



FOUNDATION FOR METROWEST

# 2023 Information Session

**Arts & Culture  
Human Services**

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**Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 11am**

**Thursday August 17<sup>th</sup> at 1pm**

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# Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Who We **Are** & What We **Do**
  1. Quick FFMW Overview
  2. Foundation Grantmaking
3. 2023 Arts & Culture Grant Program
  1. Eligibility, Priorities, and Review Criteria
4. 2023 Human Services Grant Program
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1. Application Review & Guidance
2. Q & A



# Our Mission

Inspire local philanthropy

Educate leaders

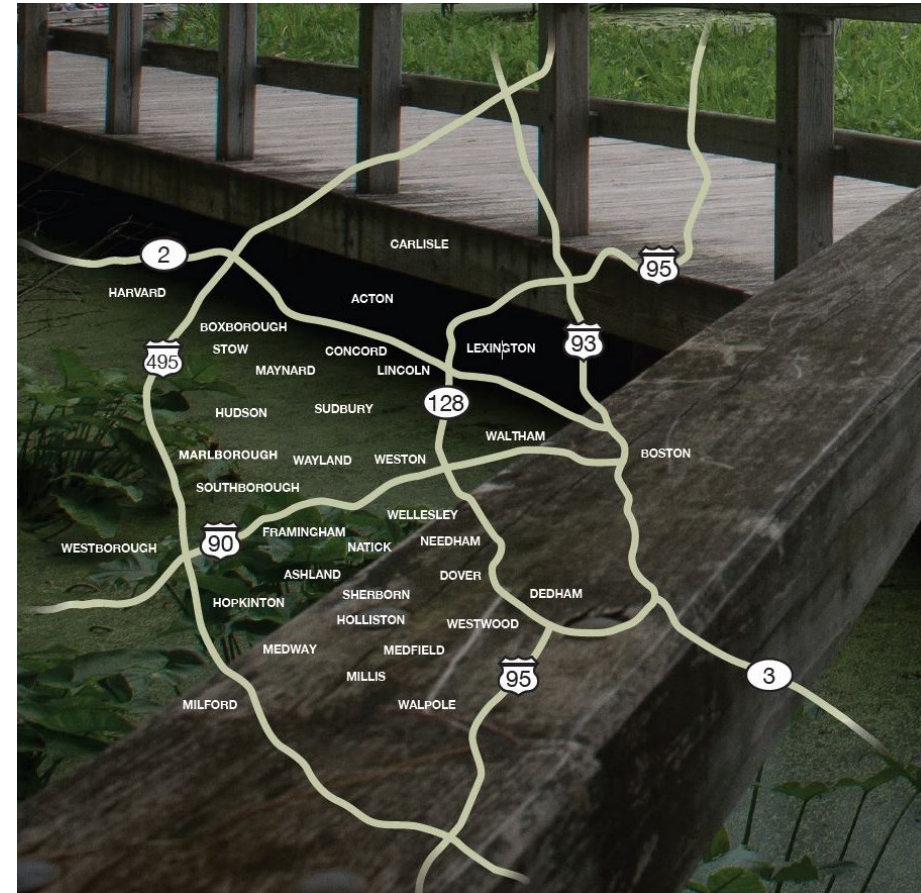
Connect donors with nonprofits

Build civic responsibility

Unite people, ideas and resources

Amplify one another's impact

Invest in MetroWest



# Impact and Initiatives

Regional  
Grant Programs



Funds



Center for Philanthropy  
Education



Impact MetroWest



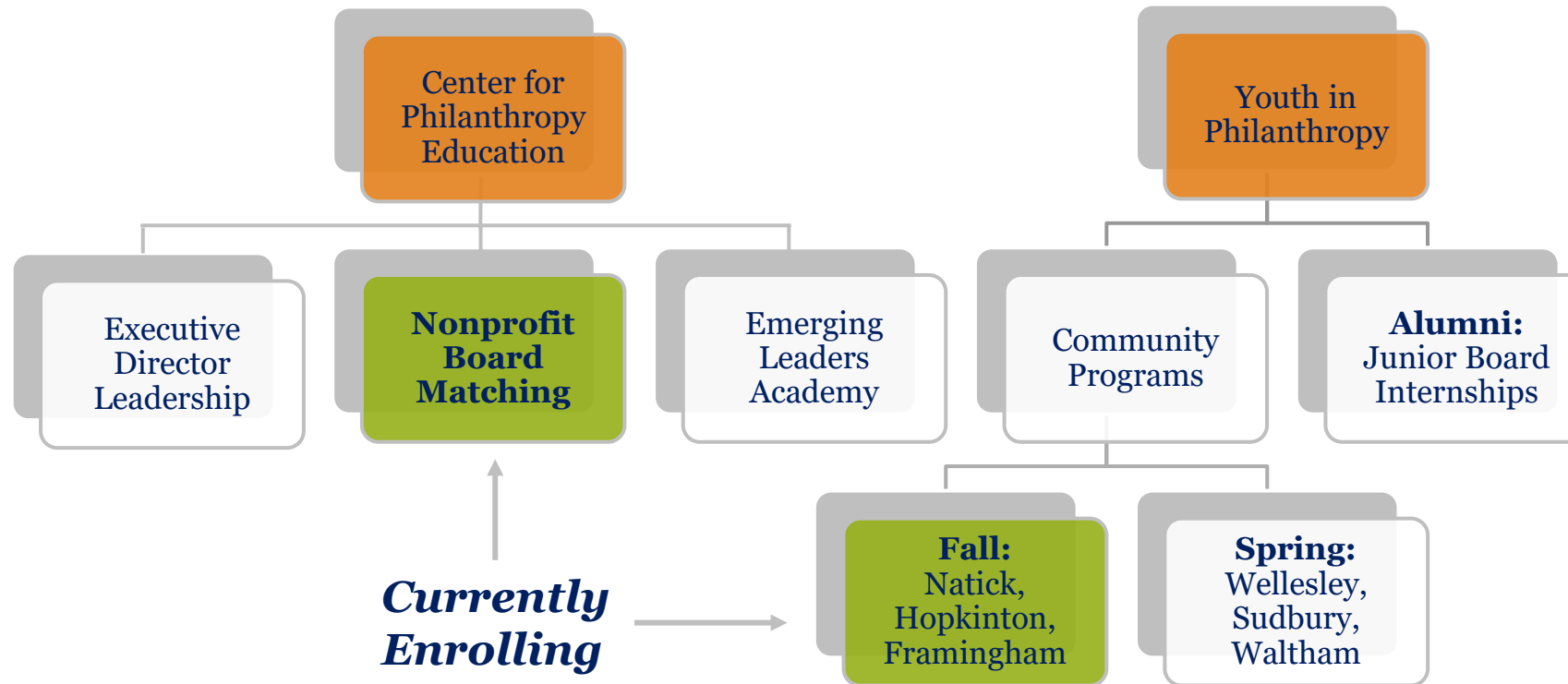
Action Projects



Youth in Philanthropy



# Current Program Opportunities



# Our Impact

**\$31M**  
in grants since  
inception

**\$16.5M**  
granted in past five  
years alone

**1,000**  
nonprofits  
supported



# Our Grantmaking

Our Goal: To strengthen the programming and capacity of nonprofits working to improve the quality of life for all MetroWest residents

## IN 2022

**\$3.57 million** DISTRIBUTED

- **\$2.67 million** THROUGH DISCRETIONARY FUNDS
- **\$1.23 million** THROUGH NON-DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

## SINCE 1995

**\$31,000,000 +** DISTRIBUTED

## FOUNDATION GRANT PROGRAMS

**ARTS & CULTURE**

**HUMAN SERVICES**

**HUNGER RELIEF**

## OTHER GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

**ACTION PROJECTS**

**ENVIRONMENT**

**TOWN FUNDS**

**YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

**DONOR ADVISED FUNDS**



# Other Opportunities

- **Hunger Relief**
  - Organizations that primarily work to alleviate food insecurity
- **Town Funds**
  - Specifically benefit individual towns: Lexington, Sherborn, **Southborough, & Wellesley**
- **Youth Development**
  - Organizations that primarily serve youth
  - Reviewed by FFMW Youth in Philanthropy (YIP) students
  - Invitation Only
- **Environment**
  - Multi-year grants to promote and support the conservation of the waters in our region.
  - Recognizes the importance of water conservation to public health, our natural ecosystems, and our regional economy.





