

# FY2025

## GRANT RECIPIENTS

### *Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts*

#### CAREER READINESS & EDUCATIONAL ACCESS

Organization	Project / Program	Description	Award Amount
Mount Wachusett Community College Foundation, Inc.	MWCC Child Watch Experiential Learning Program	Provides supervised child watch opportunities that support experiential learning and help students gain hands-on experience in early childhood settings.	<b>\$26,873</b>

#### COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT

Organization	Project / Program	Description	Award Amount
Boys & Girls Club of Lunenburg	#HTS x BGCL: Digital Wellness for Boys and Girls in Lunenburg	Promotes digital wellness and healthy technology habits for youth through age-appropriate activities and guidance.	<b>\$3,000</b>
Clinical & Support Options (CSO)	Cut Loose: Collage Workshops in Greater Gardner	Offers creative collage workshops that support self-expression, connection, and community participation in Greater Gardner.	<b>\$3,000</b>
Community Legal Aid	North Central MA Legal Aid Outreach Project	Expands outreach so residents can better access legal information, assistance, and community-based support.	<b>\$8,000</b>
East Quabbin Land Trust, Inc.	Installing an Accessible Walkway at the Petersham Country Store	Improves accessibility by supporting the installation of a walkway that helps more visitors safely reach a community gathering place.	<b>\$8,000</b>
Fitchburg Historical Society	Making and Remaking the American Dream: Bringing my story to the Fitchburg Historical Society	Supports storytelling and exhibit programming that connects personal histories with Fitchburg's broader community story.	<b>\$5,225</b>
Greater Gardner Community Choir	2024-25 GGCC Concert Season (Spring and Holiday Concerts)	Supports seasonal choir concerts that bring community members together through accessible live music performances.	<b>\$2,500</b>
Habitat for Humanity North Central Massachusetts, Inc	Creating the Pathway to Social and Civic Engagement through Home Ownership	Promotes stability and civic engagement by supporting pathways to affordable homeownership for local families.	<b>\$5,000</b>
Harvard's Cultural Collaborative, Inc.	2025 Harvard Music Festival	Supports a community music festival that expands access to live performances and cultural programming.	<b>\$4,000</b>

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Health Equity Partnership of North Central MA (CHNA9)	<i>Legislative Breakfast on Health Equity</i>	Convenes partners and policymakers to advance awareness, dialogue, and action around health equity priorities.	<b>\$5,000</b>
LaunchSpace, Inc.	<i>Mobile MakerSpace</i>	Brings hands-on maker activities into the community, increasing access to creative learning and skill-building experiences.	<b>\$8,000</b>
Leominster Public Library	<i>Celebrate a World of Music!</i>	Celebrates diverse musical traditions through library programming that welcomes families and community members.	<b>\$3,391</b>
NewVue Communities	<i>Community Connections Through Arts and Culture</i>	Uses arts and culture programming to strengthen neighborhood connections and encourage community participation.	<b>\$8,000</b>
Princeton Arts Society	<i>Princeton Arts Concert Series</i>	Provides a concert series that expands local access to live music and cultural enrichment opportunities.	<b>\$1,000</b>
Templeton Senior Community Center	<i>Art and Inspiration Series</i>	Offers arts and inspiration programming that encourages creativity, learning, and connection among senior community members.	<b>\$3,500</b>
The Gardner Museum	<i>Mini Festival for Singer/Songwriters</i>	Showcases singer-songwriters through a community music festival that supports local arts and audience engagement.	<b>\$1,000</b>
Thurston Consort, Inc.	<i>Thurston Consort Duet Ensemble monthly, downtown Fitchburg performances</i>	Presents monthly duet ensemble performances that bring live music to downtown Fitchburg audiences.	<b>\$3,000</b>
Townsend Historical Society	<i>Brushstrokes of the Past: Preserving the Artwork of Rufus Porter at the Reed Homestead</i>	Preserves historic artwork and supports interpretation of Rufus Porter's legacy at the Reed Homestead.	<b>\$8,500</b>
United Way of North Central Massachusetts	<i>United Way Youth Venture, Academic Year 2024-25</i>	Supports youth-led community projects that build leadership, teamwork, and civic engagement skills.	<b>\$8,000</b>
Winchendon Parks and Recreation	<i>Winchendon Connects: Inclusive Arts &amp; Culture Series at the Parks</i>	Offers inclusive arts and culture programming in public parks to strengthen community connection and belonging.	<b>\$8,000</b>
Winchendon Public Schools	<i>Everybody Loves a Story-An Evening Celebrating Literacy, Arts, Culture, and Community Connections!</i>	Celebrates literacy, arts, culture, and community connection through an evening event for families and students.	<b>\$6,645</b>
Worcester Youth Orchestras	<i>"Americana" Fall Concert at Clinton Town Hall</i>	Provides a fall orchestral concert that expands access to live music and cultural enrichment in Clinton.	<b>\$2,000</b>

## ENVIRONMENTAL PRESERVATION & ANIMAL WELFARE

Organization	Project / Program	Description	Award Amount
Ashby Free Public Library	<i>Wetland Wonders: Explore and Learn in Ashby's Hidden Gems</i>	Introduces residents to local wetlands through educational activities that promote environmental awareness and stewardship.	<b>\$3,000</b>

