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The Honorable Roy Blunt  
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Dear Chairman Leahy, Vice Chairman Shelby, Chairman Murray and Ranking Member Blunt:

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has a pecuniary interest in any of the congressionally directed spending items that I have requested in the Fiscal Year 2023 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies appropriations bill, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Edward J. Markey

**Markey, Edward(D-MA) Labor and Health and Human Services  
Congressionally Directed Spending Requests**

Recipient Name	Project Purpose	Project Location	Amount Requested (\$000)
University of Massachusetts Amherst	In 2020-2021, inspired by the arrival of Ellsberg's papers, the University of Massachusetts sponsored a host of historic ventures to explore his life and legacy—a year-long seminar, the creation of a website (the Ellsberg Archive Project), a series of podcasts by The Ground Truth Project, and a two-day, international, online conference with more than two-dozen high profile scholars, journalists, former policymakers, whistleblowers, and activists that was attended by thousands. Videos of conference sessions hosted on the website have drawn more than 25,000 viewers. The University has an extraordinary opportunity to build on the momentum established by those projects to create something more enduring, an initiative that will continue to draw attention to the Ellsberg archive, the university, and, most importantly, to the vital and still relevant issues so central to Ellsberg's legacy: the history and ongoing reality of US military intervention overseas, the existential threats posed by nuclear weapons and environmental catastrophe, and the challenges and potential of civil struggle to oppose these fundamental risks. This funding will help to stand up the Ellsberg Initiative, which will create a Multidisciplinary Center of Scholarship to promote new thinking about the history and current status of democracy, authoritarianism, imperialism, state secrecy, First Amendment rights, nuclear threats, and environmental crises for the University of Massachusetts' teachers, fellows, and undergrads.	Amherst MA	\$600
Massachusetts Maritime Academy	The Maritime Center for Responsible Energy (MCRE) at Massachusetts Maritime Academy (MMA) consists of high-tech energy, engineering, and science laboratories which include a focus on offshore wind, hydro-kinetic, renewable energy, climate resiliency, along with blue and green energy initiatives. Also included are the University's waterfront maritime and Global Wind Organization (GWO) infrastructure and vessels; three maritime simulator centers; and the Academy's 30,000 sqft energy, engineering, and science laboratory building. This project funding will support the expansion of the MCRE in building out or remodeling the fixtures, furniture, technology, and equipment of existing and new laboratories. Additional funds will go towards training; improving faculty preparation programs to develop and improve curricula; establishing and improving degree programs; upgrading technology; acquiring STEM related laboratory equipment, and developing and providing student support. Funds will also be focused on physical upgrades and implementing and strengthening existing university partnerships with Gateway and local school districts.	BUZZARDS BAY MA	\$3,500
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Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival, Inc.	The requested funding will support an expansion of Jacob's Pillow's nationally recognized arts education program, Curriculum in Motion (CiM). Led by prominent artist-educators, CiM is an arts-integrated approach for both teaching and learning K-12 classroom curricula through movement and choreography. Jacob's Pillow has established long-term relationships with three Berkshire County public schools. Through this expansion, the Pillow will engage an additional 10 schools, impacting approximately 1,500-2,000 students and 50-75 educators through artist residencies in schools, field trips to Jacob's Pillow, performances presented in Pittsfield, MA, and professional development workshops and trainings for classroom teachers and arts educators.	Becket MA	\$375
Endicott College	Endicott College in Beverly, Massachusetts is pleased to submit this proposal requesting Congressionally Directed Spending in the amount of \$640,000 for simulation equipment and technology to equip the future Nursing Simulation and Clinical Learning Center in our Cummings School of Nursing & Health Sciences. The Nursing Simulation and Clinical Learning Center will be a critical piece to an innovative, multi-pronged plan Endicott College is leading, with participation from strategic partners Beverly Hospital and Addison Gilbert Hospital, to advance a critical public good: developing a replicable and scalable solution to the local and national nursing shortage crisis.	Beverly MA	\$640
Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program	The mission of Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program (BHCHP) is to ensure unconditionally equitable and dignified access to the highest quality health care for all individuals and families experiencing homelessness in our community. The proposed project will enable BHCHP to further this mission by improving existing infrastructure and repairing or replacing equipment instrumental in the day-to-day operations of our facilities.	Boston MA	\$450
Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology	We seek a federal appropriation to establish the new interdisciplinary Center for Energy Efficiency Training at Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology. As the MA House and Senate debate a new Climate Bill to support the landmark one passed in March 2021 it is concerning that we still don't have the trained workforce to help achieve the 2050 net-zero goal for the Commonwealth. This request will fund the start of new for-credit programs and shorter non-credit programs sorely needed to skill up the local cleantech workforce in energy efficiency as well as sustainable construction and the trades. BFIT's high-quality Energy Efficiency Training programs provide affordable expertise and training to untapped and racially diverse talent. Unlike any other colleges in the Commonwealth, 74% of our students identify as people of color and 86% are male. The full-time job placement rate one year after graduation is 85%. Collectively, our Energy Efficiency Training programs provide pathways to economic security for students and their families--most of whom are extremely low-income (household earnings of \$23,800 in FY21). Our training programs help these individual learners double their household income with one or two years of career-focused college courses. We are proud to be helping to build the diverse pool of talented workers needed for the Commonwealth to meet its goal to become carbon-neutral by 2050 and to do so in a way that centers equity.	Boston MA	\$799
City of Boston	Unhoused families frequently require extended time to secure eligibility documentation to qualify for subsidized childcare programs. This delay impacts their ability to receive crucial developmental and educational support for their children at a time when they are most vulnerable. Bridge funding would provide families with immediate access to available childcare while they pursue longer-term support.	Boston MA	\$1,000
University of Massachusetts Boston	The purpose of UMass Boston's Manning College of Nursing and Health Sciences Home Care Digital and Simulation Lab (HC-DSL) will be to educate the next generation of home health care providers in evolving technologies used in home care at all levels of acuity and chronicity with a special emphasis on those who are aging, disabled and have historically experienced health disparities. Simulation using digital technologies relevant to home care will help undergraduate and graduate nursing students to acquire safety competencies, improve communication and inter-personal skills and involve patients and families in their care from their own home.	Boston MA	\$5,000

BPE, Inc	<p>If funded, 920 students from Roxbury will gain skills needed for career success in Boston's fastest-growing STEM fields: Computer Science, Engineering and Advanced Manufacturing, and Health &amp; Life Sciences.</p> <p>This project is a nationally replicable public/private partnership focused on racial and economic justice. With funding, all students in grades 9-12 will participate in a STEM career pathway, including classes for college credit (with BFCIT, Wentworth, and Bunker Hill) and an internship (sites include Mass General Brigham, Ghost Story Games, and Gillette).</p> <p>At the Dearborn STEM Academy, we offer interdisciplinary STEM Career Pathways to prepare all students for college and careers. This project aims to provide a supported, direct path to college for students who wish to start learning career-ready technical skills, but face structural barriers that might impede their access. BPE will carefully plan, implement, and evaluate PreK-16 STEM Career Pathways, building upon the Computer Science, Engineering, and Health/Life Sciences Pathways already in place at the Dearborn STEM Academy with Early College coursework offered by college partners (including BFCIT, Wentworth, and Bunker Hill) to maximize educational attainment, career readiness, and gainful employment in STEM fields.</p>	Boston MA	\$1,000
City of Boston	<p>In early 2021, the City of Boston engaged in a landmark effort to house over 150 individuals living in tents and homeless encampments. As part of the effort low-threshold transitional housing sites were established both within existing shelters and new non-congregate sites across the City. As individuals achieve stability, they are placed in permanent supportive housing in locations throughout Boston and across the state. These low-threshold housing sites integrate mental health and substance use counseling and medical care. Incorporating a low-threshold workforce program would provide another avenue for hope and stability and add to important wraparound services.</p>	Boston MA	\$1,000
Action for Boston Community Development, Inc. (ABC)	<p>The ABCD Family Planning Partnership provides comprehensive, confidential family planning and sexual health counseling, education, and medical care for 30,000 residents a year in community health centers, school-based health centers, and hospital primary care programs. The ABCD Family Planning Partnership offers services including: sexual health counseling and education by specially trained counselors who speak your language, including special counseling for teens; pregnancy testing and counseling; Sexually transmitted disease (STD) counseling, testing, and treatment; HIV testing, prevention education, and referrals for care; health exams, pap smears, and other lab tests.</p>	Boston MA	\$2,369
Alliance for Business Leadership	<p>This funding would allow the Alliance for Business Leadership (ABL) to develop the Alliance Civic Leadership Initiative (ACLI), which will provide business and nonprofit leaders with a comprehensive, civics education so they may better participate in our democracy. It will also support ABL's current adult educational programming, which serves as the foundation of our civic work and the development of ACLI.</p>	Boston MA	\$350
National Braille Press, Inc.	<p>Nationally, Teachers of the Visually Impaired (TVIs) lack resources and training to teach assistive tech, braille and graphics to blind/low vision students. In 2022, National Braille Press (NBP) launched a pilot program to address this disparity, publishing 2,800 Teacher Resource Kits at no cost to the teachers. The kits will provide TVIs with tools, training guides and materials for educational services and curricula development. NBP identified additional teachers that still need these essential resources. This request would enable a nation-wide expansion of NBP's successful pilot program, sending kits to teachers across the US and bringing equity to vision challenged students.</p>	Boston MA	\$1,091
Roxbury Community College	<p>The Behavioral Health Institute (BHI) at Roxbury Community College (RCC) will provide MA residents with training in the growing field of behavioral health. The need for culturally competent behavioral health professionals is increasing and RCC is uniquely poised to provide its greater community with the training and skills needed for immediate employment. RCC's BHI will offer certification programs for trauma counselors, recovery coaches, and registered behavior technicians. These non-credit programs will provide a pathway to the College's credit programs, allowing</p>	Boston MA	\$2,000

participants to pursue programs that lead to income growth potential while serving the Commonwealth in critical behavioral health roles.

