Grant program to fund extreme heat solutions for the region's most vulnerable communities

The Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) and Mystic River Watershed Association (MRWA) announced the third round of a COVID-Safe Cooling Grant Program, which awarded $1,000,020 total in 2020 and 2021 to fund municipal and non-profit community-based initiatives in seven eastern Massachusetts cities. With funding provided by the Barr Foundation, the grants offer critical assistance to mitigate extreme heat impacts exacerbated by COVID-19’s uneven burden on some of the region’s most diverse and economically disadvantaged communities.

Started in 2020, the COVID-Safe Cooling Grant Program will once again fund effective and innovative summer cooling strategies in Boston, Brockton, Chelsea, Everett, Lawrence, Lynn and Revere. Municipalities and community-based organizations in these cities are eligible to apply for grants beginning March 1, with proposals due April 8 and funding awards expected in May.

"Shade trees, green space, outdoor splash pads, and other features common in neighborhood parks are far less common in Massachusetts’ older urban centers, where housing with central air or access to cooling is also rare. Residents of these communities have been hit harder not just by the COVID-19 pandemic, but also by asthma and other ailments aggravated by extreme heat," said MAPC Senior Clean Energy and Climate Planner Sasha Shlyannoff. "The COVID-Safe Cooling Grant Program has helped mitigate these inequities over the past two summers and we look forward to funding another round of innovative cooling solutions in advance of this summer’s heatwaves."

Six municipalities and 11 community-based organizations in Boston, Brockton, Chelsea, Everett, Revere, Lawrence and Lynn last year received grants between $25,000 and $50,000. The COVID-Safe Cooling grants fund direct cooling relief, support efforts to build equitable, resilient community support systems, and help these communities implement strategies that will protect residents from extreme temperatures in the long-term.

Previous grantees have purchased and distributed personal cooling equipment such as energy efficient air conditioners, box fans, and cooling kits provided utility bill assistance; conducted community outreach and education on heat safety; and made investments in infrastructure such as public water fountains, urban trees, and splash pads.

2021 grantees included:

- The City of Chelsea leveraged its COVID-Safe Cooling grant with additional ARPA funds to distribute over 240 air conditioner support systems and provide additional assistance to low-income residents in neighborhoods where the pandemic has exacerbated existing social issues.

Grantors are eager to help households in Chelsea, Everett and Lynn deal with summer’s heatwaves. "We are thrilled to see the need for cooling relief among these communities," said Chelsea Mayor Ricciutti. "This program is a critical tool in providing emergency assistance to the most vulnerable residents during the summer heat."

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Federal funding received to support services in low-income communities

Lt. Governor Karyn Polito announced Thursday that 118 cities and towns across the Commonwealth will receive $75 million in federal funding to support critical resources in the Commonwealth’s communities through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

“Congratulations to Randall on being awarded $800,000 in CDBG funds,” said Representative Bruce Dickens. “It’s thrilling to see these funds provide much needed support for Randall’s working families and elderly residents.”

“City of Everett Block Grant will provide important financial assistance to the towns of the Ran -dolph,” said Representative Brian Aye. “The City’s community and childcare programs will have a real impact on the Randolph families in need.”

Grant application for Massachusetts veteran-serving organizations opens

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“Congratulations to Charlie Baker. More news, more important is that we focus our efforts in any way possible to protect our most vulnerable resi -dents, and the projects we fund as a city, go toward doing just that,” said Mayor Brian P. Howard. “The Commonwealth’s economic development Block Grants, helping cities and towns throughout the state, are delivering on the promise of resilience, giving them the resourc es they need to undertake local projects that allow our communities to address short-term needs and plan for growth and shared prosperity,” said Depart -ment of Housing and Community Development Secretary Mike Dugan. “Thank you to the DHCD office and our local partners for their hard work in contributing an additional $5 million CDBG CARES Fund for community development, food distribution, efforts, food stabili -ty initiatives, and other critical services in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. In Randolph, CDBG helped provide critical services to rehabilitate 16 housing units, and to purchase land and easements to build a new residence for five veterans. The Commonwealth’s CDBG CARES Grant is grateful to be a recipient of CDBG funds,” said Mayor Brian P. Howard. “The State Treasurer’s Office, in partnership with the Massachusetts Veterans’ Commission (MVC), the Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation, and the Office of the Consumer Advocate, are now accepting applications for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) CARES Grant Program.”

