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Nonprofits Receive \$575,900 in Grant Awards

The trustees of the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts recently announced \$575,900 in competitive grant awards to local organizations. Seventy-six Pioneer Valley projects will receive this funding. The Community Foundation awards competitive grants twice each year, allocating funds to nonprofit organizations for projects addressing community needs including arts and culture, education, environment, health, housing, and human services.

Funding for the competitive grant program comes from distributions from 17 funds at the Community Foundation. For the first time, this list includes the Credit Data Services Fund.

When the assets of Credit Data Services were purchased several years ago, the company's Board of community leaders determined to leave a legacy to serve the community in which they were earned. The \$6 million earned from this sale established an endowment at the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts to support projects to assist the residents of the Pioneer Valley.

Some of the other funds supporting the competitive grant program include: Brendler Family Charitable Fund, Raymond E. and Mildred G. Clark Foundation Fund, Bank of America, Trustee, Eugene A. Dexter Charitable Fund administered by Bank of America, Trustee, The Franklin Fund, The Lochridge-Watkins Charitable Foundation administered by Bank of America, Trustee, and the Albert Steiger Memorial Fund.

The following organizations, listed by region served, received funds to support specific projects.

Pioneer Valley

All Out Adventures Incorporated	Recreation Inclusion for Schools and Educators	\$10,000
Children's Aid & Family Service of Hampshire Cty.	Pre-Adoptive Parent Support Group	\$3,000
Friends of Children, Inc.	Child Advocacy Program	\$7,400
Shriners Hospital for Children - Springfield	Project Hope	\$12,500
WGBH Educational Foundation	Ready to Lead in Literacy	\$25,000

Hampden County

Greater Holyoke Chamber Centennial Foundation.	Holyoke Works	\$11,000
American International College	The Immigrant Experience in Greater Springfield: Community Oral History	\$5,000
Baystate Health Foundation, Inc.	Baystate Children's Asthma Program	\$15,000
Best Buddies Massachusetts	Best Buddies Citizen Program	\$10,000
Center for Human Development, Inc.	HIV/AIDS Law Consortium: Latino Family Law Project	\$11,500
Christ Church Cathedral	Undercroft Handicapped Restrooms and Equipment Project	\$10,000
Community Adolescent Resource and Education Center	Daycare Redo	\$5,000
Community Involved in Sustaining Agriculture, Inc.	Senior FarmShare	\$5,000
Community Music School of Springfield, Inc.	Renaissance Program for Incarcerated Youth	\$5,000
Community Music School of Springfield, Inc.	Computer Hardware and Software	\$10,000
Community United Way of Pioneer Valley, Inc.	Multi Year Capacity Building - Human Service Forum	\$60,000
Enchanted Circle, Inc.	From Page to Stage - Reader's Theater	\$3,500
Faith Unlimited Institute, Inc.	Fiscal Capacity Building	\$1,800
Foundation for Excellent Schools, Inc.	The Century Program - Western Mass Cluster	\$12,000
The Friends of Norcross Center, Inc	The Leon and Diana Feffer Art Center	\$7,500
Gray House, Inc.	Community Education Support Program	\$10,000
Junior Achievement of Western Massachusetts	JA College Partnership – Role Models for the Future	\$5,000
Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals	Ladue House Project	\$10,000
Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children	Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Continuum	\$15,000
Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic, Inc.	Adopt-A-Text Program	\$4,500
Weston Rehabilitation Associates, Inc.	Expansion of Center's Silk-Screening Operation	\$17,700
American Red Cross, Greater Westfield Chapter	Local Disaster Relief	\$3,000
Carson Center for Human Services, Inc.	Opening the Gateway to Children's Mental Health Delivery	\$5,000
New England Foundation for the Arts, Inc.	Executive Leadership Program for Nonprofit Cultural Leaders	\$5,000
Quabbin Mediation, Inc.	Palmer Community Mediation Project	\$2,000
Pioneer Valley Project, Inc	Deconstruction Works	\$5,000
Puerto Rican Cultural Center, Inc.	ESOL Program Improvement Plan	\$15,000