# Eligibility

## APPLIES TO BOTH PROGRAMS

### Applicants must...

- Be a 501c3 nonprofit (or apply under a fiscal sponsor)
- Serve MetroWest
- Not discriminate in the hiring of staff or the provision of services on the basis of race, religion, gender or gender identity, sexual orientation, age, national origin, or disability

### Ineligible organizations or requests include...

- City/town agencies (includes libraries)
- Individuals
- Schools (includes private, public, charter, pre-K, or Chapter 766)
- Pass-through grants
- Healthcare or disease-specific organizations
- Organizations solely focused on youth (BOTH)
- Organizations solely focused on hunger relief initiatives (BOTH)
- Human service organizations providing arts-based programs to clients (Arts & Culture)



# Review Criteria

APPLIES TO BOTH PROGRAMS

**Grant decisions and amounts will be determined based on a variety of factors, including:**

Organization's **size**

**Location** of impact in MetroWest and your role in the ecosystem

Organization **impact and reach**, including population served, number of households served, type(s) of programming offered, etc.

**Alignment** with the Foundation's priorities as outlined



# 2023 Arts & Culture

Our mission for the 2023 Arts & Culture Grant Program is to invest in local nonprofit organizations whose primary mission is to provide access to arts & cultural initiatives in the region.

**General operating grants**

**up to \$10,000**

**OR 10% of your annual operating budget**  
(whichever is *less*)



# Focus & Priorities

Proactively providing equitable access to arts education, visual arts, or performing arts initiatives for marginalized & under resourced residents

Celebrating and/or preserving the region's vast history and cultural heritage

Encouraging and increasing opportunities for culturally diverse voices and communities to create and participate in arts & cultural activities

Promoting arts & culture as an engine of social and economic vitality in the region

Fostering innovation and community collaboration



# 2023 Human Services

Our mission for the **2023 Human Services Grant Program** is to invest in local nonprofit organizations whose primary mission is to deliver basic needs and wrap-around social services to individuals and households in MetroWest that address identified community challenges.

**General operating grants**

**up to \$20,000**

**OR 10% of your annual operating budget**  
(whichever is *less*)



# Focus & Priorities

Organizations that serve under resourced or underrepresented individuals and households, including:

- Low-income households
- Homeless individuals
- Immigrant and/or refugee populations
- Older adults
- Women and girls
- Individuals with disabilities
- Veterans and/or active-duty service members
- LGBTQIA+ communities

Organizations that address one or more of the following through strong mission and program alignment:

- o Housing and homelessness prevention
- o Economic opportunity and security
- o Safety and wellbeing
- o Mental and behavioral health

Organizations with the ability to address identified community needs through sustainable client-focused solutions.

The Foundation has a strong interest in supporting organizations focused on prevention-based models.



# Applying

## ■ Timeline

- Applications due - **Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM**
- Site visits or follow up– **Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>**
- Decisions sent via email – **week of December 4<sup>th</sup>**

## ■ Terms & Conditions

- Grant reporting – completed by September 13<sup>th</sup> 2024
- Publicity Guidelines (Sent with Grant Acknowledgement)


## ■ Additional Questions or Guidance

- Email your questions to [grants@foundationformetrowest.org](mailto:grants@foundationformetrowest.org) as *soon as possible*



# Applying, cont'd.

FFMW uses Foundant, our online grants management system  
[www.bit.ly/ffmw\\_foundant](http://www.bit.ly/ffmw_foundant)



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Foundation for MetroWest connects philanthropic opportunity with demonstrated need. We promote philanthropy in the region, help donors maximize the impact of their local giving, serve as a resource for local nonprofit organizations, and improve the quality of life for all of our citizens.