Boston Children's Museum	Boston Children's Museum (BCM) will expand an innovative, tested model for building the capacity of early educators to support under-resourced children and families in developing much-needed school readiness skills. This project initiates statewide dissemination of two resources—Tools for Tiny Hands (focused on fine motor skills) and Me, You, We (focused on social-emotional skills)—reaching thousands of children ages 2-5 and their parents and caregivers through community agencies. The goal of this work is to provide early childhood educators with the training and tools needed to alleviate the significant loss of learning opportunities experienced by families due to the pandemic.	Boston MA	\$1,102
Tufts University School of Dental Medicine	Dental care remains the largest unmet health care need of children, especially for those with disabilities. Tufts University School of Dental Medicine proposes an innovative mobile dental clinic program that brings care to every child in Boston and across Massachusetts, especially the most vulnerable, through an innovative integrated system of care that aims to improve and prioritize oral health-related quality of life. The mobile dental clinic will leverage existing resources and deep expertise to reach the unreachable. TUSDM has ongoing school-based screening and dental education programs in Boston public schools. TUSDM also maintains a network of seven clinics to serve people with special and complex medical needs. However, we have found that the current brick-and-mortar infrastructure does not allow us to treat those children that face the most challenges. Poverty, lack of social support, living in a single parent household, immobility due to a complex medical problem (such as quadriplegia), serious intellectual or developmental disabilities are all factors that create significant barriers to dental care. The mobile dental clinic provides a solution to many of these barriers and enhances our ability to visit our patients in their natural environment.	Boston MA	\$650
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute	The Dana-Farber Cancer Institute Therapeutic Food Pantry seeks to serve our pediatric patients and their families who live in Massachusetts and those coming into Dana-Farber for cancer treatment, so that no family has to battle both childhood cancer and hunger. This project proposes the public benefit of improving health outcomes for patients with childhood cancer who are also facing hunger. Creation of a therapeutic food pantry with an initial focus on childhood cancer patients will also lay the groundwork for planned growth to successfully support both adults and children living with cancer.	Boston MA	\$735
Community Care Cooperative, Inc.	This proposal to bring Epic, the most advanced electronic health record (EHR) and population health system, to twelve Massachusetts health centers. Our purpose, consistent with our strategy, is to strengthen primary care, improve financial performance, and advance racial justice. The Epic system will be run in Massachusetts by an organization managed by the participating health centers, giving them increased control over their own software.	Boston MA	\$10,046
City of Boston	Funds will support Phases 2 and 3 of the capacity-building initiative that is being implemented with the Boston Adult Literacy Initiative to improve digital literacy for adult basic education learners. In Phase 1, which is currently underway, 26 adult basic education sites receive a comprehensive analysis of their digital capabilities and infrastructure. This assessment will inform the professional development, program design, and resources needed to enhance providers' ability to provide high-quality digital learning and programming. These are mostly small, grassroots providers that offer ESOL, adult remedial education, and adult HiSET/GED services with pathways to employment.	Boston MA	\$1,000
Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States	The Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the US Senate is dedicated to civic learning and engagement. Educational experiences at the Kennedy Institute use immersive role play and simulation to teach civics and inspire the next generation of leaders. The Kennedy Institute now also offers these programs virtually. An appropriation of \$2M in FY23 for the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the US Senate will allow us to bring our civics education programs to more students and educators, both in Massachusetts and nationally, at	Boston MA	\$2,000

no cost to them.

Boston Ballet, Inc.	<p>Boston Ballet's Division of Education and Community Initiatives (ECI) manages the delivery of Citydance and ECI on Location (ECIL), dance programs that are cost-free to students and that annually serve over 3,000 children and young teens at 50 Boston Public Schools and 8-10 community sites. These participatory programs, taught by dance professionals, bolster public school arts programming and offer safe spaces for physical activity and self-expression. Over 80% of students served are BIPOC/AAPI; nearly all qualify for federally-supported school meal plans, and most reside in low-income homes.</p> <p>Chief objectives of our project are to sustain and expand the teaching that we bring to gyms, classrooms, auditoriums, and recreation sites throughout Boston. Both Citydance and ECIL offer the possibility for further dance training with tuition support at Boston Ballet School. Funding will increase cultural competency training for program faculty, extend family dance access through subsidized tickets to Boston Ballet performances, and increase tuition assistance for program alumni enrolled in Boston Ballet School classes. The project also includes the pilot of a promotional campaign using dance-on-film to increase public awareness and build institutional trust in city neighborhoods, an effort that we believe will lead to higher student retention and greater diversity in Boston Ballet School, as well as in our audiences.</p>	Boston MA	\$789
Northeastern University	<p>The Roxbury Associate's to Master's Workforce Accelerator (RA2MWA) is a structured, accelerated pathway from an Associate's degree at Roxbury Community College to a Master's degree at Northeastern University in high demand fields that lead to good jobs. These funds will provide direct scholarships and other supports to students in the program.</p>	Boston MA	\$1,000
Big Sister Association of Greater Boston	<p>Funding will support Big Sister Boston's one-to-one mentoring programs that connect girls to trained, committed women mentors to help girls improve their self-confidence, social skills, and emotional wellbeing. Big Sister Boston works alongside families and partners to ensure girls are resilient so they can focus on learning and maintaining healthy relationships.</p>	Boston MA	\$250
Greater Boston Legal Services	<p>Greater Boston Legal Services' Mental Health Safety Net Project will 1) help low-income constituents connect to needed mental health and other social services, 2) increase the efficacy and impact of civil legal assistance provided to help stabilize households, 3) strengthen clients' ability to fully participate in their community and achieve greater self-sufficiency. GBLS' Mental Health Safety Net Project will provide clients who are living in poverty with direct civil legal aid in combination with mental health-focused case management services, enabling them to address mental health issues and social determinants of health, thereby increasing household stability and well-being.</p>	Boston MA	\$606
United Way of Massachusetts Bay & Merrimack Valley	<p>Shared Services MA is a proven economic development initiative that invests in the workforce needs of Family Child Care (FCC) businesses and increases the sustainability of the early education sector.</p> <p>In a state with high levels of income inequality, supporting workers in low-wage service and care work is one of our greatest challenges. According to the Center for American Progress, the cost of providing child care during the pandemic has risen by 70% for FCC providers nationwide. The pandemic has accelerated these trends and only worsened the prospects of FCC businesses. Data from the MA Department of Early Education and Care indicate that the number of licensed FCC providers declined by 4% between May 2020 and September 2020. Across the Commonwealth, over 300 FCC businesses closed their doors.</p> <p>FCC entrepreneurs, primarily women of color and immigrants, are an integral part of the state's economy. Yet, despite their indispensable roles, they lack the business support that other types of entrepreneurs receive such as budgeting, rate setting, and marketing.</p> <p>Shared Services MA provides business training and peer support networks for FCC providers who face many challenges including isolation, limited resources and support staff, and lack of business expertise. To date, Shared Services MA has trained over 700 FCC</p>	Boston MA	\$1,397

