



# covid-19 impact report:

MARCH 2020 – MARCH 2021





The SouthCoast Emergency Response Fund was established a year ago in March 2020, to swiftly distribute aid to the most vulnerable communities and regional nonprofits experiencing the detrimental impact of COVID-19. Additionally, as part of our overall COVID-19 relief effort many of our component funds generously responded as well resulting in just over \$9M in total donations. We will continue to raise support for and issue grants on a rolling basis from the Emergency Response Fund well into 2021 as well as facilitate contributions from our community-minded funders.



In addition to grant making, the Community Foundation will also provide nonprofits with capability-building programs through the newly formed Massachusetts Community Foundation Partnership and collaboration opportunities through the *Meet Me for Coffee* virtual meeting series. This is all part of the Foundation's ongoing commitment to nonprofits and the region, providing access to resources and serving as a catalyst and convener for local philanthropy.

Total Dollar Amount raised

**\$9,117,462**

from wide range of government, foundation,  
corporate, and individual donors



Total Number of  
Donations Received **317**

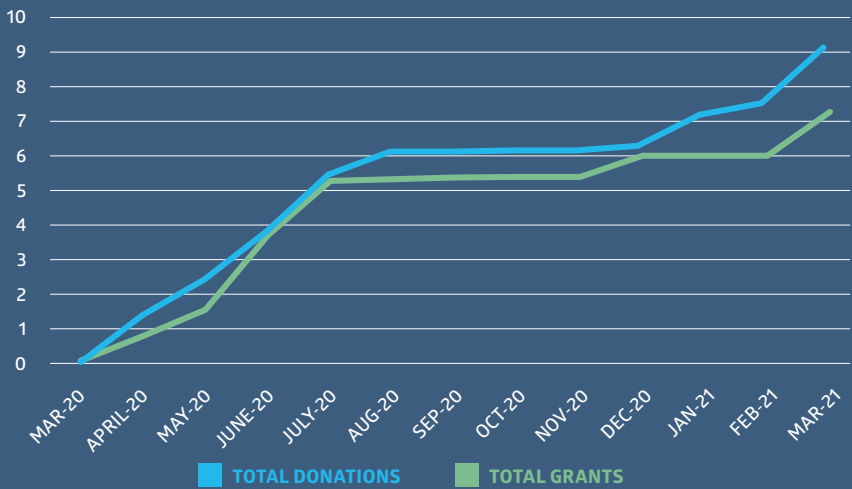


Total Dollar Amount Granted

**\$7,247,220**



Total Donations & Grants



New focus areas for 2021

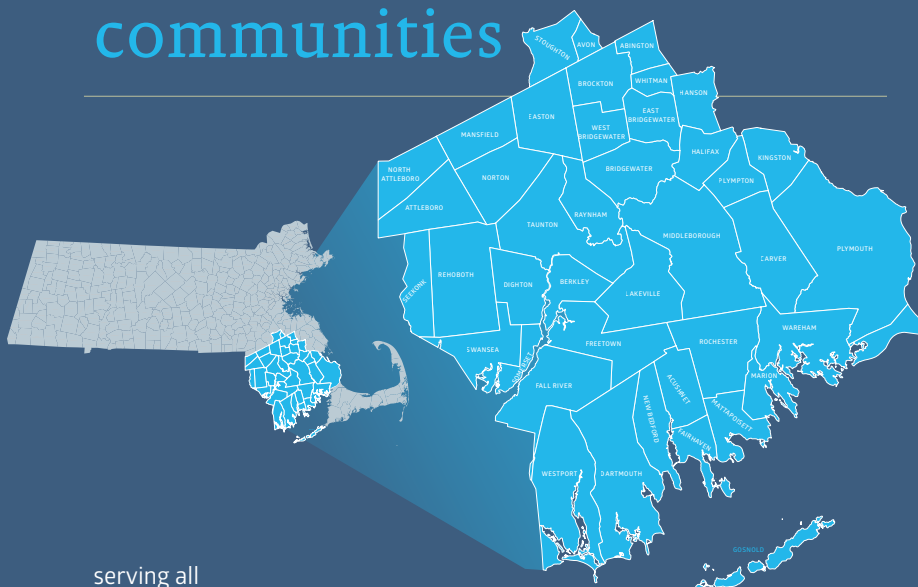
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& Hesitancy

Post COVID  
Nonprofit  
Re-imagining

## REGION SERVED

Grantees located in

25 different  
communities



serving all

41 cities & towns

in our service area.