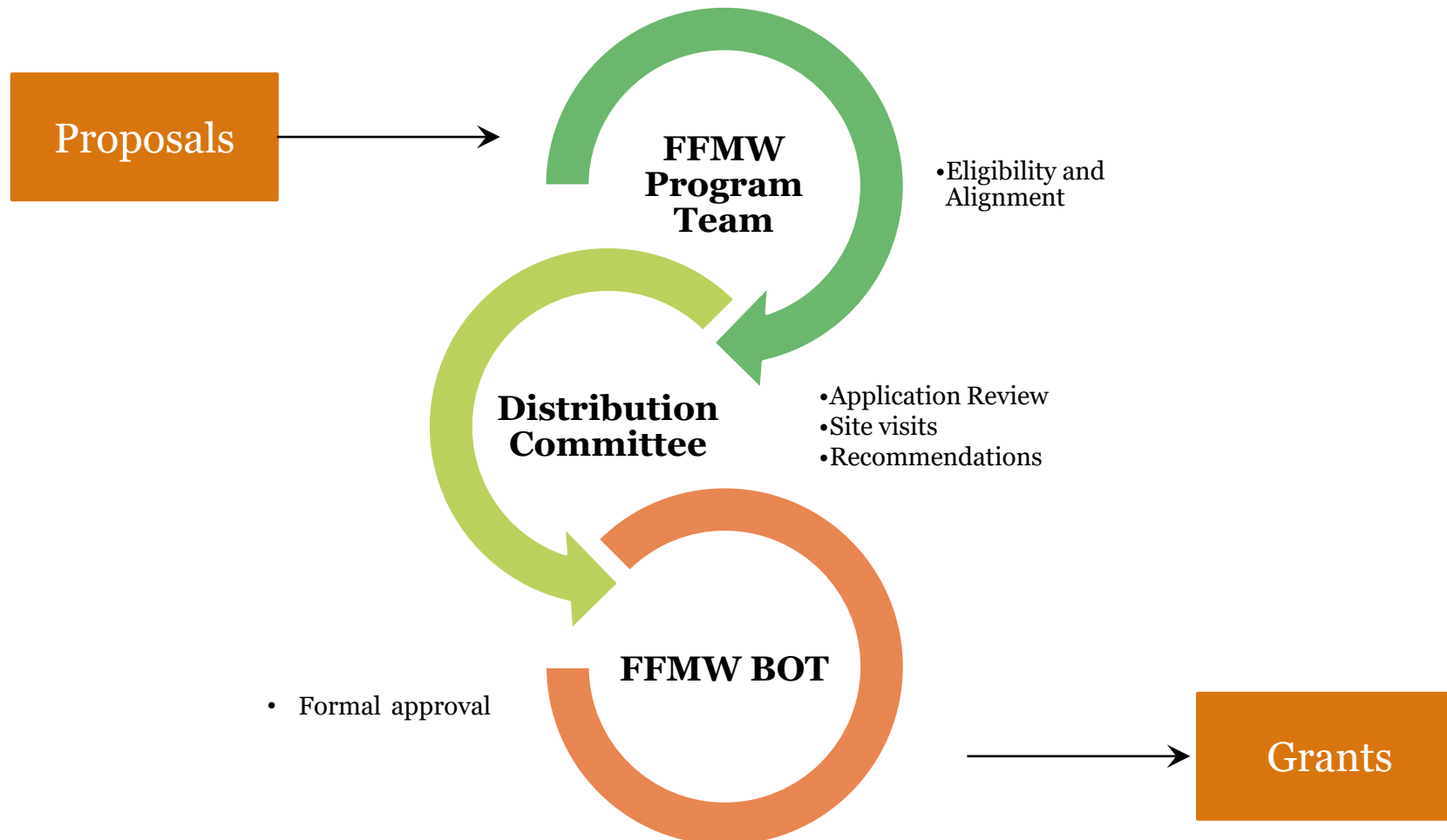
We serve 33 towns and cities loosely bound by Routes 128 and 495 on the east and west, and Routes 2 and 109 on the north and south. For a map of the communities we serve, please visit [here](#).

To learn about the Foundation for MetroWest, our grant programs, and our Center for Philanthropy Education, visit [www.foundationformetrowest.org](http://www.foundationformetrowest.org).





# Grant Review Process



# Questions?

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