	<p>educators across the commonwealth and mobilized more than 1,000 early educators to access free resources on business and pedagogical best practices.</p> <p>Shared Services MA has an evidence-based, four-pronged model: 1) financial stability and growth opportunities via small business grants; 2) business training with emphasis on technology skills; 3) coaching, technical assistance from subject matter partners who are experts in their field and Communities of Practice to implement learnings and strengthen networks; and 4) developmental screenings to identify needs and deliver early intervention, so children enter school ready to learn. Through this approach, FCC providers gain tools to succeed long-term as both educators and owners of FCC businesses. This program simultaneously increases economic opportunity for child care providers and the families they serve, as well as targeting developmental supports for children in need.</p> <p>As our region grapples with the longstanding economic crisis and a growing demand for affordable care, UWMB requests \$1,397,495 to increase the presence of the Shared Services MA program for family childcare educators in Massachusetts.</p>		
The Possible Zone	<p>The mission of The Possible Zone (TPZ) is to advance economic equity by ensuring young people develop the entrepreneurial spirit, skills and networks to launch successful careers. Based in Boston's Jackson Square, TPZ offers high school students from across the city a tuition-free, multi-year entrepreneurship and youth development program.</p> <p>TPZ seeks \$1 million in federal funding to provide critical education and career development services to Boston high school students during a post-COVID recovery phase. Specifically, through its comprehensive entrepreneurship education and youth development program, TPZ seeks to serve as an essential City partner providing students with:</p> <p>Rigorous credit recovery coursework in school, after school, and over summers to support those behind in credits and off-track to graduate due to low school engagement. Career-readiness, entrepreneurial and STEAM skill-building - all essential for access to, and success in, the region's innovation and tech-driven economy. Individualized college and career advising to ensure matriculation to, and persistence through, postsecondary education and job-training programs. TPZ is also poised to support Boston's post-COVID recovery by expanding its program and collaborating with partners to serve significantly more Boston students. Over the next five years, TPZ will pursue a strategic plan that calls for:</p> <p>Enrolling 1,000 Boston students annually by partnering with 8-10 BPS high schools and several community youth organizations and public housing agencies. Collaborating with an ecosystem of community and business partners to provide comprehensive wrap-around services (health and wellness, housing, ESL support), work-based learning opportunities/internships, and postsecondary mentoring and support for students, and technical assistance and capital for local entrepreneurs (including TPZ alumni). Opening a new state-of-the-art Innovation Center in Jackson Square that allows for program expansion, advances STEAM learning through design, multimedia, and advanced manufacturing technology and resources, and provides space for local entrepreneurs.</p>	Boston MA	\$1,000
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Community Resources for Justice	<p>The purpose of "The Bridge" is to create an infrastructure in the city of Boston that provides comprehensive, long-term, sustainable support for criminal justice populations with substance use histories, who are returning home from prisons and jails. The program goals include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Establishing the Bridge Recovery Community Center (BRCC), which will decrease overdose deaths by providing individualized and group peer recovery support, harm reduction education, employment services, and linkages to services such as healthcare, housing, and educational programs.</li> <li>2) Decreasing poor health outcomes by reducing barriers to health education, health screening, and basic needs through services on-site at BRCC, and providing "warm handoffs" provided by peer support specialists to services off-site, such as mental health treatment and primary care.</li> <li>3) Decreasing recidivism by providing daily long-term, targeted support provided by peers with lived reentry and recovery experience.</li> <li>4) Decreasing stigma related to harm reduction and criminal justice involvement through community-wide trainings and a robust and influential Advisory Committee.</li> <li>5) Establish a Peer Support Training Academy within BRCC, which will provide an opportunity for people served to become certified peer support specialists. Students of the academy will have opportunities to intern in a variety of CRJ reentry programs, with the potential of a full-time hire both internally at CRJ and external employment opportunities.</li> </ol>	Boston MA	\$603
One Life at a Time Inc	One Life at a Time Recovery Program help individuals with substance use disorder learn how to be self-reliant and feel self-confident. To be the best person they were meant to be, One Life at a Time Recovery program offers training support with classes to help individuals find out what skills they have to offer, who they can transition into a career that can help them to become self-sufficient. We teach our clients how they can move forward in the life. Our training program teaches students how do a resume, cover letter, interview and set up interviews for job opportunities, we help with clothing and transportation for clients, while we assist them with rent and expenses while they are in the program, we need to help them concentrate on the training while they are in our program. We know we can continue to make a difference in the future of Massachusetts and the fight to end the destruction this disease has and continues to cause.	Braintree MA	\$580
Bridgewater State University	Bridgewater State University will expand the pipeline of Massachusetts pilots into regional and national airlines. The University will acquire and install one small transportable hangar to house 5 of 11 aircraft, which protects them from the harsh New England weather and allows for more flight training during the winter months. The purchase two Piper Seminole twin-engine planes enables flight training to be in compliance with industry standards for regional and national pilots. Funding will also support the purchase of one full-motion flight simulator that will be used year round - this will be especially useful during the winter season	Bridgewater MA	\$1,358,000

	and when there is inclement weather, which both limit opportunities for safe flight training.		
Brockton Hospital, Inc	The purpose of this project is to create a redesigned and modernized Emergency Department highlighted by a 12 bed secure holding area for behavioral health patients. This project will help manage the growing number of behavioral health patients "boarding" in the ED while they await admission to Signature Healthcare Brockton Hospital's 22 bed inpatient psychiatric unit or placement with other appropriate community providers/resources. This will result in more dignified care and an enhanced environment so all patients can receive safe and exceptional care.	Brockton MA	\$1,000
Family & Community Resources Inc	The purpose of this project is to expand the capacity of Family and Community Resources' (FCR) licensed mental health clinic to address a critical community issue. There is a tremendous need for mental health services in the Greater Brockton area and FCR seeks to double the capacity of its therapy services (currently at 3 clinician FTE's) to meet the mental health needs of children, adolescents, and adults who have experienced trauma as the result of family or community violence. As Brockton is a majority minority city the project will address the need for culturally responsive services by multi-lingual clinicians.	Brockton MA	\$337
Arc of Greater Brockton	The Arc of Greater Brockton is relocating and equipping a new Family Support Center. The Arc of Greater Brockton is located in the City of Brockton, and provides services in Abington, Avon, Bridgewater, Brockton, East Bridgewater, Easton, Holbrook, Rockland, Stoughton, West Bridgewater and Whitman. Our project goal is to improve the accessibility, quality and number of program offerings and services provided by our Family Support Center, which services approximately 350 families in the region.	Brockton MA	\$500
Brockton Hospital, Inc	In response to the demand for nurses and the financial strain associated with the hiring of "travel nurses" Signature Healthcare Brockton Hospital is starting a New Graduate Nurse program. The purpose is to retain nurses from Brockton Hospital School of Nursing, Massasoit Community College and Curry College who, while in nursing school, do their clinical work at Brockton Hospital offering a comfortable transition from school to professional nursing. At the same time it will save the Signature Healthcare thousands of dollars from reduced "travel nurse" costs allowing Signature to invest these savings into new programs and services to benefit patients.	Brockton MA	\$997
Old Colony YMCA	This pilot program will allow for increased access in underserved community for family engagement and education program directly related to peer advocates, behavioral health, family counseling and most importantly, keeping families together.	Brockton MA	\$2,050
Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Inc.	Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (BIDMC) is seeking Community Project Funding to support conversion to a unified Electronic Health Record. This funding will help support EHR conversion for the Bowdoin Street Community Health Center (Bowdoin Street Community Health Center is located in Dorchester, MA and is owned and operated by BIDMC) and connectivity with other affiliated Health Centers, such as Dimock Health Center, Fenway Health, Charles River and Cambridge Health Alliance, as well as other BIDMC community providers.	Brookline MA	\$3,000
Northeastern University	To better serve Burlington and the surrounding communities, Northeastern University is requesting \$1 million in funding to build out its capacity to house and serve more early-stage companies within its facilities on the Innovation Campus in Burlington, Massachusetts (ICBM) by creating a Life Sciences Spinout Innovation Center. This investment would facilitate the creation of a shared wet lab facility within Elliott Hall on the Innovation Campus, to enable additional early-stage life sciences companies to join the campus and be part of the already-established, vibrant innovation and research ecosystem.	Burlington MA	\$1,000

Northeastern University	<p>Northeastern University's Kostas Research Institute (KRI), headquartered on the Innovation Campus at Burlington, Massachusetts (ICBM), currently serves as a multifaceted hub for Northeastern faculty, private industry partners, and federal government defense outposts pursuing cutting-edge research and commercialization of technologies. KRI's unique, results-driven partnership model has created an environment rooted in innovation, where well-established industry leaders work alongside budding new startups to translate discoveries into revolutionary new technologies, materials, and systems.</p>	Burlington MA	\$1,000
	<p>In addition to ICBM's multiple state-of-the-art lab facilities, Northeastern's legacy buildings have been strategically upgraded to meet current code and maintain a low price point for early-stage companies to keep their initial operational costs down. The campus is also centrally located, increasing accessibility for use well beyond the traditional start-up ecosystem in Cambridge's Kendall Square. Currently, the Innovation Campus houses 20 spinout companies. This co-location process has yielded significant results—spinouts have received external private investment, commercialized their technologies, and graduated off-campus to larger spaces in Massachusetts.</p>		
	<p>To better serve Burlington and the surrounding communities, Northeastern University is requesting \$1 million in funding to build out its capacity to house and serve more early-stage companies within its facilities on ICBM by creating a Life Sciences Spinout Innovation Center. This investment would facilitate the creation of a shared wet lab facility within Elliott Hall on ICBM, to enable new early-stage life sciences companies to join the campus and be part of the already-established vibrant innovation ecosystem. These new companies would be co-located alongside Northeastern's Biopharmaceutical Analysis Training Laboratory (BATL), which is committed to enabling innovative biopharmaceutical education, global regulatory convergence, industry partnerships and use-inspired research for the benefit of patients worldwide. This project will complement the ongoing efforts of the Northeastern-led BioConnects New England coalition (developed in response to the Economic Development Administration's Build Back Better Regional Challenge as a Phase 2 invited application), specifically in the areas of entrepreneurial support and diversity, equity, and inclusion. This new space will also enable our Department of Defense partners to interact with small companies working at the cutting edge of biomedical sciences, which is a critical priority for defense agencies. The shared wet lab model has proven successful, in the case of ICBM's existing Barracks Venture Creation Center (VCC), which houses early-stage companies that require fume hoods for their research. Overall, this proposed wet lab project would significantly bolster Massachusetts' ability to grow its capacity within the life sciences industries and diversify entrepreneurial and workforce opportunities to reach women and underrepresented minorities.</p>		
	<p>This investment at Northeastern's Innovation Campus would leverage the proven KRI model and the shared wet lab facilities to create jobs, facilitate additional workforce development opportunities, and attract more early-stage companies to Massachusetts' Route 128 high-tech corridor. Investment in this low-cost, high-impact Center will allow federally funded research to catalyze more spinout companies, producing tangible outcomes that will benefit our economy, public health, and national security.</p>		
Cambridge Public Health Commission	<p>HRSA Health Facilities Construction and Equipment appropriations request of \$4,845,000 to support a portion of the facilities and equipment costs toward Cambridge Public Health Commission's planned new surgical robotics initiative and equitable access to a range of clinical diagnostic and treatment services to meet regional need and vulnerable populations served, including those disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 and the social determinants of health.</p>	Cambridge MA	\$4,845
Journey Forward	<p>Expansion and improvement of activity-based therapy program serving the paralysis community in Greater Boston and surrounding 10-county region, through acquisition of capital equipment for rehabilitative treatment for spinal cord injury, traumatic brain injury, stroke, and neurological disorder survivors in a community-based setting.</p>	Canton MA	\$577