137 nonprofits supported

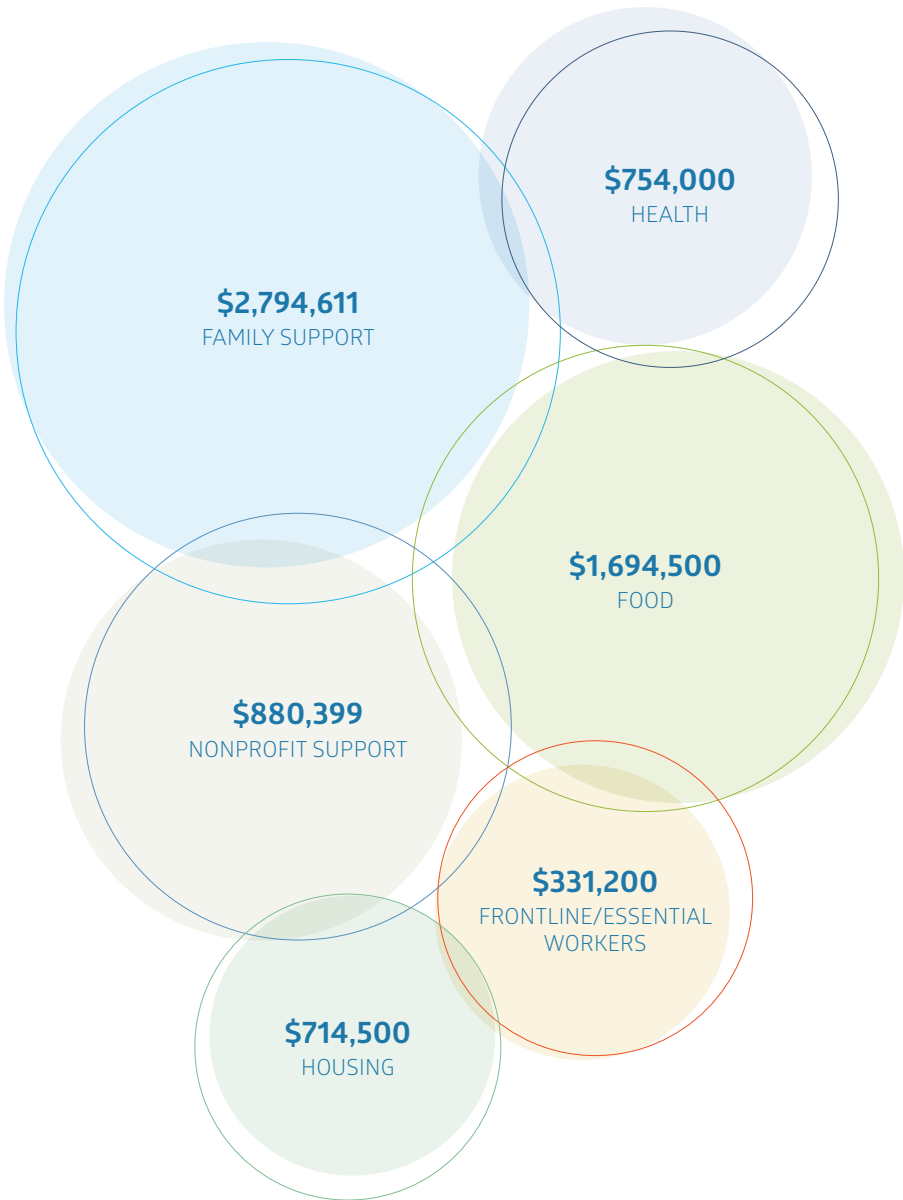
343 grants issued



“With the Community Foundation’s help, our Food Assistance Program has increased services by 300% since March 2020. That’s 15,500 emergency food deliveries to nearly 50,000 neighbors in need. It’s been a lifeline for parents like Sarah, a mother of 3 who was working full time before the pandemic and is now out of work.”

*My Brother's Keeper, President, Erich Miller*

DOLLARS AWARDED BY FOCUS AREA





## POPULATION SERVED

### HOMELESS/IMPROVERISHED

Homeless and/or impoverished individuals and families directly impacted by Covid-19.

### PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Housing costs and support for home-based care amidst the pandemic.

### YOUTH

Smooth transition from in-person to remote learning including the purchase of computers and training on new technology. Also, the availability and access to youth summer programming.

### ESSENTIAL FRONTLINE WORKERS

Hazard pay and the purchase of PPE.

### IMMIGRANT FAMILIES

Rental assistance, utility payments, and other direct assistance for immigrant families, regardless of documentation status.

