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GREATER LOWELL HEALTH ALLIANCE

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## Letter from the Board Chair

This has been an exciting and challenging year for the Greater Lowell Health Alliance.

With the departure of Board Chair Deirdra Murphy, I am honored to step into the role, acknowledging that I have very big shoes to fill. We are all inspired by Deirdra's insightful leadership and vision with the Alliance; we are most grateful for her many years of service.



I am deeply committed to the mission of the Greater Lowell Health Alliance—to improve the overall health and wellness of those living in our communities. Since its inception in 2004, the Alliance has created significant, positive change throughout our region, and we are growing stronger and more relevant every year.

While many other organizations talk about problems, the Alliance is an organization of action. During an unprecedented year in which a global pandemic and racial inequities threaten the foundation of our public health, the Alliance has stepped up to help find solutions and address the health needs of those most at risk. I have never been prouder of this organization, its mission, and its leadership.

I would like to extend my most sincere thanks to the dedicated members of our board, to the tireless and passionate GLHA task forces, to our wonderful community partners, and to our outstanding GLHA team—Executive Director Kerrie D'Entremont, Community Engagement Coordinator Amanda Clermont, and Hannah Tello, our new Community Data Manager—who unerringly keep this ship on course.

I am truly grateful for the opportunity to be part of this vital community organization. Working together, we will continue to serve as a catalyst for change, taking on the issues, breaking down barriers, and pursuing health equity for all.

Sincerely,

Susan West Levine  
Board Chair

## GLHA: Stepping Up During the Pandemic

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, the Greater Lowell Health Alliance sprang action. We realized quickly that the pandemic would affect not only how we operate, but also where we need to shift our focus to identify and address unmet healthcare needs in the community. We have reimagined our operations and events, shifting to socially distant and virtual platforms. We are serving as a sounding board for community needs and taking a leadership role in coordinating community resources and access for those highest at risk, including distribution of personal protection equipment (PPE), made possible by a grant from the Greater Lowell Community Foundation. Throughout this pandemic, we will continue to work tirelessly to fulfill our mission to serve as a catalyst for action and solutions to improve the health of the communities we serve.



# Letter from the Executive Director

We are pleased to share with you the Greater Lowell Health Alliance 2019/2020 annual report.

It has been a year of great challenge, as our communities and our country are facing two major public health crises: a global pandemic and the systemic racism, inequity, and growing socio-economic divide that directly impact social determinants of health and the future health of our communities. Charged with a mission to affect positive change, the Alliance has stepped up to take a leadership role in both areas.

Even as we diverted necessary resources to address these crises, and adjusted our operations to meet COVID-19 restrictions, we stayed focused and on track to release the 2020 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), an important road map for the GLHA in setting priorities to improve the region's overall health. The 2020 CHIP is already creating impact, as our GLHA task forces and community partners utilize this tool to turn data into action. The CHIP has also guided the GLHA in realigning our task forces to reflect the changing needs of our community, as well as guiding the investment of resources—including our annual GLHA grants—to ensure that funds are being allocated to the organizations on the front line in addressing unmet health needs.

This past year, more than ever, it has been evident that the success of the GLHA is the result of our mission-driven collaboration and engagement with our communities, supported by our dedicated board, steering committee, task force leaders and members, and hundreds of community partners. I owe a debt of gratitude to Deirdra Murphy, who recently stepped down as Chair of the Board of Directors, for her years of outstanding service and leadership, and to Susan West Levine, who has stepped into the role so seamlessly.

I am grateful to each and every one of you for your support and dedication. Together, we are changing lives and working towards a stronger and healthier future for Greater Lowell.

In good health,



Kerrie D'Entremont  
Executive Director



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KATHERINE ELKINS, HEATHER HILBERT, MARIA LUCCI

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**Our mission is to sustain a strategic alliance of community organizations that improves the overall health and wellness of those living in the Greater Lowell region.**





## Greater Lowell Health Alliance: Who We Are

The Greater Lowell Health Alliance (GLHA) of the Community Health Network Area 10 brings together healthcare providers, business leaders, educators, and civic and community leaders with a common goal to improve the overall health of our communities.

