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Greater Lowell Community Foundation awards over \$136,000 in community grants to 18 nonprofits

Lowell, MA - The Greater Lowell Community Foundation has awarded \$136,887 to 18 nonprofit organizations through its 2018 Discretionary Grants Program.

These grant awards are part of a competitive grant process in which nonprofit organizations apply for funds and an independent committee reviews proposals and selects awardees.

The Discretionary Grants Program is one of several competitive grant programs offered through the Community Foundation each year.

"The need is great with requests totaling nearly \$400,000 in funds this year. There is no doubt that work being done by these organizations is strengthening our community. The Community Foundation continues to work with donors to fund the good work of these organizations," says Greater Lowell Community Foundation President and CEO Jay Linnehan.

Children's Services Grants \$5,000 grants will be awarded to:

Community Teamwork for the African Parent and School Engagement Project
Sibling Connections for Sibling Sundays Lowell
The Discovery Museum for Discovery Science: Greater Lowell

Leclair Elder Services Grants \$5,500 grants will be awarded to:

Merrimack Valley Food Bank, Inc. for Mobile Pantry
Mill City Grows for increasing older residents' access to healthy foods
Habitat for Humanity of Greater Lowell, Inc. for critical home repairs for the elderly
The Nature Connection for Therapeutic Programs for Elders
Lowell Association for the Blind for an iPad Training Program
Power of Flowers Project for the Kindness Connections Program

Opioid Abuse Prevention and Treatment Grants grants of up to \$15,000 will be awarded as follows:

\$10,000 to Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lowell for Youth Substance Abuse Prevention through Mental Health Services
\$15,000 to Lowell House, Inc. for Creating an Effective Workforce to Battle the Opioid Crisis in Lowell
\$15,000 to Northeast Legal Aid for the Caretakers of Children at Risk Project



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\$5,387 to the Westford Health Department for Westford-Tyngsborough Overdose Reduction and Prevention

\$15,000 to Challenge Unlimited, Inc. for Equine Encounter--a Path to Recovery

\$15,000 to Merrimack Valley Project for the Addiction & Criminal Justice Committee

Water Resources Initiative Grants \$5,000 grants will be awarded to:

New Entry Sustainable Farming Project for training beginning farmers on soil building and organic crop production practices in compromised watersheds

Nashua River Watershed Association for Engaging Citizen Scientists to Protect Our Waterways

In addition, Girls, Inc. of Greater Lowell's STEM Stars Program will also be awarded a \$3,500 grant through the Community Foundation thanks to a generous anonymous donor.

For more information on the Greater Lowell Community Foundation please visit www.glcfoundation.org.

About Greater Lowell Community Foundation

The Greater Lowell Community Foundation is a philanthropic organization comprised of over 350 funds, currently totaling over \$35MM, which is dedicated to improving the quality of life in 20 neighboring cities and towns. The Community Foundation annually awards grants and scholarships to hundreds of worthy nonprofits and students, and is powered by the winning combination of donor-directed giving, personal attention from its staff, and an in-depth understanding of local needs. The generosity of our donors has enabled the Community Foundation to award more than \$13 million to the Greater Lowell Community since 1999.

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