Cape Abilities, Inc.	Cape Abilities will provide vocational training to 40 people with disabilities at our Farm in Dennis MA to enable them to become financially independent in community-based businesses. We will give them skills needed to obtain good jobs. The individuals will assemble and transport boxes of fresh produce to food pantries in all 15 towns of the Cape. Our job coaches will educate/support our individuals and drive delivery vans. Recipients of the produce boxes are those needing food security including children, seniors, veterans, people with disabilities, Native Americans, low-income families and immigrants. Our Project creates jobs.	Cape Cod MA	\$959
Cape Cod Community College	The Dental Hygiene program has a student interest and community need to expand. During the current year's admissions, the program had 52 qualified applicants as first year Dental Hygiene students but was only able to accept 24 students. The program has seen the same pattern in previous years (2020-2021- 47 qualified/24 accepted; 2019-2020 - 40 qualified/24 accepted). Our goal is to increase by an additional 6 the number of dental stations to 20. This would provide a more than 50% increase in the number of students enrolling in the program, moving from 24 to 38 students per admission cycle.	Cape Cod MA	\$1,780
Best Buddies International, Inc.	The Best Buddies in Massachusetts Inclusion Project for Students with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities will deliver inclusion services to a minimum of 1,700 students with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) at 187 elementary, middle, and high schools in Massachusetts, with planned expansion to underserved schools in Brockton, Everett, Lawrence, Lowell, Lynn, and New Bedford. The project would engage students in 1,100 inclusive activities and train 730 730 youth with and without IDD in leadership skills. The project will provide opportunities for social and emotional learning for youth with and without IDD to help them become college and career ready.	Charlestown MA	\$205
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth	The existing instructional laboratories dedicated to life sciences at UMass Dartmouth were built in 1965, and very little about them has changed since then. A complete modernization is needed to support the growing number of students who work and learn in these spaces. It should be noted that this funding will support the renovation of as many as four instructional laboratories and that the scope of work for each laboratory may vary. These facilities have not been updated in more than 50 years.	Dartmouth MA	\$2,000
Work Incorporated	The purpose of this Master Planning Grant is a first step toward identifying financing for a project that will create up to 200 units of new affordable workforce housing in Dorchester and help to retrofit Work Inc.'s current space that houses its disability services to align with significant service model changes that are being driven by regulatory, technological, and operational advancements. These alignments include a technology center build-out, reconfiguration of space to accommodate the provision of expanded services to constituents with disabilities across multiple demographic and cultural groups.	Dorchester MA	\$1,505
Island Health Care FQHC	In November 2020, a hospital-sponsored dental clinic on Martha's Vineyard serving Medicaid and the state's Health Safety Net patients closed abruptly, leaving the low-medium income population with extremely limited access to dental care and no access to a pediatric dentist. To meet this crisis of limited access to oral health and safety-net dental services for families and children on Martha's Vineyard, Island Health Care FQHC has purchased space and developed architectural and operational plans to build and equip a four-chair, full-service dental clinic. Our proposed CDS project provides start-up funding for salary and housing support for dental clinic staff, support of an adult and pediatric residency training program, additional equipment, supplies, and other necessary expenses including tele-dentistry for the center's first 12 months of operations. Start-up operational funds from the proposed project will greatly shorten the time it will take to meet the needs of the service area's 21,000 year-round residents, the majority of whom are presently without any access to oral health care and include most of the children who live on Martha's Vineyard.  As a federally-qualified community health center, Island Health Care is well-positioned to fill this gap in access to dental care. FQHC's can receive enhanced reimbursement rates from	Edgartown MA	\$1,650

	<p>government insurers such as Medicaid (MassHealth) which has recently dramatically increased payments to health centers for medical and dental services. Once up and running with start-up funding support, the business model for staffing and operationalizing the rural dental center, and for partnering with Boston University's Goldman School of Dental Medicine for training and pediatric specialty support, will be highly sustainable.</p>		
Island Health Inc. dba Island Health Care FQHC	<p>The proposed project provides start-up funding for salary and housing support for dental clinic staff, support of an adult and pediatric residency training program, additional equipment, supplies, and other necessary expenses including tele-dentistry for the center's first 12 months of operations. Start-up operational funds from the proposed project will greatly shorten the time it will take to meet the needs of the service area's 21,000 year-round residents, the majority of whom are presently without any access to oral health care and include most of the children who live on Martha's Vineyard.</p> <p>As a federally qualified community health center, Island Health Care is well positioned to fill this gap in access to dental care. FQHC's can receive enhanced reimbursement rates from government insurers such as Medicaid (MassHealth) which has recently dramatically increased payments to health centers for medical and dental services. Once up and running with start-up funding support, the business model for staffing and operationalizing the rural dental center, and for partnering with Boston University's Goldman School of Dental Medicine for training and pediatric specialty support will be highly sustainable.</p>	Edgartown MA	\$1,650
Community Health Connections, Inc.	<p>Community Health Connections respectfully requests \$3,000,000 to support the establishment of Children's Mental Health Services across our organization. We propose to build an 8,000 square foot facility in Gardner MA and to staff it with sufficient mental health professionals and behavioral health counselors in order to meet the growing need for these services in our communities. We will also expand these same services in our other locations in Fitchburg and Leominster MA. This proposal will cover the construction and start up costs during the first year of operations.</p>	Fitchburg MA	\$3,000
Community Health Connections, Inc.	<p>Community Health Connections respectfully requests \$3,000,000 for the integration of renewable energy systems into our organization, specifically for the procurement and implementation of renewable energy equipment at 529 Timpany Boulevard in Gardner, expansion of renewable energy at 326 Nichols Road in Fitchburg, and electric car charge ports at three of our locations.</p>	Fitchburg MA	\$3,000
HealthAlliance-Clinton Hospital	<p>HealthAlliance-Clinton Hospital (HACH) requests funding for the acquisition and installation of a digital breast tomosynthesis (DBT) to replace an aging full-field digital mammography (FFDM) located on the Fitchburg Campus. HACH is requesting \$450,000 in federal funding to support purchasing a new DBT unit. The unit's total cost is approximately \$454,000, and the balance of costs, including the installation, will be paid for through hospital capital funds. The Hospital is committed to increasing access to those most vulnerable populations that historically do not access life-saving screening resources. Therefore, an important goal of this project is to reduce the health disparities of marginalized populations in Fitchburg and the surrounding area.</p>	Fitchburg MA	\$450
Framingham State University	<p>Faced with the need to address inevitable major repairs, FSU proposes to transform the current McAuliffe Center into a suite of five multifunctional, technology-enabled learning spaces, and to introduce new visualizations and simulation capabilities. This project emphasizes the reconceptualization of the services offered by the Center that will provide K-16 audiences with cradle-to-career learning opportunities aligned with the needs of Massachusetts green economy employers. The project will increase services to underserved and under-represented high school and college students and contribute to the formation of the diverse workforce necessary to meet Massachusetts' goal to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2050.</p>	Framingham MA	\$1,000

