



FOUNDATION FOR METROWEST

Human Services Grant Program: 2022 Guidelines

New Name, Same Goal

Formerly known as the Family Support Grant Program, the Foundation for MetroWest's 2022 Human Services Grant Program seeks to award **one-time general operating grants of up to \$25,000*** to support organizations providing critical basic needs and wrap-around services to individuals and households in MetroWest. In alignment with our vision where a strong and healthy region provides equitable access to critical and life-enhancing resources to improve the quality of life for all, we will provide grants to nonprofits whose primary mission is focused on one or more of the following areas of interest:

- housing and transportation
- mental health
- economic mobility
- community safety

These programs should serve under resourced or underrepresented residents in need, including, but not limited to:

- Low-income households
- Immigrant populations
- Individuals with disabilities
- Veterans
- Older adults
- LGBTQ+ communities

*Maximum grant size will be 10% of the organization's annual operating budget or \$25,000, whichever is less.

GRANT PROCESS

The 2022 grant cycle is an online process and will operate based on the following timeline:

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| • August 15 th , 9:00 AM | Applications open online: www.bit.ly/ffmw_foundant |
| • September 16 th , 5:00 PM | Deadline for proposals |
| • October 3 rd to October 28 th | Potential virtual site visits / follow-up conversations** |
| • Week of November 28 th | Applicants notified of decision |

**Please note that we are unable to visit every applicant due to limited capacity. If you are not chosen to receive a site visit, this in no way serves as a reflection of your organization or your likelihood of receiving funding.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must:

- Have 501(c)(3) tax status as a registered nonprofit organization OR have an eligible fiscal sponsor
- Not discriminate in the hiring of staff or the provision of services on the basis of race, religion, gender or gender identity, sexual orientation, age, national origin, or disability
- Serve one or more of the following MetroWest cities/towns: Acton, Ashland, Boxborough, Carlisle, Concord, Dedham, Dover, Framingham, Harvard, Holliston, Hopkinton, Hudson, Lexington,



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Lincoln, Marlborough, Maynard, Medfield, Medway, Millis, Natick, Needham, Sherborn, Southborough, Stow, Sudbury, Walpole, Waltham, Wayland, Wellesley, Westborough, Weston, Westwood

Ineligible organizations include:

- City/town agencies
- Individuals
- Schools – private, public, pre-K, charter, or Chapter 766
- Healthcare or disease-specific organizations
- Organizations solely focused on youth or hunger relief initiatives ***

****Please note, the Foundation for MetroWest reviews youth-serving programs through the Youth Development Grant Program and hunger relief efforts through the MetroWest Hunger Relief Fund. These programs will not be considered through the Human Services Grant Program. Learn more about the Youth Development Grant Program and MetroWest Hunger Relief Fund on our [website](#).*

SELECTION CRITERIA

When reviewing proposals the Foundation will consider organizations who:

- have a strong and existing commitment to and prioritize serving one or more [MetroWest communities](#)
- demonstrate strong leadership and financial stability or a commitment to achieving financial stability post-pandemic
- have a clear and meaningful impact on the community as a whole or their intended beneficiaries

We encourage all applicants to utilize any relevant data from our indicator project Impact MetroWest to help us further understand your mission and work within our communities. Please visit www.impactmw.org for more information.

HOW TO APPLY

1. Beginning August 15th, applicants will have access to the application form online.
2. If your organization is new to FFMW, please create an account.
 - a. www.bit.ly/ffmw_foundant
 - b. See www.bit.ly/ApplicantTutorial for a short video tutorial.
3. If your organization has applied to FFMW in the past, please log into your existing account.
 - a. www.bit.ly/ffmw_foundant
4. Once you are logged into your account, click on the Apply icon from the top menu bar.
5. Select **2022 Human Services Grant Program**.

GRANT AWARDS

Awards will be determined by the week of November 28th. Applicants will be notified by email of decisions.

DEADLINE TO APPLY: SEPTEMBER 16th AT 5:00 PM

If you have questions regarding the eligibility or suitability of your organization or proposal, we encourage you to email grants@foundationformetrowest.org as early as possible to schedule a time to discuss.