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## The Health Foundation of Central Massachusetts Announces 2024 Activation Fund Grant Opportunity

**WORCESTER, Mass.** – <u>The Health Foundation of Central Massachusetts</u> today announced the opening of its 2024 Activation Fund grant program, which provides capacity-building support for organizations working to address community-identified health issues.

With grants typically ranging between \$60,000 and \$125,000, the <u>Activation Fund</u> supports discrete, one-year projects in Central Massachusetts aimed at helping organizations advance to their next level of capacity and effectiveness that can be sustained over time. The application process has been streamlined this year to facilitate access by a wide range of organizations, and the deadline for submissions of initial application materials is March 1.

"Over the Foundation's 25-year history, more than \$11 million in Activation Fund grants has been awarded to 110 unique organizations, and the cumulative health impacts have been significant," said Dr. Amie Shei, President and CEO of the Foundation. "Our Activation Fund grants seek to help organizations launch new initiatives, close resource gaps, or build new partnerships so that they can focus on what they do best, which leads to improved public health."

Those interested in applying for an Activation Fund grant should visit the Foundation website at <a href="https://www.thfcm.org">www.thfcm.org</a> to access information on the updated application guidelines and register for an online information session to learn more about eligibility requirements, types of support considered, and examples of previous grants.

For questions about the application process, please contact Vice President for Programs Jennie Blake at <a href="mailto:jblake@thfcm.org">jblake@thfcm.org</a> or 508-438-0009 ext. 6.

## **About the Health Foundation of Central Massachusetts**

The Health Foundation of Central Massachusetts is dedicated to improving the health of those who live or work in Central Massachusetts, with particular emphasis on vulnerable populations and unmet needs. Through its unique and impactful approach to grantmaking, the Foundation supports community-identified health issues, with health defined broadly to include social determinants of health and with a focus on promoting health equity. As a health conversion foundation launched in 1999 following the sale of the not-for-profit HMO Central Massachusetts Health Care Inc., the Foundation's grants have totaled over \$56 million to more than 230 unique organizations over its history. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.thfcm.org">www.thfcm.org</a>.

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