The GLHA serves as a catalyst in identifying and addressing unmet healthcare needs, raising awareness, and providing resources for community partners to take actions that will lead to significant change for all.

Founded in 2006, the Alliance serves as an advocate for nonprofits and community organizations, securing funding and sharing resources with the outstanding front-line agencies addressing the region's health priorities. Working collaboratively, the GLHA helps break down barriers that threaten our most vulnerable populations, linking them to available services and resources to address their needs.



*TOP - GLHA staff: Community Engagement Coordinator Amanda Clermont, Community Data Manager Hannah Tello, and Executive Director Kerrie D'Entremont. BOTTOM - GLHA Interns Caryn Hamilton and Samantha Torres, Community Engagement Coordinator Amanda Clermont, Intern Chandini Paul, Executive Director Kerrie D'Entremont.*

## Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)

A Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) serves as a road map for the GLHA and our priorities, steering us in the direction we need to take to improve health outcomes within the communities of the Greater Lowell region. The results of the 2019 Community Health Needs Assessment informed the 2020 Community Health Improvement Plan, with a goal to address current and developing health issues that our communities are facing.

CHIPs succeed only with the collaboration of community partners, bringing together community members, leaders, agencies and businesses to help create objectives and develop strategies. Over several months, we hosted listening sessions to engage our community partners and set our course for the future. We held over thirty listening sessions and spoke to over 500 people, producing specific data reports from each of our eight communities and encompassing those populations often marginalized or at risk, including LGBTQ+, seniors, and refugees and immigrants.

**The CHIP's mission is to turn data into action to address our community's top health priorities.**

## CHIP in Action

Our first CHIP, developed in part from data collected by the 2016 Community Health Needs Assessment and released in 2017, is already having a significant impact on our region. More than 100 community members and leaders and 60 community agencies and businesses collaborated to evaluate the community's health needs and create action plans surrounding those needs.

Those plans have turned into action through two key routes: GLHA task forces (see pages 7-9) and GLHA grant funding (see pages 10-11).

## GLHA CHIP Creation

The Greater Lowell Health Alliance worked to engage hundreds of people through the distribution of the Community Health Needs Assessment as well as the Community Health Improvement Planning sessions. These sessions were done all across the Greater Lowell regions with a variety of different organizations, from the Lowell Early Childhood Council to the Hunger and Homeless Commission. Throughout this year-long process, dozens of community organizations, agencies and nonprofits were engaged to provide feedback on action items to be included in the final CHIP report.

## GLHA Task Forces

The GLHA's six health-focused task forces—Health Equity, Wellness & Chronic Disease, Maternal Child Health, Behavioral Health, Housing and the Built Environment, and Substance Use and Prevention—have adopted the CHIP as the driving force behind their efforts, creating working groups to set goals and objectives targeting specific areas of focus identified in the CHIP process.

Among the dozens of CHIP-driven accomplishments by GLHA task forces over the past year include:

- » **Healthcare Access Navigation Video** – An updated video helping area newcomers navigate the healthcare system, translated into six languages in collaboration with Lowell Telecommunications Center.
- » **Age-Friendly Lowell Project** – A project to develop and implement an action and evaluation plan to promote health, independence, and quality of life among older Lowell residents, in partnership with University of Massachusetts Lowell and funded by a grant from Tufts Health Plan.
- » **MCPAP for Moms** – Resources and guidance on MCPAP (Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Program) telehealth capabilities, presented by guest speaker Beth McGinn at the May 2020 Maternal Child Health Task Force meeting.
- » **Gaps Analysis** – The Behavioral Health Task Force action item stemming from CHIP, with a goal to provide referrals and lessen the gap in areas least accessible for identified patients/clients.
- » **Emergency Department Housing Instability Program** – Discussion of the current Community Teamwork (CTI) program at a Housing & the Built Environment Task Force meeting, with guest speakers Connie Martin and Meg Gaffney from CTI.
- » **Greater Lowell Opioid Relief Initiative** – Review of this new program to help community members in recovery get back into the workforce and financially stable, presented to the Substance Abuse & Prevention Task Force by the MassHire Greater Lowell Workforce Board.



