

## Tufts Health Plan Grants \$1.6M to 12 Massachusetts Nonprofits



July 9, 2021 — The Tufts Health Plan Foundation this week announced it granted \$1.6 million to 12 Massachusetts nonprofits to support healthy aging by increasing access to healthy food, housing, technology, and other supports.

“We’ve seen dramatic inequities across the region over this past year,” said Thomas P. O’Neill, III, chair of the **Tufts Health Plan Foundation** board. “As our region moves toward recovery, we have an opportunity—and an obligation—to rethink how our systems support healthy aging and older people. Communities that are welcoming for older adults are welcoming for young families and everyone in between.”

- **2Life Communities**, Brighton: One-year grant for \$50,000 to support a model for meeting the technology needs of diverse older people with low incomes
- **Alzheimer’s Association MA/NH Chapter**, Waltham: Two-year grant for \$140,000 to expand access to essential care and supports in under-invested communities in Massachusetts and New Hampshire
- **Greater Lynn Senior Services**, Lynn: Two-year grant for \$100,000 to unite multiple programs, through a comprehensive food hub, and address the nutrition and social needs of older adults with low incomes living in Lynn
- **Groundwork Lawrence**, Lawrence: Two-year grant for \$170,000 to implement the City of Lawrence’s healthy aging action plan with a resilience framework lens
- **Housing Navigator Massachusetts**, Boston: Two-year grant for \$100,000 to develop an affordable housing search tool informed by diverse older adults and to provide training and education resources to older adult service
- **Jewish Family & Children’s Service**, Waltham: Two-year grant for \$77,539 to expand Dementia Friends programming and supports into communities of color and pilot a Community Lead partner role with community organizations
- **Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly**, Boston: Two-year grant for \$70,000 to develop and launch Digital Dividends, an intergenerational technology training program for older adults with low incomes
- **Massachusetts Association for Mental Health**, Boston: Three-year grant for \$225,000 to strengthen and expand coalitions focused on older adults and behavioral health, including engagement of stakeholders from multiple disciplines and agencies in Massachusetts
- **Massachusetts Councils on Aging**, Easthampton: Three-year grant for \$225,000 to support community dementia-friendly initiatives in Massachusetts, including raising awareness of the needs of people living with dementia, and the impact of social isolation in the context of COVID-19
- **Massachusetts Healthy Aging Collaborative**, Lawrence: Two-year grant for \$175,000 to continue the state’s leadership in the age- and dementia-friendly movements through collective action, convening, and community engagement
- **Public Health Institute of Western Massachusetts**, Springfield: Two-year grant for \$160,000 to foster an age-friendly ecosystem utilizing a health equity approach to change policies and practices in Springfield and Hampden County
- **SeniorCare**, Gloucester: Two-year grant for \$130,000 to update and implement the Age- and Dementia-Friendly Cape Ann age-friendly action plan to reflect community needs that emerged during the pandemic