhance the fundraising abilities of the board, staff, and volunteers. The "Raising More Money" fundraising model is designed to raise unrestricted operating funds by finding and retaining long-term individual donors for an organization that operates a 24-hour phone line for individuals with mental and emotional disturbances.

#### **Steppingstone, Inc., Fall River**

\$2,370

A grant was made to train staff to better serve chemically dependent clients who have co-occurring disorders. The training enables the organization to introduce an integrated treatment approach and to learn how separate disorders interact and affect clients.

#### **Free Health Care Center, Sheffield**

\$2,500

The Health Center will use the grant to conduct a needs assessment for the preparation of establishing a "Volunteers in Medicine" free clinic in southern Berkshire County. The needs assessment will provide a comprehensive report of the number, age distribution and health needs of the uninsured in the region and enable the Initiating Committee to develop a clinic that meets the needs of an under-served region. The clinic is scheduled to open in August 2004.

### March 2003

#### **Community Partners, Amherst**

\$2,500

Funding supports the development of customized scheduling software to be shared with more than 200 community based organizations – at no cost to these agencies -- to help promote greater efficiency in their outreach, enrollment and case management for uninsured and low-income people throughout the state.

#### **Boston Urban Asthma Coalition**

\$1,300

This grant will allow a member of the Coalition to present a paper at the National Asthma Education and Prevention Program (NAEPP) of the National Institute for Health in June 2003. The conference will attract national funders and they will hear about an effective asthma care and prevention model that could attract additional funding for the Coalition.

### February 2003

#### **Alliance for Multicultural Integration, Framingham**

\$2,000

Funding will pay for a grant writer to develop proposals for this small organization that serves the health care needs of Brazilian immigrants in the MetroWest region.

**Geiger-Gibson Community Health Center, Dorchester**

\$1,280

This grant will help to fund the development of a database for routine PAP smear and mammography tracking for uninsured and low-income patients in Dorchester and Mattapan. Funding will help to facilitate better management of patient records and appointments, and assist providers with follow-up and promoting patient compliance.

**Helping Our Women, Provincetown**

\$1,000

Funding will help to pay for conference registration and partial travel expenses for two staff members of this very small community organization that serves women with chronic and life-threatening illnesses. They will attend a two-day conference in Cambridge devoted to capacity and skill building for nonprofit organizations.

**YWCA of Lowell**

\$2,000

This organization will hire a grant writer to help raise funds to restore the Women's Health Network health prevention program that lost its Massachusetts Department of Public Health funding. The program helped Brazilian, Southeast Asian and Latina women in Greater Lowell to reduce the number of "no shows" for mammograms at Saints Memorial Hospital from 75% to 20%.

**January 2003****Boston Area Rape Crisis Center**

\$1,250

Funding is for training sessions for the organization's clinical team in serving adolescent sexual assault survivors, including understanding mental health needs and options, and substance abuse prevention and family relationship counseling. The request also includes funds for expressive therapy materials for the adolescent clients.

**Cancer Connection, Florence**

\$2,000

Funding to hire a grant writer who will research potential long-term funding sources, develop the proposals and seek funding for operating expenses from pharmaceutical companies. The Cancer Connection provides free counseling and support services to people with cancer and their families and exists solely on private funding sources. As a result of this grant, the organization received a grant award from another foundation for \$15,000 to support their work with cancer patients, and implemented three new programs in 2003.

**The Outreach Van Project, East Boston**

\$1,924

Funding will support printing health education fliers, training sessions for volunteer staff, and part-time grant writing. This is a program run almost entirely by Boston University Medical School students on a volunteer basis. Since 1997, they have been serving basic health care and dental needs of homeless people and migrant workers, and doing outreach and referral.

**Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of Western New England, Springfield**

\$2,500

Funding will help to develop a plan and design a program for pediatric hospice care. The program will focus on caring for terminally ill children, and support and bereavement intervention for children dealing with loss of a family member.

**December 2002****Mid-Upper Cape Community Health Center**

\$2,470

Funding will support the convening of a best practices forum for community-based programs and health care organizations engaged in sliding fee scale medical services to low-income and uninsured residents across Massachusetts. For the first time, programs such as Ecu-Health in North Adams, Gateway Health Access Program in Gardner, and others across the state will come together to share protocols, practices, data, successes and

challenges. These programs represent a successful and viable model of access for the uninsured. This forum could be the first step toward replication in other communities.

**The Open Door Free Medical Program, Hudson**

\$2,500

Funding for purchasing basic diagnostic and intervention equipment (one or more of the following: EKG cardiograph, external defibrillator, Otoscope, Pulse Oximeter) necessary to begin operations in a new free clinic at the First United Methodist Church of Hudson that will open in January 2003.

[November 2002](#)

**The Duffy Health Center, Hyannis**

\$2,500

Funding towards the purchase of a Patient Courtesy Van to transport homeless and recovering substance abuse patients to the health center, specialists, and hospitals on Cape Cod for treatment.

**Greater New Bedford Community Health Center, Inc.**

\$2,500

Funding helped the health center to hire a part-time grant writer for a six-month period to develop a sustainability plan, research funding sources, and write proposals. This health center serves a large number of uninsured and low-income residents in the New Bedford area.

**Healthy Malden, Inc., Everett**

\$2,500

The grant helped to fund a six-month Sustainability Planning Project that includes prospect research, grant writing, and staff training. This comprehensive plan calls for hiring a consultant to develop the plan and training several staff in the principles and approaches to fundraising and grant writing, thereby building internal capacity that lasts beyond the consultant's contract period. As a result of this grant, the grant writer for Healthy Malden secured \$1.2 million in grants from state and federal funding.

[October 2002](#)

**South End Community Health Center, Boston**

\$2,500

Funding helped to pay for a part-time development consultant to research potential corporate and foundation funding sources, and write and submit proposals.

**Great Brook Valley Health Center, Worcester**

\$2,358

The grant helped to purchase hand-held "Palm" units to improve access to patient data and protocols, follow up and coordination of care, help to reduce errors, improve care management and patient compliance, and increase provider efficiency.

**Stanley Street Treatment & Resource, Inc., Fall River**

\$2,500

Funding paid for a part-time grant writer to help the health center complete a 330 Federal Grant application. This federal grant would bring approximately \$300,000 a year for health care services for uninsured and low-income people in Greater Fall River.