Volunteers of America Massachusetts	To address the effects of the COVID-19 crisis in the 5th District of Massachusetts, Volunteers of America Massachusetts (VOAMASS) is requesting funding to expand upon its current Department of Labor funded project, Pathway Home. The RISE program is designed as a workforce development program embedded in an integrated care model with comprehensive case management focused on resiliency. RISE will engage 65 low-income, unemployed/underemployed residents who have been affected by COVID, through wraparound supportive services driven by a holistic assessment of needs such as housing instability, assistance with meeting basic needs, substance abuse and mental health treatment, and other services as needed.	Framingham, Natick, Waltham MA	\$650
Big Sister Association of Greater Boston	Funding will support Big Sister Boston's one-to-one mentoring programs that connect girls to trained, committed women mentors to help girls improve their self-confidence, social skills, and emotional wellbeing. Big Sister Boston works alongside families and partners to ensure girls are resilient so they can focus on learning and maintaining healthy relationships.	Greater Boston MA	\$250
Coalition for a Healthy Greater Worcester	The Trauma, Resiliency & Racial Equity Training Institute addresses a critical gap in resources for a shared understanding and language around racial equity by building local capacity for trauma-informed, racial equity trainings using a grassroots, community-led model. Federal funding is critical now in establishing accreditation and systemic structure for a more integrated, responsive, and equitable model based in Central Massachusetts that can be shared in other Massachusetts Gateway communities.	Greater Worcester MA	\$456
Greenfield Community College	This project will allow Greenfield Community College to provide new workforce development training equipment and program certifications and credentials through the creation of an Augmented Reality (AR)/Virtual Reality (VR) Simulation Learning Laboratory to help meet industry demand for workers in the region. Program certification and micro-credentialing will include: HVAC, Health Occupations, Advanced Manufacturing, Mechanical, Hydraulics, Pneumatics, Robotics and Engineering, and Heavy Equipment Operation.	Greenfield MA	\$1,109
Holyoke Health Center, Inc.	Creating a downtown training center to provide the health center with needed staff while opening up employment opportunities for local residents.	Holyoke MA	\$1,000
Community Adolescent Resource & Education Center	Bard Microcollege Holyoke, located at The Care Center in Holyoke, Massachusetts, is the nation's first college established specifically to make higher education accessible to young mothers and low-income women. In addition to engaging in a rigorous curriculum, students have access to supports, such as daycare, transportation, and meals, which help remove barriers that young mothers face in traditional college settings. Students who successfully complete the course requirements receive an Associate in Arts degree from Bard College. The degree is free, with scholarships, grants, and donations covering tuition and books. Bard Microcollege Holyoke currently stands as a national model for helping young parents and low income women access and succeed in higher education. The Care Center routinely consults with policy makers and educators across the country who are seeking to replicate this approach.	Holyoke MA	\$150
Arts Foundation of Cape Cod	The Creative Exchange (CEX) is a professional development program of the Arts Foundation of Cape Cod (AFCC) which supports established and emerging artists of all mediums and backgrounds as well as leaders, creatives, and staff at cultural organizations in Barnstable County. CEX achieves this through: Capacity-Building Grants Fellowships Creative Exchange Leadership Development Program & DEI Training Arts Incubator Program Congressionally Directed Spending would additionally cover the operations (staffing, marketing, equipment, and online tools) necessary to carry out the CEX Program in FY2023.	Hyannis MA	\$347

Independence House, Inc.	<p>This funding amount is requested to construct a 2,700 square foot building adjacent to a current out of date building to serve domestic and sexual violence victims. Taxpayer dollars are justified when we consider that in 2008, domestic violence was declared a public health emergency in Massachusetts. Independence House, Inc. founded in Barnstable County by residents who identified a pressing community need, is now in its 43rd year, with its intact relevant and timeless mission of helping all domestic and sexual violence victims, survivors and children by creating opportunities for safety and empowerment through crisis intervention.</p> <p>This funding supports a cost-effective construction of a 2,700 square foot building for Independence House, Inc., the only resource, counseling and advocacy center for victims/survivors of domestic and sexual violence in Hyannis, MA. The building is replacing our current building which lacks energy efficiency, is not up to building and fire codes for the 21st century; is not 100% ADA compliant, and lacks adequate space and privacy needs for counseling victims/survivors. This building will serve the needs of all domestic and sexual violence victims/survivors in Barnstable County in all towns and villages.</p> <p>The building itself will provide increased safety and privacy and meet the demand for the new and additional services Independence House, Inc. has experienced over the last 43 years, and improve the work environment and ultimately mental the well-being of our dedicated staff. The building will offer a much needed lunch area for employees, protected /secure entrance for survivors and a secure private waiting room .</p> <p>New and expanded services to be offered in the new building include an ADA compliant accessible food pantry; therapeutic art space to aid healing, and enhance well-being; specialized therapeutic spaces to support the mental health and safety needs for adults and children exposed to domestic violence; specialized tailored therapeutic services to support most underserved survivors/victims including BIPOC victim/survivors and victims/survivors with disabilities.</p>	Hyannis MA	\$3,460
Robert F. Kennedy Community Alliance	<p>RFK Community Alliance is requesting \$3 million in Community Project Funding to construct a multi-use, outpatient behavioral health and training facility to provide and support mental health treatment, create space for training, increase access to licensing opportunities for emerging clinicians, and expand capacity in Central Massachusetts at a time when mental and behavioral health needs have increased dramatically. In addition to supporting RFK Community Alliance programs, the training space will be a resource for other Central Massachusetts agencies we currently work with through Advance, a partnership aimed at enhancing training in clinical and therapeutic services and providing CEU's to clinicians.</p>	Lancaster MA	\$3,000
Spanish American Center	<p>The Spanish American Center is seeking support to lead, organize and conduct a scientifically rigorous, community-engaged, Latino behavioral health assessment for the purpose of developing linguistically and culturally informed policy recommendations to drive the systems change necessary for Latinos to thrive in Massachusetts.</p> <p>The health and therefore, prosperity of Massachusetts is dependent on the health and prosperity of Latinos, yet health disparities for Latinos in the Commonwealth continue to rise - especially for Latino behavioral health. The Spanish American Center and its partners have, in total, more than 170 years in community service including scientific research resulting in policy change.</p>	Leominster MA	\$337
Bay Path University	<p>Bay Path University is renowned for its academic programs aligned with regional workforce needs in western Massachusetts. In healthcare, graduate programs in Physician Assistant Studies, Nursing, and Occupational Therapy prepare future healthcare professionals to address needs in communities with among the poorest health outcomes in the Commonwealth. A Simulation Center will be established at the Ryan Center for Health Sciences at Bay Path University to ensure every trainee has ample opportunity to hone critical patient skills, and to position the University to expand its healthcare programs in the future to meet the region's growing workforce demands and address provider shortages. The Simulation Center will also provide an important training resource to the region's broader healthcare community,</p>	Longmeadow MA	\$1,750

	Bay Path University's healthcare employer partners, and other higher education institutions.		
University of Massachusetts Lowell	<p>The Year 2 Expansion will establish an extension of RHSA supports through participating students' sophomore year, something the university does not have the resources to fund. The second year will offer similar supports as the freshman year program, plus a professional mentoring program and other enhanced opportunities, with an emphasis on continued academic success and preparation for upper-division coursework and responsibilities. We will also offer retention housing and textbook scholarships for high-achieving, need-based second-year RHSA students. A major focus for this expansion is on the creation of "on ramps" for students to get involved in more advanced, upper class year opportunities through university, college, and departmental research, learning, and co-curricular programs where first-generation students, students of color, and students from low-income backgrounds are traditionally underrepresented. Scholarships will also be a key support for students to incentive their engagement in RHSA programming and alleviate the financial pressures many first-gen students face in paying for college. Pathways to Career will offer junior and senior students a suite of ongoing supports and opportunities focused primarily on career readiness, whether a student plans on moving directly into the job market or applying to graduate school. This expansion initiative will involve three primary strategies: 1) 1-on-1 supports through coaching and mentoring; 2) leadership positions and development through Peer Leader program and other leadership roles; 3) other supports and opportunities, including a professional development fund (to cover costs associated with professional attire, job hunting, graduate school applications, etc.), industry-specific initiatives (such as targeted supports for students moving into engineering, sciences, health, or criminal justice fields), and other career readiness, networking, and job opportunity programs.</p>	Lowell MA	\$1,000
Lynn Community Health, Inc.	<p>LCHC is developing a Pharmacy to serve patients, employees, and visitors of the health center with a goal is to ensure access to low-cost and affordable prescription medications for residents of Lynn and surrounding communities, especially patients who are uninsured, underinsured, and/or low-income. LCHC is proposing to renovate existing space at our main facility at 269 Union Street in downtown Lynn. Upon completion of the renovations, we will hire a Pharmacist-in-Charge, Pharmacists, and Pharmacy Technicians, in partnership with Community Care Cooperative (C3), a MassHealth accountable care organization.</p>	Lynn MA	\$1,000
Greater Lawrence	<p>Greater Lawrence Family Health Center (GLFHC), a federally qualified community health center in the Massachusetts 3rd Congressional District, seeks \$3.0 million in federal Community Project Funding for the relocation and expansion of Substance Use Disorder Services (SUD), homeless outreach services, and other vital community support and enabling services the Health Center now offers at 100 Water Street in Lawrence, MA. This funding will help GLFHC address major gaps in health equity in our community and equally important to this expansion is that this project will also allow the Health Center to fully integrate these services with its infectious disease services &amp; primary health care services offered at all other sites thereby following a true Patient Centered Medical Home model (PCMH) for all Health Center patients. The Health Center currently provides comprehensive primary healthcare to over 62,000 registered patients annually, however this void in service delivery must be addressed for our region's most vulnerable patients – those suffering and at risk for substance use disorder, infectious diseases and/or homelessness.</p> <p>The current space at 100 Water Street (~4000 square feet) is not adequate nor does it conform to DPH regulatory standard requirements to serve as a true Health Center clinic. The relocation from Water Street to a larger site (~8000-10,000 square feet) will allow for our Community Support Services Division to expand its outreach throughout the Greater Lawrence footprint and provide expanded access to SUD Services, healthcare for the homeless, HIV, Hepatitis C Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI's) and outreach services. GLFHC currently operates seven Health Center sites in Lawrence, Methuen, and Haverhill and has identified the need to expand these services in the city of Lawrence, thus ensuring the addition of increased access to comprehensive primary health care services for our most</p>	Methuen MA	\$3,000

vulnerable population in the city.