## Priority Focus Areas for Greater Lowell

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Through the needs assessment and CHIP process, hundreds of community members and organization helped identify the core priority focus areas for Greater Lowell (wheel) and actionable initiatives in each area (boxes).

Service Access, Workforce Development and Suicide	Maternal Mortality, Perinatal Mental Health, Teen Pregnancy and Infant Feeding
Prevention & Education and Services & Treatment	Affordable Housing and Transportation & Accessibility
Prevention & Education Community Resources and Advocacy	Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Bullying and Discrimination
Emergency Preparedness, HIV/ Hep C, Insect Illness and Vaccines	

**“In our community, individual health is dramatically impacted by a range of social determinants. There is not a single social determinant of health that is not impacted by racism. Social determinants of health are the mechanisms through which racism drives health disparities. We cannot address social determinants of health without addressing racism.”**

GLHA letter supporting the declaration of racism as a public health crisis

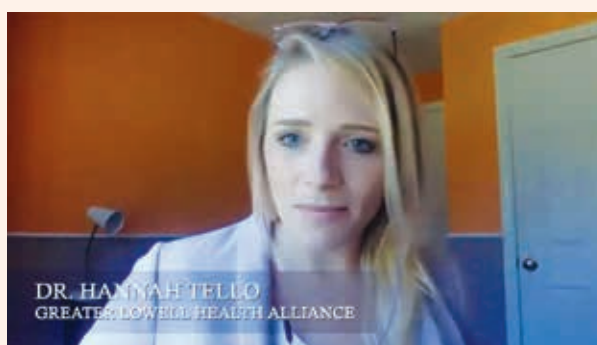
## Addressing Health Equity and Health Disparities

The Greater Lowell Health Alliance seeks to improve the health of the public by reducing health disparities and achieving health equity for all. Health disparities refer to the differences in outcomes among different groups; lack of health equity is what causes those differences. Inequities often stem from structural racism or the historical disenfranchisement of marginalized groups, including racial and ethnic minorities, low-income populations, and members of the LGBTQ community.

Over the past sixteen years, the GLHA has recognized the urgent need to focus on these areas of health equity and health disparities. As a direct result of the 2019 Community Health Needs Assessment and the 2020 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), the Alliance changed the name of the Cultural Competency Task Force to the Health Equity Task Force, with a mission to address cultural competency, health disparities, and the social determinants of health (the circumstances under which people are born, live, grow, learn, and work).

Over the past year, the GLHA has addressed health inequities related to the COVID-19 pandemic by helping to coordinate community resources and by distributing critically needed personal protection equipment (PPE) to those without access. Another key focus of the GLHA and Health Equity Task Force over the past year was engaging with the Lowell Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Consortium (DEI) to address racial disparities and take a leadership role in a campaign to declare racism as a public health crisis in the City of Lowell. Among the GLHA initiatives:

» **Media Campaign:** Running through the summer months, this campaign highlighted the disparities identified within the needs assessment and CHIP, focusing on the areas identified as the CHIP's health priority domains, including alcohol and substance misuse, behavioral health, safety and violence, infectious disease, maternal infant health, housing and the built environment, and health equity.



*GLHA Community Data Manager Hannah Tello presented data on health disparities by race on the “History in Lowell” cable television show.*

- » **Testimony:** GLHA Community Data Manager Hannah Tello spoke at a Lowell City Hall rally on July 14, 2020, presenting comprehensive and conclusive data of racial and social inequities across populations. She also presented data on health disparities by race on an episode of “History in Lowell.”
- » **Advocacy:** The Health Equity Task Force and GLHA staff developed and widely distributed a letter supporting the declaration racism is a public health crisis, and signed a petition to the Lowell City Council to support the declaration.
- » **Civic Engagement:** GLHA Executive Director Kerrie D’Entremont spoke passionately at the July Lowell City Council meeting in support of the petition, presenting the letter created by the Health Equity Task Force.

While the initial petition to the Lowell City Council was not granted, the GLHA continues in our efforts to reduce racial disparities and to address racism as a public health crisis.