## NASHOBA VALLEY COMMUNITY HEALTH

Organization	Project / Program	Description	Award Amount
Advocates, Inc.	<i>Ensuring access to mental health and substance use services for older adults in Nashoba Valley.</i>	Improves access to behavioral health and substance use services for older adults in Nashoba Valley.	<b>\$10,000</b>
Ashby Free Public Library	<i>Ashby Harvest Health Initiative</i>	Promotes healthy eating and wellness through harvest-focused community programming and local resources.	<b>\$5,000</b>
Ayer Fire Department	<i>LUCAS 3.1 Chest Compression System</i>	Supports lifesaving emergency response with chest compression equipment for cardiac arrest care.	<b>\$20,000</b>
Boys & Girls Club of Lunenburg	<i>GROW SMART</i>	Encourages youth wellness, healthy habits, and positive development through structured club programming.	<b>\$10,000</b>
Care Central VNA & Hospice, Inc.	<i>Access to Wellness Nursing for Elderly At-Risk Populations</i>	Provides nursing support and wellness services for older adults and at-risk community members.	<b>\$10,000</b>
Girls on the Run Worcester County, Inc.	<i>Girls on the Run Worcester County Youth Development Program</i>	Builds confidence, connection, and healthy life skills for girls through youth development programming.	<b>\$10,000</b>
Joe Andruzzi Foundation	<i>JAF's Assistance Programs for Nashoba Valley Cancer Patients and Their Family Members</i>	Provides financial assistance and support services for cancer patients and family members in Nashoba Valley.	<b>\$10,000</b>
MAB Community Services, Inc.	<i>MABVI Vision Rehabilitation Services for Nashoba Valley Older Adults with Visual Disabilities</i>	Offers vision rehabilitation services that help older adults with visual disabilities maintain independence.	<b>\$5,000</b>
Making Opportunity Count	<i>Elder Nutrition Services</i>	Supports nutrition services that help older adults access healthy meals and reduce food insecurity.	<b>\$10,000</b>
Rise Above Foundation	<i>Positive Childhood Experiences for Youth in Foster Care</i>	Creates positive experiences for youth in foster care that support connection, joy, and well-being.	<b>\$5,000</b>
Robert F Kennedy Community Alliance	<i>RFK Community Alliance Behavioral Health Services in Nashoba Valley</i>	Expands behavioral health services for Nashoba Valley residents through accessible community-based care.	<b>\$5,000</b>
Spanish American Center, Inc.	<i>Domestic Violence Community-based Support Services (Nashoba Valley Region)</i>	Provides community-based support services for individuals and families affected by domestic violence.	<b>\$14,431</b>
The CASA Project	<i>Shine the Light Program: Improving Behavioral Health Supports for Children in Foster Care</i>	Improves behavioral health support for children in foster care through advocacy and specialized resources.	<b>\$15,000</b>

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Townsend Ecumenical Outreach Inc.	Healthy Food for Those in Need	Supports access to nutritious food for community members experiencing food insecurity.	\$10,000

## ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Organization	Project / Program	Description	Award Amount
Aspire Living & Learning	Equipping Operation Health and Well-Being	Strengthens operational health and well-being through equipment and capacity-building support.	\$5,000
Big Brothers Big Sisters Central Mass MetroWest	Foster Youth Support and Mentorship	Provides mentorship and supportive relationships for youth in foster care.	\$10,000
Gardner Community Action Committee, Inc	Relocation and Accessibility	Improves organizational accessibility and service delivery through relocation support.	\$10,000
Guild of St. Agnes	Devens Child Care Center Kitchen Update	Updates kitchen facilities to support safe, reliable child care operations.	\$5,000
Just Understand My Potential, Inc.	Clothing and Gear Room Upgrade	Upgrades clothing and gear storage to better support participant needs and program operations.	\$840
Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry, Inc.	Shelving for Walk-In Cooler/Freezer	Adds shelving to improve food storage capacity and efficiency in pantry operations.	\$5,500
LUK Crisis Center, Inc.	Project Management System	Implements a project management system to improve coordination, tracking, and organizational efficiency.	\$7,500
NewVue Communities	NewVue Website Finish Line	Completes website improvements to strengthen communication, outreach, and access to services.	\$7,000
Society of St Vincent de Paul	Cooler Upgrade	Upgrades refrigeration capacity to support safe food storage and distribution.	\$1,800
St. Anna Catholic School	Purchase and Install Nightlock Door Barricade and Lockdown Security Door Shades	Enhances school safety through security door equipment and lockdown preparedness improvements.	\$3,000
Voices of Truth Corporation	Voices of Truth - Technology	Provides technology upgrades that support organizational communication, programming, and operations.	\$2,992
Winchendon CAC	Winchendon Community Hub Transformation: Phase 2	Continues transformation of a community hub to expand access to local services and supports.	\$3,000

## RACIAL EQUITY

Organization	Project / Program	Description	Award Amount
Kings Rooted	Cognitive Behavior Therapy for Young Men	Provides cognitive behavioral support for young men to strengthen coping skills, decision-making, and well-being.	\$10,000

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HEAL Winchendon	<i>Community Changemakers</i>	Builds community leadership and resident engagement through changemaker activities and local action.	<b>\$8,000</b>
Three Pyramids	<i>Leadership &amp; Empowerment Training</i>	Supports leadership development and empowerment training for participants seeking to build skills and confidence.	<b>\$10,000</b>
Seeds of Solidarity	<i>Community Building Across Cultures</i>	Fosters cross-cultural connection, learning, and community building through inclusive programming.	<b>\$6,250</b>
Growing Places	<i>Fun Farm Days</i>	Offers farm-based activities that promote community connection, food education, and inclusive family engagement.	<b>\$15,000</b>