The Water Street site has been the headquarters for these important healthcare service lines and has served as a lifeline for some of those most underserved residents of Lawrence and surrounding areas. GLFHC is truly a leader in this area of health care delivery and is often called upon by other communities to address these same issues through not only care delivery, but also training and education. That fact alone has created the need for the Health Center to identify and move its location in the next 12-18 months in order to meet the current demand and expand service delivery, creating

Executive Office for Health and Human Services	The Middlesex County Restoration Center Commission seeks to pilot a Restoration Center to prevent arrest, unnecessary hospitalization, and ED use of people with behavioral health conditions through triage, assessment, crisis stabilization, sober support, respite, case management, and after-care planning like housing navigation. The Center will accept walk-ins, drop-offs by police/first responders after a 911 call, and in-house transportation as a less-traumatic alternative to police cruisers or ambulances. These behavioral health services should save money currently spent arresting, incarcerating, and hospitalizing people with such conditions. The goal is statewide expansion, pending success.	Middlesex County MA	\$2,000
Walker Therapeutic and Education Programs	Walker Therapeutic and Educational Programs ("Walker") seeks \$1 million in funding to offer critical behavioral health services to Massachusetts children and youth. Specifically, Walker seeks to provide a network of 70 K-12 school districts and community partners serving 70,000 students with the following capacity-building services: Coaching and consultation ineffective behavioral health and education systems Professional development to school and community staff in behavioral health and education practice Preparation, placement, and supervision of specialized counseling and education staff working with children and youth with behavioral and related learning challenges	Needham MA	\$1,000
People Acting in Community Endeavors, Inc.	PACE operates the leading food pantry in the Greater New Bedford area. In July 2022, PACE will open a newly renovated facility that house its food pantry. This site will allow clients access to a variety of good foods, with the ability to "shop" items with dignity while also connecting with other vital PACE programs like LIHEAP, health insurance, child care, and more. Unfortunately in April 2022, PACE's recently purchased box truck was involved in an accident and was a total loss with no ability to purchase a replacement truck, which is vital to our operation.	New Bedford MA	\$132
High Point Treatment Center, Inc.	High Point is seeking \$1.9 million for a capital improvement project to purchase one of the organization's currently leased buildings to house a Community Outreach Center in Brockton, MA. Formally an adolescent treatment center, this 10,000 square foot building is located on High Point's Brockton campus and will now be home to a variety of services focused on prevention, family support and recovery.	New Bedford MA	\$1,900
Southcoast Health - Charlton Memorial Hospital	Southcoast Health will install on-site linear generators at Charlton Memorial Hospital as phase one of a 5-year system-wide clean energy project. The goal of this project to increase our use and production of renewable energy sources, reducing pollution and conserving natural resources for the 719,000 residents in 33 communities covering more than 900 square miles.	New Bedford MA	\$2,001
Greater New Bedford Community Health Center, Inc.	Taking into account the effects COVID-19 has had on the population with an ever-increasing demand for mental health services by our primary care providers, Greater New Bedford Community Health Center, Inc. (GNBCHC) has embarked on an effort to integrate mental health services into primary care practices throughout GNBCHC. Currently there is inadequate space and exam rooms to provide primary care services and therefore adding mental health counselors to our teams has been challenging. With the \$2M in funding received from the 2022 Community Project Funding (CPF) we will be constructing a central registration and main entrance to GNBCHC. This project will allow us to add/upgrade elevator access to our third floor that currently serves as an administrative department and will be transformed into a patient service area with additional funding from CPF in	New Bedford MA	\$1,500

2023. We intend to relocate current administrative services across the street to our new building and create a campus setting to better serve the most vulnerable and needy families in the New Bedford area. We will create behavioral health counseling rooms and hire Licensed Independent Clinical Social Workers (LICSWs) and Community Health Workers (CHWs) to work collaboratively with our medical teams to receive warm handoffs for patients experiencing serious mental health concerns. Once the patients have been stabilized, our mental health team can work with the patients and medical teams to create a plan of care for long-term stabilization.

People Acting in Community Endeavors, Inc. (PACE)	PACE operates one of Massachusetts' longest running and most successful YouthBuild programs, an initiative funded by the Department of Labor. YouthBuild New Bedford has moved around to five different locations over the last decade and has finally found a suitable long-term home with an option to purchase the property, but must find a way to fund the purchase. This project will enable the program to sustainably educate students that have fallen through the cracks of the traditional education system while simultaneously giving them construction skills and experience as they produce affordable housing in New Bedford.	New Bedford MA	\$500
William James College	The Academy addresses the dire needs K-12 teachers now face by offering training based on an innovative combination of behavioral health, DEI, SEL, and leadership via two tracks: (1) an 8-session Certificate in Classroom Behavioral Health, and (2) specialized graduate certificates to create a workforce poised to address the challenges that schools encounter. Central to the Academy's mission is a focus on underserved communities, interventions responsive to current needs, and an ongoing professional learning community. This model transforms education and provides students in Massachusetts communities with a strong academic and social emotional foundation so they can learn, grow, and thrive.	Newton MA	\$1,200
Lasell University	In Massachusetts, 17,000 high-paying cybersecurity jobs remain unfilled due to a shortage of individuals with the adequate level of education and training to fill the positions. Additionally, the state's existing cybersecurity workforce lacks diverse representation, particularly among women, persons of color, and veterans. The Lasell University Cybersecurity Education Center (LUCEC) seeks to address these workplace gaps and help ensure that people and businesses in the state can be protected against cyberattacks by expanding Lasell's cybersecurity program through the establishment of a virtual cybersecurity range. The Lasell cybersecurity range will be a hyper-realistic cyber simulation platform that will mimic real-world problems in the cybersecurity realm, serving as a hands-on cyber lab for students, as well as an advanced, simulated training environment for cybersecurity professionals. The range would draw more students to Lasell to study cybersecurity and experience the specialized, hands-on learning opportunities that Lasell offers. If funded, LUCEC will address the talent gap by increasing the number of skilled, trained, and experienced cybersecurity professionals by 150 in the first year and 500 over three years of project implementation. The multi-disciplinary curriculum will meet students where they are by offering industry certificate programs, bachelor's, and master's degrees. Students will gain a theoretical and practical foundation in the principles of information assurance, and in ethical institutional practices and behaviors. They will also gain direct experience through team-based projects, hands-on activities, and security-related internship assignments. The program's professional focus on career readiness will prepare graduates to help safeguard organizations on the internet, including in areas such as national security policy, cyber investigation, and vulnerability testing.	Newton MA	\$1,279
Berkshire Immigrant Center Inc.	The "American Workplace" workshops for Berkshire immigrants will inform foreign-born residents of the general cultural values in the US workplace. These workshops will provide the groundwork for immigrants to understand what employers look for in an ideal candidate. The sessions will include resume and cover letter writing, mock interviews, asking for references, applying for a position or promotion, how to negotiate salaries and benefits, personal branding, and understanding workplace values. The Berkshire Immigrant Center believes that these workshops will prepare immigrants for the American workforce and in turn bolster the local economy with their newfound skills.	Pittsfield MA	\$40

Berkshire Community College	<p>Berkshire Community College (BCC) seeks funding through an FY23 Congressional Directed Spending request in order to purchase and install two generators that will keep the campus operational during a power outage or other emergency situation. BCC is committed to ensuring a safe and secure environment for its students, faculty and staff and has recently made some significant investments to its technology infrastructure, classroom buildings, and security systems. Without backup power capabilities, however, BCC is unable to operate or maintain these systems in the event of an electrical outage. On average, BCC experiences four to five major outages each year, most lasting five to six hours, which often requires the closure of the campus and the cancellation of classes. The College has a limited backup power source for its computer servers, which only lasts a few hours. Power outages can significantly impact BCC's wireless capabilities, telephone, security, fire alarm, lighting for evacuation routes, and computer systems.</p> <p>Two standby emergency generators will not only provide power to the campus, but will also allow BCC to serve as a regional shelter for Berkshire County. BCC has been identified by the Central Berkshire Regional Emergency Planning Committee as a prime location for a large-scale regional shelter, however, it cannot do so without the availability of backup power. The Regional Sheltering Plan has been developed in partnership with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Association as part of the Commonwealth's effort to establish community-based shelter locations. The Plan is built around 12 communities in Central Berkshire County including Becket, Dalton, Hancock, Hinsdale, Lanesborough, Lee, Lenox, Peru, Pittsfield, Richmond, Washington, and Windsor. This project will impact residents in all these communities.</p> <p>BCC has been chosen to serve as a regional shelter because of its large capacity athletic facility, personal hygiene facilities, and food service capabilities. Unfortunately, the facility lacks is a large capacity backup electrical generator and accompanying transfer switch equipment to facilitate power needs if the electric distribution system should fail. Funding will provide support for an engineering study, upgrades to BCC's current electrical system, as well as the purchase and installation of two standby commercial-grade generators. BCC estimates the overall cost to be approximately \$500,000.</p>	Pittsfield MA	\$500
Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital–Plymouth	<p>BID-Plymouth Hospital is seeking to expand the current Emergency Department with a 25 bed Observation Unit to better accommodate the increasing demand for emergent, urgent, and behavioral health services sought by patients in this growing community.</p>	Plymouth MA	\$2,000
NEADS Inc.	<p>NEADS, Inc., provides highly trained Service Dogs for civilians and veterans with progressive illnesses and physical disabilities including hearing loss; children with autism or physical disabilities; and veterans coping with PTSD. NEADS Assistance Dogs provide support in courthouses, special education classrooms, counseling practices, and hospitals, among others.</p> <p>This project will enhance and expand our ability to serve more clients by expanding and improving the facilities where future service dogs receive their foundational training and socialization, and establishing and equipping a new veterinary clinic and surgical suite on site. These expansions are critical to NEADS' stability and growth.</p>	Princeton MA	\$65
Quincy Asian Resources, Inc. (QARI)	<p>QARI is requesting FY23 funding to increase access to linguistically and culturally competent mental health services for immigrants and refugees in MA. We currently offer group programs for youth and families with our community partners and are in the process of launching an outpatient program in order to increase the availability of multilingual clinical services and overcome stigma about mental health among AAPI and immigrant communities. Funding will help launch our clinical operations, including free in-person counseling, youth programs, family workshops, elder services, workforce development initiatives, and anti-stigma outreach in collaboration with partners in Quincy, Randolph, Weymouth, Plymouth, and Boston.</p>	Quincy MA	\$4,946

