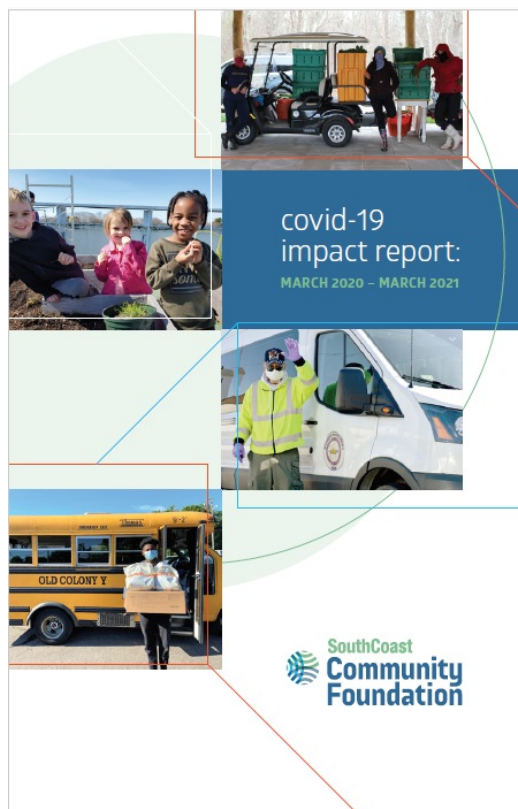


Impact Update: Spring 2021

COVID-19 IMPACT & RESPONSE

It's been just over a year since the pandemic started and the **SouthCoast Emergency Response Fund** was established. As of this newsletter, more than **\$9M** has been donated toward our COVID-19 efforts and more than **\$7.2M granted** over 11 rapid grant cycles. We plan to continue supporting those most vulnerable and impacted by COVID-19 well into 2021. This includes capacity and community-building opportunities for our nonprofit partners as well as supporting vaccine equity, hesitancy, and distribution. A full recap of our March 2020 – March 2021 COVID-19 response can be found in our [IMPACT REPORT](#).



More on our recent COVID-19 efforts:

The Emergency Response Fund awarded 20 local nonprofits totaling nearly **\$1.3M**. The awarded funds, made possible, in part, with funding from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development, will be used to alleviate costs related to basic needs, such as food security, emergency childcare, housing, technology for remote work/school,



transportation, and utilities. We have also received notification from the Commonwealth that we will be receiving an **additional contribution of \$541,563** to extend this work. You can read more about the 11th cycle of awards and grantees [here](#).

The Community Foundation held its first virtual **FUNDERS' TOUR** of 2021 addressing COVID-19. Leaders from the health and nonprofit sectors spoke to more than 45 philanthropic-minded community members, bringing us up to speed on the most pressing needs. If you are interested in viewing the discussion, [let us know](#).



Discussions are underway with leaders in Brockton, Fall River, and New Bedford on how, together, we can tackle **vaccine equity, hesitancy, and distribution**. We will have more to report on funding and grant opportunities in the near future.



Grant Update

The Polaroid Fund

\$97K in total was just awarded to nine local nonprofits who mitigate barriers to learning and advocate for public policy, worker education, early literacy, and neighborhood-based programs. Click [here](#) to read about the grantees.

Now Accepting Applications

[James Arnold](#) is **open until Friday, April 9th**. Established in 1891 through the estate of James Arnold, the Fund will support those local nonprofit organizations that serve this population with priority given to organizations or programs focused on recent immigration, food insecurity, and teaching.

The [Easton Legacy Fund](#) is **open until Friday, April 16th**. This fund was established to support the projects of not-for-profit organizations whose initiatives add to the quality of life within Easton or enhance the town.



In Other News

Early Childhood Education

President, John Vasconcellos participated in different capacities on two **early childhood education-focused panel discussions**. The first, as moderator for the [One SouthCoast Chamber Early Childhood Education Summit](#) which focused on the importance of educational attainment and access for our citizens and future leaders. The second, as a panelist for the newly formed [MA Early Childhood Funders Collaborative](#) which featured three different funders and how they approach and support this critically important topic.



Business Imperative
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
2021 ANNUAL SUMMIT MARCH 12TH, 9AM-11:30AM



NB Creative just announced their 2021 [Art is Everywhere](#) grant which aims to support inspiring creative ideas that directly impact a current challenge facing residents, visitors, or businesses in the neighborhoods of New Bedford. Not only are we a fan of this opportunity because we believe the Arts are an essential service, critical to the livelihood and wellbeing of our community but because we were humbled to learn that our bi-monthly **Meet Me for Coffee** meetings inspired the focus of this year's Request For Proposal!

new bedford creative

Staff News - Welcome & Congratulations!



New Hire: Werlaine Badio will serve as **Programs Officer** starting on April 26th. Werlaine will support our arts and culture, education, and economic development initiatives. Werlaine grew up in Brockton, graduated from the University of Massachusetts - Dartmouth, and is now living in Fall River.



Promotion: Adrianna Heard joined the Community Foundation in July 2020 as the Development Systems Administrator and in January 2021 was promoted to **Donor Services Associate**. Adriana was born and raised in New Bedford and graduated with honors from Westfield State University.



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