### WOMEN

Basic emergency services to victims of domestic violence exacerbated by the pandemic, housing and rental assistance for single mothers, and procurement and delivery of feminine hygiene products.

### VETERANS

Food and meal services to Veterans residing in Southeastern MA.

### ELDERLY

Mental health services, and emotional support programming, and increased meal delivery to ensure elders sheltered in place.

### LGBTQ+

Direct emergency assistance and food to community members who self-identify as LGBTQ+.



“At the peak of the pandemic, it became clear that our community was struggling to put food on the table while our local farmer families were also facing challenges reaching their customers. With the support of SouthCoast Community Foundation, Coastal Foodshed partnered with 12 local farmers to purchase excess food they couldn’t sell due to new social distancing regulations. More than 100,000 lbs. of locally grown food valued at \$67,000 made its way to struggling families. We are grateful to the Community Foundation for supporting our local food economy and keeping our communities healthy.”

*Coastal Foodshed, Inc., Executive Director & Co-Founder, Stephanie Perks*

## THANK YOU TO OUR FUNDERS

Anonymous (5)  
Amelia Peabody Charitable Fund  
Andrew and Melora Balson Family Fund  
BankFive Foundation Fund  
Barr Foundation  
BayCoast Bank  
The Boston Foundation  
Nancy and Jack Braitmayer  
Bristol County Savings Charitable Foundation  
The Carney Family Charitable Foundation  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
David B. and Victoria Croll  
Allan and Priscilla Ditchfield Fund  
Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation  
Greater Fall River Development Corp.  
Harbor One  
Barbara and Amos Hostetter  
Island Foundation  
The Karina Foundation  
Seth and Beth Klarman Fund  
L. Knife & Son, Inc.  
William Schrafft & Bertha Schrafft Charitable Trust  
Senator Montigny Children's Equality and Empowerment Fund  
Rockland Trust  
Jonathan and Eve Rounds  
Tufts Healthplan Foundation  
Van Sloun Foundation  
Wagner Foundation

*Complete list can be found on our website.*



“The Plymouth Task Force to End Homelessness, with the generous grant support from the SouthCoast Community Foundation in 2020 and 2021, has been able to provide innovative new sheltering options for our vulnerable homeless population during the COVID pandemic. As a small volunteer agency, we have also gained financial sustainability to develop a new website and donor software for enhanced networking within the community.”

*Plymouth Task Force to End Homelessness, President, Connie Melahoures*



### Broadened & Deepened Partnerships

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- MA COVID-19 Relief Fund provided a precedent-setting partnership between Boston-based philanthropy and a network of Community Foundations.
- New coalition of 14 foundations, established the Massachusetts Community Foundation Partnership, providing services and capacity-building support to nonprofits.
- Southcoast Funders Group, brought together a range of philanthropic institutions to collaborate, address emerging needs, and share best practices.



### Heightened Awareness

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- Appreciation of the unique role community foundations play to effectively address emergency relief increased, given our knowledge of the local landscape and networks.
- Shared commitment to support the most vulnerable populations broke down barriers between Boston and the rest of the Commonwealth, providing increased visibility to racial, economic, and philanthropic disparities.



### Community-Driven Philanthropy

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- Oversight and accountability by a community-based committee guaranteed grants were informed and driven by local insight.
- *Meet Me for Coffee* virtual meetings created collaborative environment for local nonprofit leaders to tackle emerging challenges, sustain and expand networks, and practice self-care to ensure their own well-being and effectiveness.



### Innovative Grant-Making

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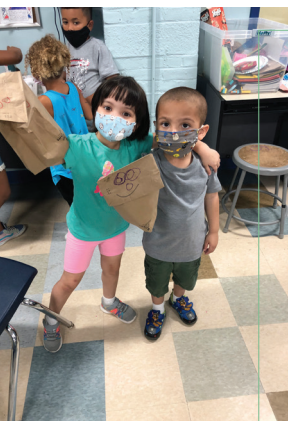
- Urgent need brought about by the pandemic coupled with trust-based philanthropy principles removed obstacles typically found in a traditional paternalistic 3-month grant cycle resulting in an accelerated and streamlined process that made it easier for nonprofits to access funds.

## THE PLEDGE



By signing the Council on Philanthropy's COVID-19 pledge last year, we recognized the critical need to **act with urgency** in support of our nonprofit partners as well as the people and communities hit hardest by the impacts of COVID-19. We stand with many other philanthropic leaders providing our grantee partners a **flexible and unobstructed process** to move their essential work forward powerfully and confidently.





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