

Awards granted to local nonprofits

The Foundation for MetroWest recently distributed grants totaling \$275,000 to 38 nonprofits serving MetroWest, including five in Waltham.

The annual event, awarding grants from the foundation's competitive grant program, was hosted at the Weston Community Recreation Center.

Grantee recipients in Waltham received a total of \$46,000. Friends of the Waltham Family School, Jewish Family and Children's Service, Neighbors Who Care, REACH Beyond Domestic Violence, and WATCH CDC, Inc., will use the funding for a variety of programs that focus on literacy, life skills, parenting and volunteering, as well as a community-based

advocacy program that will provide support to people who have experienced domestic abuse, according to the foundation.

The foundation's Distribution Committee reviewed and carefully considered over 90 grant applications from nonprofits serving MetroWest, a 26 percent increase in applications from last year.

"As our region develops and government funding continues to dissipate, the number of nonprofit programs requiring assistance is growing," said Judith Salerno, executive director of the Foundation for MetroWest. "By awarding these annual grants, the foundation is doing its part to enhance the quality of life for all MetroWest residents."