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The team had a tough road to the tournament, as they had to go through several tough opponents, including the Division 1 state basketball champions, the Agganis Arena in Boston. The Everett High boys basketball team will play in the first round of the tournament on Monday, March 21, 2022, at 7:00 PM at the Agganis Arena in Boston. The winner will advance to the second round of the tournament, which will be held on Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at 7:00 PM at the Agganis Arena in Boston.

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It is clear that Vladimir Putin, the criminal Russian dictator, is pursuing a path of evil that will have long-term consequences for the entire world, including us. Whatever happens in Ukraine will have far-reaching impact on the world’s safety and security.

On the other hand, he overestimated the power of his armed forces and the support of the American people. He also underestimated the determination and resolve of the people of Ukraine and their armed forces. He also underestimated the support of the United States and other allies.

In America we prevent the occupation of our country by the same means we always like our jobs and are working to pursue another career or several different careers. We can choose to work in the community and house. That doesn’t mean we can’t do what we wish in our lives. We choose what we think will outcome in a different neighborhood if we want to move there.

We know that this is going to happen much sooner rather than later. It is going to happen much sooner rather than later. It is going to happen much sooner rather than later.

How much is freedom worth? Volodymyr Zelensky and the people of Ukraine are demonstrating how much freedom is worth.

Glenn Mollette is the publisher of NewsBusters, Liberty Torch and Common Sense. He is a former newspaper editor and book author.

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Highlights from around the District

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For more information and to be included in the list, contact our office during regular business hours.

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- to join the student’s family in extending our deepest gratitude to Ms. Connors.

Quick Reminders

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- Residents are being accepted now to explore and learn more about the Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) program. The training can be extended to a three-year certification, and applicants will require a Special Permit and a determination from the zoning board of appeals after a public hearing and a finding by the board that such extension, alteration or change of use shall be permitted only upon the grant of a Special Permit by the board.

- The workshops raise the level of awareness and understanding of mental health issues and provide participants with the tools and strategies to help themselves and others in need.

- The workshops are open to the general public, and no prior knowledge or experience is required.

- The workshops can be attended in-person at The Connolly Center or via a live stream or recorded session.

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- The workshops are offered in multiple locations and time slots to accommodate different schedules and preferences.

- To register for the workshop series, visit EPSCommunityEngagement.org or call 781-388-1400.

- For more information about the state Lottery, visit www.mlv.org or call 781-324-7605 or visit www.mlv.org.

- The workshops will return approximately 20-25 years after the first session, so interested participants are encouraged to sign up now to ensure availability.

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Boards of Appeals

1.800.ACS.2345

Mammograms are required

- to join the student’s family in extending our deepest gratitude to Ms. Connors.

Quick Reminders

- To Crimeon T ide bus- 

- To the City of Ever t

- Residents are being accepted now to explore and learn more about the Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) program. The training can be extended to a three-year certification, and applicants will require a Special Permit and a determination from the zoning board of appeals after a public hearing and a finding by the board that such extension, alteration or change of use shall be permitted only upon the grant of a Special Permit by the board.

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The Baker-Polito Administration announced the launch of a new $75 million grant program to support Massachusetts businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The new program is modeled after Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker signed into law in December 2021 after Massachusetts Government Corporation (MGCC) small business relief program, which saw the distribution of approximately $705 million to small businesses impacted by the pandemic. The Massachusetts Small Business Relief Program is designed to ensure that businesses that received federal funding to those businesses that need financial support to remain open and provide critical services. “We have been proud to support small businesses in every corner of the state through the MGCC small business program during the pandemic, but we know that some challenges remain for many businesses,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “This new effort, we can build on MGCC’s success, have a much more direct impact toward businesses that did not qualify for our previous grants during the COVID-19 pandemic. We are funding small businesses that need quick and effective support.” “Restaurants like Luan’s are fundamental to the local communities and town in Massachusetts,” said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. “Our new initiative will ensure that these need is met and quickly and effectively addressed.” “This new initiative will be at the Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.” “I am grateful to the Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation for their hard work and direct important investments in our small businesses,” said Housing and Economic Development Secretary Michael A. Connor. “These businesses are oftentimes the backbone of our communities and local economies, and I look forward to seeing the positive impact the MGCC Relief Program will have on our small businesses and the families and communities they serve.”“When help was needed the most during the pandemic, the Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation scaled up a new effort, beginning with a $75 million $150.00 per paper. All obituaries and death notices will be at a cost of $75.00 per paper. Includes photo.No word Limit. To place a memorial in the Everett Independent, please call 617-387-5000.
Immaculate Conception Parish