# GLHA Task Forces

The work of each of the GLHA's task forces, individually and collectively, is creating long-term improvements in specific health areas and the overall health of our community, with a focus on encouraging collaboration among member organizations. These task forces are made up entirely of community volunteers who take time from their full-time commitments to focus on the health of others. These pages include just a glimpse of the profound impact these task forces and their leaders are making in our region.

The 2019 Community Health Needs Assessment and the 2020 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) guided the GLHA this year in realigning our task forces to reflect the changing needs of our community.

- » The Cultural Competency Task Force has become the **Health Equity Task Force**, with a broader focus including social determinants of health, cultural competency, and health disparities.
- » The Mental Health Task Force was renamed the **Behavioral Health Task Force**, adapting socially and medically preferred language.
- » The Social Determinations of Health Task Force transformed into the **Housing & the Built Environment Task Force**, responding to the high need of assistance in the housing crisis.
- » And the Healthy Eating and Active Living Task Force was renamed the **Wellness & Chronic Disease Task Force**, to reflect its scope in addressing all health conditions.

*To learn more about the impact of these task forces and subcommittees, visit [greaterlowellhealthalliance.org](https://greaterlowellhealthalliance.org).*



## HEALTH EQUITY TASK FORCE (formerly Cultural Competency)

TRI-CHAIRS: MERCY ANAMPIU, IVY HO, NANDI MUNSON

The mission of the Health Equity Task Force is to increase the capacity of healthcare and human service providers to encompass and provide better services to individuals of diverse backgrounds. The Health Equity Task Force fulfills this mission by increasing awareness for social determinants of health, cultural competency and health disparities within the Greater Lowell area.

**2019-2020 HIGHLIGHT:** In January 2020 the Cultural Competency Task Force transitioned to the Health Equity

Task Force, in response to feedback from both the Community Health Needs Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan process. The task force was instrumental in developing a letter on behalf of the Greater Lowell Health Alliance in support of the declaration that racism is a public health crisis in the City of Lowell. This letter was distributed electronically, as well as presented by Executive Director Kerrie D'Entremont at the July 2020 City Council meeting.

## LGBTQ SUBCOMMITTEE

CHAIR: DRE VARGAS (through August 2020)

Under the Health Equity Task Force, the LGBTQ Subcommittee comprises professionals and community members with a mission of addressing the issues pertaining to the LGBTQ population, as well as raising awareness and ensuring that all members of the Greater Lowell community have access to culturally competent, inclusive, and high-quality services and support.

**2019-2020 HIGHLIGHT:** On June 1, 2020, the LGBTQ Subcommittee held the third annual **Lowell PRIDE flag raising** at City Hall in Lowell to celebrate our LGBTQ community and the beginning of PRIDE Month. Due to social distancing restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic, the event was a private celebration that included the Mayor of the City of Lowell and several community advocates.



*Greater Lowell PRIDE Flag Raising with Dre Vargas (former subcommittee chair) with Lowell Mayor John Leahy*



*Kiara Velasquez and Tammie Dubois from Merrimack Valley Food Bank staffing the summer lunch program in Greater Lowell*

## WELLNESS & CHRONIC DISEASE TASK FORCE (formerly Healthy Eating & Active Living)

CO-CHAIRS: MARILYN GRAHAM, AMY PESSIA

The mission of the Wellness & Chronic Disease Task Force is to develop and strengthen partnerships within the Greater Lowell community with the goal of leading the community and its residents to living healthier lives. Cross-cultural and intergenerational partnerships and collaborations brought about by this task force help educate the community on how to adopt healthier lifestyles that will lead to healthier and more fulfilling lives.

**2019-2020 HIGHLIGHT:** Staff working on the GoLowell initiative attended the November 15, 2019 task force meeting to discuss the findings of the walk audit conducted the summer of 2019 as well as explain the GoLowell project, which is a plan for a safer, healthier and more enjoyable multimodal transportation system for all residents and visitors to Lowell. Task force members were able to provide feedback and ask questions from staff at the City of Lowell.

## MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH TASK FORCE

TRI-CHAIRS: HEATHER BIEDRZYCKI,  
AINAT KOREN, TAMI MARSHALL

Bringing together and collaborating with key stakeholders of the Greater Lowell area, the mission of the Maternal Child Health Task Force is to address the most pressing health issues related to mothers and their families. The efforts of this task force focus on both prenatal and perinatal health.

**2019-2020 HIGHLIGHT:** In January 2020 the Maternal Child Health Task Force and the Perinatal Mental Health working group merged, reflecting the topic of perinatal



mental health being included in the CHIP Priority Area of Maternal/Infant Health. The merger of these two groups helps to eliminate duplication of efforts and strengthen the action items from the task force as a whole, bringing many more experts to the table.



*Wellness & Chronic Disease Task Force meeting*

## **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TASK FORCE (formerly Mental Health)**

CO-CHAIRS: DEB HELMS, MATTHEW PAGE-SHELTON

The Behavioral Health Task Force comprises mental health providers and community partners with a mission to reduce stigma related to mental health issues, increase awareness of behavioral health issues and available services, improve access to mental health care, and identify and address mental health issues that the Greater Lowell community faces. The task force also convenes to in order to share resources, examine and develop best practices, and identify service gaps that can be collaboratively addressed.

**2019-2020 HIGHLIGHT:** In January 2020 past chair Kate Elkins, Executive Director Kerrie D'Entremont, and Community Engagement Coordinator Amanda Clermont met with State Rep. Thomas Golden to discuss the needs of the Behavioral Health workforce and to advocate for legislation specific to these health priority areas.

## **HOUSING & THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT TASK FORCE (formerly Social Determinants)**

CO-CHAIRS: MICHAEL COLLINS,  
LISA TAYLOR-MONTMINY

The mission of the Housing & the Built Environment Task Force is to help create a culture that provides equitable access to housing, transportation, and positive social environments to achieve improved positive health outcomes.

**2019-2020 HIGHLIGHT:** On December 13, 2019, the Task Force hosted a “WellConnected.net” discussion/training for local providers/agencies at Lowell General Hospital. Over thirty community partners attended to learn about this new online resource hub for the Merrimack Valley, which helps community members and community partners navigate resources for themselves or clients. The platform is supported by Lowell General Hospital.

## **SUBSTANCE USE & PREVENTION TASK FORCE**

CHAIRS: MICHAEL HALL, DANIEL HOWELL,  
MARIA RUGGIERO, AMANDA SHAW

The Substance Use & Prevention Task Force works together to bolster collaboration within the Greater Lowell community with a mission of preventing and reducing substance abuse within our community. Focusing on environmental strategies, the task force utilizes policy making, substance use intervention, and prevention education as strategies to overcoming this issue.

**2019-2020 HIGHLIGHT:** The Substance Use & Prevention Task Force held the second annual **Merrimack Valley Substance Use Disorder Symposium** on December 6, 2019 in Westford, with over 450 community members and partners attending. The Symposium served as a forum for all service providers, community members, and stakeholders to come together and discuss what is available and what is lacking in the realm of substance use prevention and where efforts need to be allocated to address this crisis. The third annual Merrimack Valley Substance Use Disorder Symposium will take place virtually on December 7, 2020.



*The 2nd Annual Substance Use Disorder Symposium: Caryn Hamilton (GLHA Intern), Amanda Clermont (Community Engagement Coordinator), Samantha Torres (GLHA Intern), Chandini Paul (GLHA Intern), Kerrie D'Entremont (Executive Director) and Hannah Tello (Community Health Data Manager)*

# GLHA Community Grants



2019/2020 GLHA grant recipients. Front row: Alyson Downs, Lowell Community Health Center; Sue Levine, Lowell Community Health Center; Kerrie D'Entremont, Greater Lowell Health Alliance; Beth Chin, Wayside. Middle row: Jami Dubois, Merrimack Valley Food Bank; Elizabeth McKiernan, Frederick Abisi Adult Education Center; Margaret Parkhurst, The NAN Project; Jane Calvin, Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust. Back row: Howard Amidon, Greater Lowell Community Foundation; Dimitrios Boras, Center for Hope and Healing; Pam Huntley, The Meghan House Foundation; Beth Moffett, Lowell Health Department; Eunice Zeigler, Lowell Housing Authority.