Manet Community Health Center	<p>Manet Community Health Center provides access to high-quality, comprehensive, primary care, mental health and substance use services (behavioral health), and preventive health care services at four locations in Quincy, one in Hull, one in Taunton, and a new site in Attleboro, MA; and will be opening our first School-Based Health Center in Taunton, MA.</p> <p>Manet completed installation of its first generation EHR in 2008, and in 2012, respectively the health center moved to its second generation EHR. A decade later, and in with the advent of growth and next stage of the Medicaid ACO in 2023, the health center has determined that a third generation is needed to ensure that its EHR system is at its optimal level to continue to improve robust provider integration across the health care services continuum, improve quality, patient safety and reporting, provider and integrated care team decision support, increase system efficiency; reduce health disparities; enhance care coordination, and population and public health outcomes and real-time analysis; and maintain highest privacy and security of patient health information.</p>	Quincy, Hull, Attleboro, Taunton MA	\$1,517
May Institute	<p>This initiative will increase May Institute's training capacity to provide access to efficient, competency-based training and skill development for Direct Care Supervisors and Direct Support Professionals, a role identified as a high priority position in three of MassHire's seven regions. It will create a bridge from unemployment or low wage jobs to high paying, high demand careers for workers and will develop linkages with businesses, trade associations, and colleges and universities to develop growth pathways for employees. It will create training for 250 people year one, and 750 -1,000 in future years.</p>	Randolph MA	\$750
Children's Services of Roxbury	<p>Children's Services of Roxbury (CSR) will renovate its 50,000 square foot headquarters in Roxbury into a Center for Family Well-being, enabling CSR to scale, growing programs by 25%, and serving an additional 1,500 children and parents annually within three years after the building is complete. The renewal will support the growth of CSR's children's mental health and family support and stabilization services, expand trauma-focused childcare for vulnerable children, expand strategic partnerships, and launch new initiatives to increase access for families in crisis. Growth will add over 100 career-oriented jobs primarily in Roxbury, Worcester, and Springfield, a 25% growth in employees.</p>	Roxbury MA	\$5,000
Children's Services of Roxbury	<p>Children's Services of Roxbury is Massachusetts largest Black-run nonprofit and Commonwealth's only Black-specialized mental health provider, with deep roots in communities of color. The Front Porch is a racial equity demonstration to significantly increase access to mental health and substance recovery supports for youth and families of color impacted by intergenerational racial trauma and COVID. The model offers innovative engagement strategies to reach vulnerable youth and parents through Boston public schools, family shelters, our young adult drop-in center, childcare, and community settings. This project leverages MassHealth (Medicaid) dollars, linking youth and families to culturally attuned mental health services.</p>	Roxbury MA	\$368
New Salem Family Health Center	<p>North Shore Community Health (NSCH) seeks support to create/enhance two high value service lines that will improve health outcomes for its Salem patients and other residents in the community while also driving down health care costs. Federal dollars invested now will help build a valuable community asset and also save future tax dollars.</p> <p>NSCH patient data show that Salem Family Health Center (SFHC) patients are inappropriately utilizing Emergency Departments (EDs). Further, before the pandemic and currently, SFHC experienced surging demand for behavioral health care, and the demand in the City of Salem and surrounding communities is significant and growing.</p>	Salem MA	\$5,000
Groundwork Somerville	<p>Groundwork Somerville seeks funding to support our Green Team youth employment program, supporting more youth jobs and youth training in environmental work. The Green Team is a unique learning opportunity for youth to have input into their educational structure and to make decisions for themselves about plans for their community, working together to decide upon the environmental projects that will make the biggest impact on their community. Green Team youth are on the cutting edge of climate</p>	Somerville MA	\$60

resiliency projects and building more green spaces within the city.

Mount Holyoke College	The Center for Academic Resilience & Excellence (CARE) will serve as an academic resource center for the development of metacognitive skills and academic resilience and success. It will be a vehicle to improve academic engagement and achievement for all students, especially for first-generation and low-income students and student of color. It will benefit students across the spectrum of ability—supporting those who struggle, as well as those who want to further develop academic skills including reflection, leadership, and transferability of core concepts across disciplines. The Center will offer group workshops and one-on-one academic coaching sessions, coordinate peer-to-peer academic supports and tutoring.	South Hadley MA	\$629
Harrington Memorial Hospital, Inc.	Harrington Hospital has campuses in two of the state's poorest communities, Southbridge and Webster. Capital investment to upgrade its outdated electronic health records (EHR) system will stabilize and improve health services in these communities and will fully integrate Harrington into the EHR system of UMass Memorial Health (UMMH), the safety net health system that it joined in 2021. Transitioning Harrington to the Epic EHR system will enable some of the Commonwealth's most vulnerable patients to benefit from features that have been successfully utilized by other UMMH hospitals to improve outcomes, advance community health and reduce health inequities.	Southbridge MA	\$1,500
Gándara Center	The purpose of this project is to increase access to behavioral health services for individuals who experience substance use disorders and serious mental illness(es), with the primary population of focus being the high risk and historically underserved, under resourced Hispanic and Latino community. To achieve this goal Gándara will renovate its St. George Behavioral Health Clinic in the north end of Springfield, MA.	Springfield MA	\$640
Mental Health Association, Inc.	MHA's \$200,000 request includes expenses associated with the non-construction costs of expansion of our day programming services for adults who are survivors of an acquired or traumatic brain injury, or who have an Intellectual/Developmental Disability including the acquisition of a wheelchair-assisted van to aid in community inclusion and integration of day program participants.	Springfield MA	\$200
Mental Health Association, Inc.	A central component of MHA's work focuses on mental health and substance use recovery. All adults in our residential programming have a dual diagnosis of a mental illness and substance use. Our proposal focuses on programmatic support for MHA's GRIT Residential Rehabilitation Services programs serving adults, youth and the state's only program for LGBTQ+ individuals.	Springfield MA	\$100
Baystate Health	Baystate Health seeks Congressional support in realizing our vision to combine several existing community health centers in a flagship Community Health and Wellness Center in the heart of Springfield, Massachusetts. This new and modern setting will deliver comprehensive preventive, primary, and specialty care to families in the Springfield community. It will increase access to underserved community members, provide on-site ancillary services and a touchdown space for community partners who provide support services to families. The health center will serve as incubator for technology and will optimize team-based care for academic training and population health.	Springfield MA	\$4,000
Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame	The Vault, a customized special exhibit space to showcase "never seen before or displayed" the personal collections of game artifacts of the inducted Basketball Hall of Famers, such as Michael Jackson, Grant Hill, Charles Barkley, Kevin Garnett, as well as NBA coaches and players. This is a cross-cultural exhibit and will be designed appropriately in a bank vault-like setting to protect and preserve the very valuable treasures being displayed. This special exhibit is being done collaboratively with the Latino Chamber of Commerce to jointly host special events and exhibits, locally and statewide, to feature Latino & African American NBA players, cultural exhibit to focus on minority history in the game, women, and Title IX.	Springfield MA	\$700

