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Health Foundation of Central Mass. doles out \$1M in funding



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Amie Shei, CEO at the Health Foundation of Central Massachusetts.

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The Health Foundation of Central Massachusetts in Worcester has provided a total of \$1,063,451 to 10 community nonprofits working to address broad health issues. The grants are part of the foundation's Activation Fund, which provides organizational capacity-building support.

“The goal of the Activation Fund is to provide a one-time infusion of funds for discrete needs within an organization aimed to build its capacity and/or increase its impact in a manner that can be sustained long-term,” said president and CEO of the Health Foundation Amie Shei in a Tuesday press release. “In recognition of the many demands on nonprofit organizations and limited staff resources, we have made a concerted effort to simplify the application process and offer technical assistance in hopes of making the grant opportunity more accessible.”

The grants range from approximately \$70,000 to \$130,000, and support recipient organizations that serve a variety of community needs. Funding will support, among other things, renovations of a homeless

shelter, purchases for increased capacity at a food bank, accessibility upgrades at a veterans center.

The grant recipients are:

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- GAAMHA in Gardner, \$130,000
- Southeast Asian Coalition of Central MA in Worcester, \$120,403
- Abby's House in Worcester, \$120,000
- Project Just Because in Hopkinton, \$120,000
- Camp Starfish in Stow, \$110,000
- Montachusett Veterans Outreach Center in Gardner, \$110,000
- Building Futures in Worcester, \$105,213
- Regional Environmental Council in Worcester, \$95,400
- Boston Area Gleaners in Acton, \$81,500
- Employment Options in Marlborough, \$70,935



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