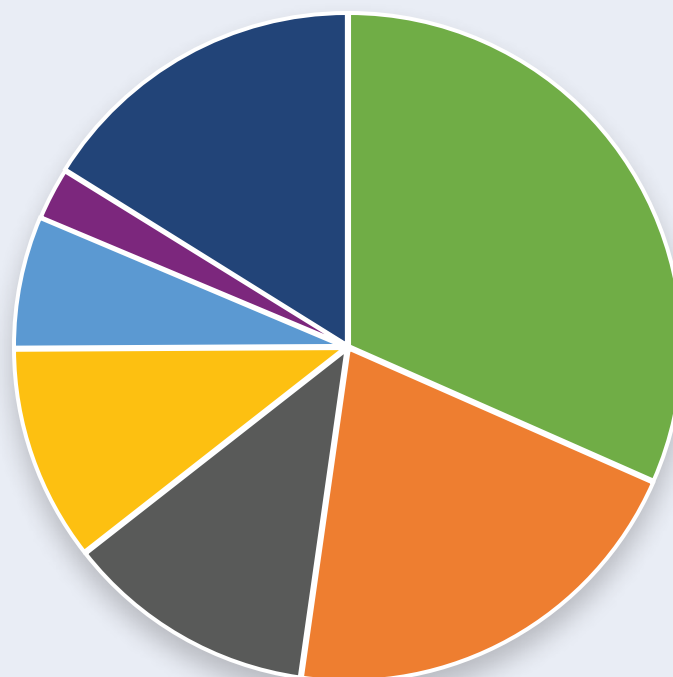
The 2019/2020 Community Health Initiative Grant Recipients included, clockwise from top left: The Greater Lowell Community Foundation, The Nan Project, and Lowell Community Health Center.

The Greater Lowell Health Alliance offers grants to support programs and services to improve the overall health of the Greater Lowell community. To date, we have distributed more than \$1.6 million in grants to organizations on the front lines of addressing unmet health needs. Over a 15-year period, the GLHA is distributing nearly \$5 million allocated by Lowell General Hospital through the hospital's Determination of Need process for its 2010 campus expansion.

Grants are awarded around the health priorities and programs that meet specific areas of focus identified by the GLHA's 2020 CHIP process:

- » Wellness & Chronic Disease
- » Infectious Disease
- » Health Equity
- » Maternal Child Health
- » Behavioral Health
- » Safety & Violence
- » Housing & the Built Environment
- » Substance Use and Prevention

To learn about the impact of these grants in our region, visit [greaterlowellhealthalliance.org](http://greaterlowellhealthalliance.org)



## GLHA Grant Funding by Priority Area (2020/2021)

- Wellness & Chronic Disease – \$48,994
- Alcohol & Substance Misuse – \$32,000
- Behavioral Health – \$18,878
- Housing & the Built Environment – \$16,250
- Infectious Disease – \$10,000
- Maternal Child Health – \$3,878
- Safety & Violence – \$25,000

## 2019/2020 Community Health Initiatives

- » **Center for Hope and Healing – \$30,000**  
Educating on Social Determinants of Health Impacting LGBTQ/T Youth
- » **Frederick Abisi Adult Education Center – \$15,000**  
Mental Health Awareness for Adult Learners of English as a Second Language
- » **Greater Lowell Community Foundation – \$20,000**  
Asthma Spacers for School Kids
- » **Lowell Community Health Center – \$25,000**  
Training Frontline Health Workers to Improve the Health of our Community (CHEC)
- » **Lowell Health Department – \$23,500**  
Lowell 2020 Vision Program
- » **Lowell Housing Authority – \$1,500**  
Farm to Table Program
- » **Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust – \$20,000**  
Closing the Gaps: Increasing Access to Trails
- » **The Megan House Foundation – \$10,000**  
Co-Occurring Disorders Professional Development
- » **Merrimack Valley Food Bank – \$5,000**  
Operation Nourish
- » **The Nan Project – \$15,000**  
Mental Health Awareness for Lowell Youth
- » **Thrive Communities – \$10,000**  
Community-Based Support for People Transitioning from Incarceration
- » **Wayside – \$10,000**  
Expansion of PrideSide Lowell Program