Westfield State University - Springfield Campus	A feasibility study to create an Innovation center in downtown Springfield, MA for students from Springfield, Chicopee and Holyoke. to focus on health disparities, community health, aging, and a one year second degree in nursing. The Innovation Center space will include a simulation lab through virtual projection. It could support teaching, learning and professional certification in the areas of nursing, forensic science, paramedic training and athletic training. This funding will improve lives, create jobs and expand opportunities.	Springfield MA	\$2,000
New England Public Media, Inc.	When the local NPR radio station, (New England Public Radio), and a local television station (WGBY Springfield) merged in 2019 to become New England Public Media, Inc. (NEPM), the new organization knew it had to consolidate existing multiple operations into one location and function as one entity. It has since undertaken the renovation of one of its buildings, currently in progress. It has also worked with a design team and media experts on a systems integration/ technology project, which will connect various sub-systems (components like the Master Control unit, radio and television control rooms, studio soundboards) into a larger system that functions as one. When complete it will improve productivity and quality of operations by speeding up information flows and reducing operational costs, thereby providing enhanced public media services, including educational programming and training, to its western Massachusetts audience.	Springfield MA	\$500
Home Base	Funding will enable adult survivors from across the country to participate in Home Base's 2-Week Families of the Fallen Intensive Clinical Program and children grieving the death of a parent/primary caregiver who served in the U.S. military to participate in Home Base's Resilient Youth Program. This project is addressing the increased need for mental health services brought on by isolation, stress, anxiety, and uncertainty of the pandemic, in addition to recent events abroad, that have triggered and exacerbated existing wounds faced by Families of the Fallen.	Statewide MA	\$1,000
MetroWest Free Medical Program, Inc.	We seek funding through SAMHSA Health Surveillance and Program Support Account for mental health services, specifically: screening and assessment of individuals, including the presence of co-occurring mental and substance use disorders and referral to treatment; referral and access to treatment services; culturally-responsive educational materials on mental health promotion; and training on evidence-based behavioral health practices for our staff, volunteers, interpreters, and broader community. In 17 years, we've held over 25,000 patient visits. In one year, the project will provide critical services to over 1000 patients in the year, touching the lives of over 5000 individuals in our community.	Sudbury MA	\$100
The Arc of Massachusetts	The Arc's Project provides resources to individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities, including autism, and their families to address issues of isolation, insufficient supports, lack of congregate services, and caregiver burnout that continues during this post-COVID pandemic period. In addition, the project would provide training to young adult students with significant disabilities leaving special education and transitioning into the adult service system without adequate assistive technology supports or remote supports & monitoring technology.	Waltham MA	\$1,793
Operation Benjamin	Brandeis University's Hornstein Jewish Professional Leadership Program in Waltham, Massachusetts will partner with Operation Benjamin to expand research on Jewish American soldiers killed in the line of duty overseas who were mistakenly buried under the Latin cross, create a digital archive of this research, and develop educational programming to tell the stories of these American soldiers. The service to country these soldiers performed offers powerful lessons on leadership which Brandeis intends to highlight through educational programming geared toward Brandeis' undergraduate and graduate students as well as scholars, alumni and the general public.	Waltham MA	\$500

Veterans Inc.	Veterans Inc. is establishing a new level to its continuum of care: Residential Extended Stay Addiction & Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) treatment. This level is missing in the chain of treatment and is a most critical level of care. The Extended Stay Treatment (EST) facility will be a state-of-the-art, veteran prioritized, addiction & PTSD care and education facility that will support the growing demand among the veteran population for community-based recovery services. EST will also provide Best Practice methodology in the provision of Medication Assisted Treatment that will help to sustain recovery once patients are discharged to independent living.	Worcester MA	\$4,000
Worcester State University	EC-Springfield provides low-income high school students in urban and rural areas of the Pioneer Valley with dual enrollment classes, student support services, and summer residential learning opportunities. In all, some 1,000 students will earn 12,000 college credits. Early College Springfield (ECS) increases access and success for under-represented high school students. Students graduate HS with significant college credits, reducing the time and cost needed to obtain a degree and achieve success through added student support services.	Worcester MA	\$1,225
YMCA of Central Massachusetts	The YMCA of Central Massachusetts opened the Fuller Family Park in 1997 with a goal of providing outdoor services and programs to the Worcester Main South neighborhood. This area continues to be under-represented with adequate green spaces as compared with other communities in this urban market. Ensuring that the park is modernized with an upgraded running track, multi-generational outdoor structure, outdoor children's play structure, benches, splash pad, amphitheater and pavilion will allow families to live healthier lives. Outdoor children's play structure, benches, splash pad, amphitheater and pavilion will allow families to live healthier lives.	Worcester MA	\$507
Ascentria Care Alliance	Massachusetts nursing homes are facing a critical direct care worker shortage. While there have been temporary funding increases to supplement worker pay, they have been insufficient to solve the problem as evidenced by the current 7400 open positions. This project is an IT investment which will help improve the efficiency of an overtaxed workforce. It will allow for more work time to be devoted to patient care instead of manual administrative tasks, thereby improving both worker satisfaction and patient outcomes.	Worcester MA	\$728
Worcester Polytechnic Institute	Worcester State University and Worcester Polytechnic Institute are seeking to join forces to develop future workforce training for WSU's Nursing and Occupational Therapy (OT) students. The plan calls for supporting equipment enhancements at WPI's PracticePoint R&D Center, where the training would take place. The first phase would incorporate training for nursing and OT students at PracticePoint and the second phase would work toward developing enhanced training approaches that would advance workforce education for nursing and OT students. Ultimately, the training would help address shortages in both nursing and OT staff throughout the region.	Worcester MA	\$1,213
Worcester Housing Authority	Through its planned employment training and development programs, the WHA will achieve two major goals. First, the WHA will equip housing authority staff with the skills they need to better serve the diverse and vulnerable populations they assist each day with compassion and equity. Staff will be able to grow personally and professionally, reducing turnover and lowering associated administrative costs. Second, the WHA will expand its award-winning self-sufficiency programs for public housing residents to include additional fields of study and opportunities to enhance their education; to find gainful employment; and to reach their greatest potential.	Worcester MA	\$1,000
UMass Memorial Medical Center	This project will add 87 inpatient beds to address a healthcare access challenge in Central Massachusetts, which has fewer hospital beds per-capita than other parts of Massachusetts and fewer than the U.S. average. UMass Memorial Medical Center is the region's sole provider of a variety of high acuity, tertiary services, and its largest safety net hospital. Due to an inpatient bed shortage, the Medical Center persistently must decline patient transfer requests from community hospitals and its emergency department patients face exceedingly long admission delays.	Worcester MA	\$1,500

Expanding bed capacity will improve access for the region's highest acuity patients.

Living in Freedom Together (LIFT)	BRAVE – Building Real Action for Viable Employment – will provide pre-employment job training and skill building through the transitional employment model and will be designed around input and goals of program participants from LIFT and BRAVE program partner, Latin American Health Alliance (LAHA). With nearly \$500,000 granted from EOHED's Community Engagement & Reinvestment Program, LIFT and LAHA will have all the foundational real estate, property, and equipment purchased to begin the program by early July. BRAVE will be comprised of two co-op-modeled social enterprises, a mobile coffee business and an auto-mechanic garage. These entities will be developed, designed, and operated by motivated for LIFT and LAHA program participants. LIFT and LAHA serve some of Worcester County's most vulnerable community members. LIFT specifically services Survivors of commercial sexual exploitation who are experiencing substance use disorders and co-occurring mental health disorders. LAHA services Black and Latino men in Reentry and recovery from substance use disorder.	Worcester MA	\$140
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Boys & Girls Club of Worcester	The project will allow the Boys & Girls Club of Worcester to form our organization's mental health and prevention services into a cohesive whole, creating a Club-wide curriculum across all three sites to ensure that all Club members have support and access to our lifesaving programs that address health equity and equal access in our community. Our director of social-emotional learning, an MSW, will create a team to function across our three Clubhouses, to assess and counsel kids and families, track progress, train mentors and staff, train teens as peer mentors, work with schools and social workers, and more.	Worcester MA	\$220
Edward M. Kennedy Community Health Center, Inc.	<p>Kennedy Community Health is seeking CDS to assist in expanding access to health care for marginalized populations and people of color as we open our new and second health center site in Worcester at 605 Lincoln Street. The funding will support 12 FTEs of the many new staff required to support the following: expanded dental, behavioral health and urgent care practices; our optometry program; a small pharmacy; and support staff. Seizing the opportunity to almost double our footprint in Worcester, we purchased a building at 605 Lincoln Street, a half mile from our flagship health center at 19 Tacoma Street.</p> <p>The Worcester regional 2018 Community Health Assessment noted two issues that must be addressed to improve health status and reduce existing disparities: racism, discrimination and health equity and health system issues (workforce issues, ...). Our proposal to expand health care services in Worcester will address these concerns.</p> <p>Seizing the opportunity to almost double our footprint in Worcester, in 2021 we purchased 605 Lincoln Street, a half mile from our flagship health center at 19 Tacoma Street. Operating two large health centers will expand our capacity and increase access to vital health care services, especially for vulnerable populations. The new facility will house expanded dental, behavioral health and urgent care, a small pharmacy, our optometry practice and other related services. We are seeking funding for 12 new FTEs to support some of this growth. These new staff will be hired from the communities we serve and we strive to hire staff who represent our patient demographics.</p> <p>Our approach to expanding access was strategic in that the purchase of 605 Lincoln Street is allowing us to move and expand our dental and behavioral health practices while freeing up space in our flagship health center site at 19 Tacoma Street, Worcester to grow primary care and increase access to culturally and</p>	Worcester MA	\$1,000

linguistically competent medical care for the citizens of Central Massachusetts. The extra space at our flagship health center will also support the growth of our 340b pharmacy and its move the first floor for easy access, and the expansion of our Ryan White HIV, MAT, LGBTQ+, and trans practices.