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The Foundation is committed to supporting nonprofit organizations or programs that support expanding or improving access to education, culture and the arts, social services, charitable activities, and community development. The Foundation awards funds on a quarterly basis and has fulfilled 54 grant requests, totaling \$246,500, in 2023 alone.

In this grant cycle, the Webster Five Foundation awarded funding to the following organizations:

- [Boys and Girls Club of Webster-Dudley](#) — \$5,000 to support its Evening Teens Program to help members with job-readiness skills, leadership opportunities, and academic support through the related programming. The Club is a licensed after-school program providing year-round care for kids ages 5-13 in a safe, caring, supportive environment.

- [Boys and Girls Club of Worcester](#) – \$2,500 for the Club’s eSports programming for club members. All Club programs are based on a youth development model that builds self-esteem and offers a sense of belonging, competence, and influence.
- [Open Door Arts](#) – \$1,000 to support the Open Door Gallery at the Worcester Art Museum and the related programming associated with the gallery. Open Door Arts works annually with more than 2,000 students, teaching artists, educators, and leaders of cultural organizations through innovative and inclusive programming designed to improve access and ensure equitable representation by people with disabilities in the arts.
- [Open Sky Community Services, Inc.](#) – \$15,000 for Open Sky’s Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) Champions capacity building project. Open Sky has served Central Massachusetts and the communities of the Greater Worcester region for 50 years and offers over 100 health services/programs serving 5,000 individuals with complex health challenges per year.
- [Quinsigamond Community College \(QCC\) Foundation](#) – \$4,000 to support its Student Emergency Aid Program, which is a lifeline that helps low-income, at-risk students with emergency expenses for basic needs so they can stay in college and obtain a post-secondary degree or certification, and ultimately, family-sustaining wages. The QCC Foundation is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization working to enhance opportunities for over 7,000 students.
- [Rachel’s Table](#) – \$2,500 for its Children’s Milk Fund. The mission of Rachel’s Table is to end hunger in the Worcester, Massachusetts, area and to prevent the waste of excess nutritious food. Their vision is a community where no one goes hungry, and excess food is utilized to its fullest potential, benefiting those in need.
- [Venture Community Services](#) – \$1,000 and a match of up to \$1,000 to support Peltask, which is a digital medication administration tool aiming to reduce medication errors and increase efficiency of delivering medication and to ensure complete compliance with the Department of Public Health Requirements. Venture Community Services provides support to individuals facing diverse challenges through a compassionate and dedicated workforce using innovative practices that encourage independence, empowerment, and opportunity.

- [VNA Care Network](#) – \$1,000 to support the organization’s Removing Barriers: Nursing and Medical Social Work Case Management programming. VNA Care provides home health, palliative, and hospice care to individuals and families in their own homes.
- [Worcester County Horticultural Society \(New England Botanic Garden\)](#) – \$5,000 to help fund the organization’s general education initiatives. The mission of New England Botanic Garden is to engage the local community and create experiences with plants that inspire people and improve the world.

“At Webster Five, we celebrate the role that local nonprofits play in creating positive change in our communities,” said Don Doyle, President/CEO, Webster Five. “We’re thrilled to contribute to their efforts through the Webster Five Foundation, empowering them to continue making a difference in Worcester County.”

Since its inception in 1996, the Webster Five Foundation has awarded \$3,900,508 to 292 organizations. The next round of grant recipients will be awarded in January of 2024. To learn more about the Webster Five Foundation, click [here](#).