



# COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT OF LEXINGTON

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## **Community Endowment of Lexington Opens 2026 Competitive Grant Application Process on Wednesday, January 14**

**January 8, 2026 (Lexington, MA)** The Community Endowment of Lexington (CEL) is pleased to announce we're opening our grant application process earlier this year so grant partners can put their innovative, vibrant and meaningful programs to work even sooner to make life better for all of us in Lexington.

The Community Endowment of Lexington, an endowed fund of the Community Foundation for MetroWest, promotes a spirit of philanthropic giving to support organizations that are working to create solutions for current needs and that are implementing new ideas to improve Lexington for the future.

All applicants must have: a) 501(c)(3) tax status as a registered nonprofit organization or have an eligible fiscal sponsor or be a Town of Lexington department, board, or commission; b) a grant proposal that solely or predominantly serves Lexington residents; and c) focus its mission and programming in the areas of arts and culture, health and human services, community building, and/or the environment.

CEL gives strong consideration to new applicants and to those who did not receive a grant the previous year. CEL will consider grant applications from religiously based organizations if the proposed program does not exclude anyone based on religion and the purpose of the program is in no way to promote a particular set of religious beliefs.

Proposals may be submitted for: programming (existing, pilot, or expanded); capital goods to advance programming or services offered (e.g., laptops); or capacity-building efforts, including, but not limited to, strategic planning, data and evaluation, organizational development, communications and marketing, and Board of Directors efforts (e.g., succession planning).

Applications open on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 9 AM and are due February 13, 2026 at 5 PM. Information and applications at [Community Endowment of Lexington 2026 Grant Application](http://Community Endowment of Lexington 2026 Grant Application).

### **About the Community Endowment of Lexington**

As an endowed fund of the Community Foundation for MetroWest, CEL awards grants to nonprofits and town agencies working in the areas of health and human services, arts and culture, the environment, and community building; provides ways for donors to give back and leave a legacy; and encourages innovative and collaborative solutions to issues facing Lexington, Massachusetts. Questions? Email us at [chair@lexingtonendowment.org](mailto:chair@lexingtonendowment.org). To learn more, visit [www.lexingtonendowment.org](http://www.lexingtonendowment.org)

### **About the Community Foundation for MetroWest**

Established in 1995, the Community Foundation for MetroWest is the only community foundation serving the 33 cities and towns in the region. The Foundation promotes philanthropy in the region, helps donors maximize the impact of their local giving, serves as a resource for local nonprofits and enhances the quality of life for all residents. Since inception, the Foundation has granted \$16 million to charitable organizations and currently stewards more than \$23 million in charitable assets for current needs and future impact. To learn more, visit [communityfoundationmw.org](http://communityfoundationmw.org) or call 508-647-2260.

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