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## Suburban nonprofits get \$160K boost

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Twenty two nonprofit organizations in suburbs west of Boston, including Framingham, Waltham and Newton, will receive around \$160,000 today in grants focused on arts and culture, family support and the environment.

Funding from the Foundation for MetroWest, a Natick-based philanthropy organization which aids area nonprofits, will support activities including the creation of new jobs, staff development, providing resources to the elderly and victims of domestic abuse, and building park lands.

The grants will be distributed to organizations at an event Monday afternoon at the DeCordova Sculpture Park and Museum in Lincoln.

“During this time of unprecedented financial need, Foundation for MetroWest is proud to support organizations throughout the region,” the foundation’s executive director, Judith Salerno said in a press release today. “By distributing these much needed funds we are doing our part to ensure that the MetroWest region remains vital and strong.”

This year the foundation has distributed around \$600,000 throughout the western suburbs and more than \$5.5 million since its inception in 1995 to support education, arts and culture, family services, and the environment.

For more information on the foundation, visit [www.FoundationforMetroWest.org](http://www.FoundationforMetroWest.org).

### 2009 Foundation for MetroWest Grant Recipients:

#### Arts & Culture: \$30,000

Amazing Things Center of Framingham: \$7,000  
DeCordova Museum of Lincoln: \$5,000  
Discovery Museum of Acton: \$5,000  
Framingham History Center of Framingham: \$5,000  
Reagle Players of Waltham: \$5,000  
Commonwealth Ballet of Acton: \$3,000

#### Family Services: \$100,000

Minuteman Senior Services of Burlington: \$5,000  
Second Step, Inc. of Newtonville: \$5,000  
Springwell Inc. of Watertown: \$5,000  
REACH Beyond Domestic Violence of Waltham: \$7,500  
Wayside Youth and Family Support Network, Inc. of Framingham: \$7,500  
Advocates, Inc. of Framingham: \$10,000  
Employment Options of Marlborough: \$10,000  
Framingham Court Mediation Services of Framingham: \$10,000  
Jewish Family Service of Metrowest of Framingham: \$10,000  
MetroWest Outreach Connection, Inc. of Framingham: \$10,000  
Parenting Resource Associates, Inc. of Lexington: \$10,000  
WATCH, Inc. of Waltham: \$10,000

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Environmental: \$29,500

New England Wildflower Association of Framingham: \$10,000

Southborough Open Land Project of Southborough: \$7,000

Waltham Land Trust of Waltham: \$7,000

Massachusetts Audubon Association of Lincoln: \$5,500



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