Hampden County (continued)

River Valley Counseling Center, Inc.	Project S.T.A.R.	\$5,000
Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps, Inc.	Integrating Adventure Education Into Secure Treatment	\$10,000
Springfield Boys and Girls Club, Inc.	Homeless Education Project	\$7,000
Springfield Day Nursery Corporation	Safe and Healthy Spaces	\$10,000
Springfield School Volunteers, Inc.	Arts in the Morning	\$5,000
Springfield Symphony Orchestra	The Firebird	\$8,000
Stanley Park of Westfield, Inc.	Youth Theater Artsmentor Program	\$4,000
University of Massachusetts Foundation, Inc.	Access Arts	\$7,500
Wing Memorial Hospital Corporation	Family Violence Intervention Coalition of the Eastern Pioneer Valley	\$10,000
The X Main Street Corporation	Bing Arts Center Phase 1 Renovations	\$15,000

Hampshire County

Amherst Ballet Theatre Company, Inc.	Building Purchase	\$5,000
Amherst Community Arts Center	Arts for All	\$2,000
Cancer Connection, Inc.	All Cancer Support Group	\$2,500
Casa Latina, Inc.	Family Mentors	\$8,000
Center for Human Development, Inc.	Family Outreach of Amherst: Life Skills Training Program	\$5,000
Franklin Community Action Corporation	Mediation in Hampshire Probate and Family Court	\$3,000
Friends of Amherst Recreation, Inc.	Access Program	\$1,000
Friends of Children, Inc.	Foster Child Educational Advocacy Project	\$4,000
Great Trails Council, Inc., Boy Scouts of America	Youth Protection Training	\$3,000
Hilltown Community Health Centers, Inc.	Huntington Health Center Building Expansion	\$20,000
Jackson Street School Parent Teacher Organization, Inc.	"Moments in History": Enchanted Circle Theater 5 th Grade Theater Arts Residency	\$1,200
Kestrel Trust	Great Meadow Project	\$4,000
Lilly Library Association	Lilly Library Renovation and Expansion	\$10,000
Men's Resource Center of Western Massachusetts	Violence Prevention Groups in the Hampshire County Jail	\$2,000
Northampton Arts Council Inc.	Four Sundays in February 2006	\$2,000
Northampton Center for the Arts, Inc.	A World of Piano: 3 Jazz Masters	\$3,000

Hampshire County (continued)

Northampton Community Music Center, Inc.	Communications and Marketing Project	\$1,500
Open Field Foundation Bramble Hill Farm	Fertile Ground, Pilot Teaching Garden and Collaborative	\$5,000
Pioneer Valley Habitat for Humanity	Westhampton Road Collaborative with Smith Vocational High School	\$10,000
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ServiceNet, Inc.	Computer Acquisition	\$10,000
Sisters Ink	Mentoring and Arts Program, Outreach and Development	\$2,500
Tapestry Health Systems, Inc.	Women's Health Prevention Program	\$5,000
Valley Community Development Corporation	Strategic Planning Initiative	\$1,500

Franklin County

Colrain Volunteer Ambulance Association, Inc.	Colrain Ambulance Program	\$2,000
Community Health Center of Franklin County	Maternal Child Home Visiting Nurse Program	\$15,000
Franklin Community Action Corporation	Families Making Music	\$4,000
Franklin Community Action Corporation	Guiding Good Choices Project	\$4,500
Historic Deerfield, Inc.	China Trade Education Kit	\$1,600
Montague Catholic Social Ministries, Inc.	S.O.A.R.	\$5,000
Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust, Inc.	Land Protection Fund	\$10,000
Pioneer Valley Habitat for Humanity	Turners Falls Habitat Project	\$8,000
Pioneer Valley Symphony, Inc.	Access to the Arts	\$3,000
United ARC of Franklin and Hampshire Counties.	Web Site and Parenting Resource Library	\$2,000

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