

**BCBSMA FOUNDATION 2002 GRANT AWARDS**  
*Connecting Consumers with Care – Grant Summaries*

Grants in the **Connecting Consumers with Care** program area support community-based efforts to ensure that low-income consumers enrolled in state-funded health insurance programs—particularly MassHealth—receive access to the health care services to which they are entitled. These are strong models for comprehensive outreach, enrollment, post-enrollment assistance and case management services. The grants range from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

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**The Mercy Hospital**

Collaborators: Mental Health Association of Greater Springfield, Vietnamese Civic Association, Friends of the Homeless, Inc., Mass. Housing and Shelter Alliance, Springfield Dept. of Health & Human Services, Open Pantry

*Springfield*

\$20,000

Support of the *Health Care for the Homeless* program to ensure that homeless and Vietnamese MassHealth members receive ongoing education, support and case management to connect them with comprehensive health services.

**Lynn Health Task Force**

Collaborator: Cambodian Community of Massachusetts

*Lynn*

\$20,000

Continued support for a multi-cultural and multi-lingual staff for the *Community Access Hotline* (CAH). The help line serves uninsured residents of Lynn, with a particular focus on the Cambodian community and people with mental health and substance abuse problems.

**Boston Public Health Commission**

Collaborators: Health Care for All, DMA, Boston Public Schools, Action for Boston Community Development, Boston Health Access Project, various Boston hospitals and community health centers

*Boston*

\$15,000

Continued support for the *Mayor's Health Line* (MHL) to conduct follow-up assessment of individuals and families assisted with the application process, and targets children, immigrants, and low-income residents of Boston.

**Berkshire Health Systems**

Collaborators: Community Health Network of the Berkshires (CHNA), Berkshire County House of Correction (BCHC)

*Pittsfield*

\$15,000

Continued funding for the *Advocacy for Access* (AFA) program that provides post-enrollment and specialized enrollment services to the uninsured in Central and Southern Berkshire County, new MassHealth enrollees, including patients leaving substance abuse, psychiatric, and correctional programs.

**Child Care Resource Center**

Collaborators: (partial) Boston Family Child Care Network, The Childcare Project, East Boston Ecumenical Community Council, Reaching Out to Chelsea Adolescents/Healthy Families, Cambridge Hospital, DMA

*Cambridge*

\$15,000

Support to expand the *Health Access Program*, which assists low-income families in Cambridge and adjacent cities and towns with enrollment and access services. Funding will increase multilingual enrollment and post-enrollment support.

**Fenway Community Health Center**

Collaborators: n/a

*Boston*

\$15,000

Support to expand efforts to ensure MassHealth eligible consumers receive post-enrollment insurance counseling and assistance with selection of appropriate providers. Focus on Fenway, Back Bay, Mission Hill, and South End.

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**Franklin Community Action Corporation**

Collaborators: Greater Athol Area Families with Special Needs, public school systems, Valuing Our Children (family support agency), First Call for Help (resource & referral agency)

*Greenfield*

\$15,000

Continued support for the *Healthy Connections Program* to increase capacity for post-enrollment, case management and follow-up for the uninsured in the North Quabbin region.

**Hilltown Community Health Center, Inc.**

Collaborators: Community Partners, Hampshire Community Action, Hilltown Coalition for Youth and Community Needs

*Worthington*

\$15,000

Supports a program of outreach and education to assist MassHealth members in fully utilizing their benefits. This includes helping to overcome the significant transportation obstacles facing many poor residents of the area.

**MetroWest Latin American Center**

Collaborators: MetroWest Medical Center, Jewish Family Services of MetroWest, Marlborough Human Services, Resourceful, Inc. of Marlborough

*Framingham*

\$15,000

Funding support to maintain outreach, enrollment and post-enrollment services to Latinos and Brazilians, most of who are immigrants, refugees and low-income residents of Framingham and Marlborough.

**Upham's Corner Health Center**

Collaborators: N/A

*Dorchester*

\$15,000

Continued support for outreach, enrollment and post-enrollment case management assistance to low-income, uninsured, and non-English speaking Dorchester residents.

**Saint Anne's Hospital**

Collaborators: local CHNA, Fall River Housing Authority

*Fall River*

\$15,000

Funding to provide outreach, enrollment and post-enrollment assistance to the uninsured and underinsured of Greater Fall River. The target populations served by this project are low-income consumers and non-English speaking residents.

**South Middlesex Legal Services, Inc.**

Collaborators: SMOC, MetroWest Latin American Center, local schools and agencies

*Framingham*

\$15,000

Support for the *Health Care Access Project*, which provides enrollment and post-enrollment services to low-income consumers in the 36-town greater MetroWest area.

**Outer Cape Health Services**

Collaborators: The health centers are part of an extensive lower/outer Cape coalition that includes boards of health, local government officials, town administrations, local housing authorities, schools and community-based organizations

*Truro*

\$15,000

Funding to support *Healthy Connections*, an existing outreach, enrollment and post-enrollment service to low income residents of eight towns that comprise Lower and Outer Cape Cod.

**Vietnamese-American Civic Association, Inc.**

Collaborators: Dorchester House, Neponset Health Center, Carney Hospital, Boston Medical Center

*Dorchester*

\$15,000

Enhance the *Vietnamese Health Care Access Project* for low-income, at-risk Vietnamese immigrants and refugees living in Boston and the Greater Boston neighborhoods of Chelsea, Malden, Quincy and Everett.

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**Joint Committee For Children’s Health Care  
in Everett**

Collaborators: Cambridge Health Alliance,  
Everett Literacy Program

*Everett*

\$10,000

Funds to establish a volunteer bilingual *promotoras* or health educators program to improve the outreach capability of the City of Everett’s only grassroots health advocacy organization.

**Nueva Esperanza**

Collaborators: Holyoke Health Center, Holyoke Hospital, other local health care delivery organizations

*Holyoke*

\$10,000

Supports enhanced capacity to provide enrollment and post-enrollment assistance, including orientation to the health care system, patients’ rights, and primary care provider selection and relationship building to low-income Latino residents of Holyoke.

**South Middlesex Opportunity Council**

Collaborators: MetroWest Medical Center, local homeless shelters

*Framingham*

\$10,000

Supports outreach, enrollment and post-enrollment services for the growing homeless population in MetroWest.

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