Our Parish Staff Father Joseph Chua Marwa, S.M.A. Administrator: Father Gustavo Bocchini, SMA Parish Vicar; Secretary: Barbara Canin.

Weekly Mass Schedule at Immaculate Conception as follows:
Saturday (Sunday Vigil) 4 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m. (Family Mass), 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.
1:30 p.m. Spanish Community
4 p.m. Haitian Community
Masses are being held in accordance with the current guidelines of the Ecclesiastical Authorities of the Diocese of Boston. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held every Saturday (Sunday Vigil) 4 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m. (Family Mass), 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Please bring a Book-Buy a Book. For a list of weekly devotions and updates, visit us at www.for-everettchurch.com or via email at pastorlarry@thedeeplighthousechurch701.net

Immaculate Conception Parish
409 Broadway
Everett, Mass 02149
Phone: 617-389-3660

Senior Pastor Bishop Robert D. O'Connell will be hosting Virtual Masses to bring the people together, spiritually while they can't physically. Their virtual Mass attendance can be accessed via their Facebook pagebook, “Zion Church Ministries.”

For more information, they can be reached on-line at zionchurchministries.com or via email at bishop@zionchurchministries.com

Zion Church - Everett
News and Notes

Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Worship service.
Wed., hour of Power, worship, prayer and Bible Study, via Zoom.

“Whatsoever you do, do it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters,” Colossians 3:23

“In Pursuit of Spiritual Excellence” 1 Th.

Sonn, Faith, Love, Truth

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church is open & welcoming to all. There are 2 services on Sundays: 8am English, 1pm South Sudanese Dinka.

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DEMARIA ANNOUNCES ‘LUNCH AND LEARN’ PROGRAM

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce a new program for city employees titled: Lunch and Learn. This is a new initiative crafted by the City’s new Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Cathy Draine gives City employees the opportunity to join together and share a meal while listening to their colleague’s experiences and areas of expertise.

Each of our employees comes from a different background and have endured different obstacles that have led them where they are today. I am hopeful that this new initiative will allow for a healthy exchange of ideas while creating a more robust sense of community,” said Mayor Carlo DeMaria.

Each month will include a different topic as well as different presenters. February’s program focused on Haiti’s importance in the movement for freedom and beyond as well as current issues impacting the Haitian community and was held by Monica Ulysse and Mirlande Felissaint. March’s meeting will focus on women’s history month.

Photos shown depict February’s “Lunch and Learn” program, which focused on Haiti’s importance in the movement for freedom and other current issues currently impacting the Haitian community.

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

MALDEN CATHOLIC STUDENTS ACHIEVE HONOR ROLL – FIRST AND SECOND QUARTER

Malden Catholic students have completed the coursework required for the first and second quarter of the 2021-2022 school year. The school has three categories for outstanding academic performance honors: Headmaster’s List (90 - 100 in all classes), First Honors (85 to 89 in all classes), and Second Honors (80 to 84 in all classes).

Malden Catholic Honors

QUARTER ONE: Headmaster’s List (90 to 100 in all classes)
- Luca Morelli
- Lisbeth Montenegro
- Kristen Marchant
- Angelina Ang
- Evelyn Maradiaga

First Honors (85 to 89 in all classes)
- Vincent Carbone
- Fredrika Noel
- Maya Fu
- Lily Van Campen

Second Honors (80 to 84 in all classes)
- Markus Noel
- Jonathan Beauvoir
- Ortello Hamilton

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- Lexy Dormevil Florez

Second Honors (80 to 84 in all classes)
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- Kenneth Ramirez
- Gwendolyn Vaughn
- Wilhelmine Remy
- Sophia Ingrando

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