## 2020/2021 Community Health Initiatives

- » **Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lowell – \$25,000**  
Race, Discrimination and Health
- » **Dwelling House of Hope – \$9,500**  
Dwelling House of Hope Food Pantry
- » **Habitat for Humanity of Greater Lowell – \$10,000**  
Building in Billerica
- » **International Institute of New England – \$10,000**  
COVID-19 Health Access Initiative
- » **Lowell House Addiction Treatment and Recovery – \$12,000**  
The Accessibility Project
- » **Lowell Housing Authority – \$8,020**  
LHA Healthy Living Seniors
- » **Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust – \$10,000**  
Concord River Greenway Community Outreach and Trail Use Assessment
- » **Matthew's Gifts – \$5,256**  
MA CuddleCots/Family Support
- » **Mill City Grows – \$20,000**  
Lowell Community Food Assessment
- » **Place of Promise – \$5,000**  
Adult Residential Addiction Recovery
- » **The Phoenix – \$30,000**  
The Phoenix Lowell Program Coordinator-Volunteer Engagement
- » **Thom Anne Sullivan Center – \$5,000**  
Pilot Project for Access to Telehealth Services for Low Income Families
- » **Town of Chelmsford – \$5,224**  
Gardens for Good

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## Grants Received by the Greater Lowell Health Alliance

In addition to distributing grant funds to frontline organizations, the Alliance was the recipient of three 2020 grants to address unmet healthcare needs in Greater Lowell.

- » **Massachusetts COVID-19 Relief Fund.** The Greater Lowell Community Foundation awarded this grant to the GLHA to purchase and distribute personal protection equipment (PPE) to more than thirty nonprofit organizations, schools, and municipalities to benefit under-served populations.
- » **Boston Medical Center's HEALing Communities Study.** The GLHA is serving as the fiscal agent for this multi-site implementation research study, which will test the impact

of an integrated set of evidence-based practices across health care, behavioral health, justice, and other community-based settings. The goal of the study is to reduce opioid-related overdose deaths by 40 percent by December 2021.

- » **Age-Friendly Lowell.** The Alliance will be working with several community partners that received this Tufts Health Plan Foundation Systems and Best Practices Grant, funding a project to build capacity to develop and implement an action and evaluation plan to promote health, independence, and quality of life among older Lowell residents.

*To learn about the impact of these grants in our region, visit [greaterlowellhealthalliance.org](https://greaterlowellhealthalliance.org)*



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# The GLHA Needs You

The success of the Greater Lowell Health Alliance relies on the participation and engagement of individuals and organizations to enable us to inform, consult, involve, collaborate, and empower our communities. There are many ways you can become involved and support the GLHA.

## Join a task force

The GLHA is always looking for new community members to join task forces and to collaborate on addressing the issues our community faces. All task force meetings are open to the public—whether virtual or in person—and all are welcome.

## Participate in the Age-Friendly Lowell Initiative

We need your input as we gather critical data on the needs of older Lowell residents for this project, which will help to promote their health, independence, and quality of life. Please go to our website at [greaterlowellhealthalliance.org](http://greaterlowellhealthalliance.org) to participate in this important Tufts Health Plan Foundation Systems and Best Practices Grant initiative.

## Donate

As the GLHA grows in both scope and impact, so does our need for resources. As a nonprofit 501(c)(3), we rely on donations from organizations and individuals to sustain our mission, grow our programs, and keep our events free and accessible to everyone. **Please consider donating to the Greater Lowell Health Alliance at [greaterlowellhealthalliance.org/donate](http://greaterlowellhealthalliance.org/donate).**

**For more information on these initiatives and other ways to get involved with the Greater Lowell Health Alliance, visit [greaterlowellhealthalliance.org](http://greaterlowellhealthalliance.org).**



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