

Impact Update: April 2022

MEET OUR NEW PRESIDENT & CEO

Some of you may have read our announcement last week that we have a new **President and CEO**! We wanted to reiterate how excited we are to have **Leonard M. Lee** join us and for all of you to get to know him.

Lee brings over 30 years of public, private, and nonprofit expertise to the role and will be starting with us beginning in May.

You will hear more about Leonard and his vision for the organization in the coming months and at our **Annual Meeting** on June 14th (details below). We hope you will join us!



Click [here](#) to read Leonard's announcement.

GRANT UPDATE

SouthCoast Emergency Response Fund



Nonprofits serving Attleboro, Brockton, Fall River, New Bedford, and Taunton Granted \$814,000.

Eighteen nonprofits serving Attleboro, Brockton, Fall River, New Bedford, and Taunton have been awarded a total of **\$814,000** from the **SouthCoast Emergency Response Fund** to address pressing economic conditions due to the pandemic. This award cycle marks the 14th round of grantmaking and is made possible, in part, with funding from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development. To read about the nonprofit grantees, [click through](#) to our full announcement.

Accepting Applications

- **[Easton Legacy Fund](#)**: For not-for-profit organizations whose initiatives add to the quality of life within Easton or enhance the town. Priority given to projects that support the arts, culture, recreation, and local history. **Deadline: April 15th.**
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new bedford creative



Who is New Bedford Creative?

Fall River and New Bedford art communities are thriving with engaging art installations, well-appointed museums - both new and old, burgeoning artist communities, and an incredible creative vibe. Our [Creative SouthCoast Initiative](#) supports these efforts and works with a host of talented organizations and individuals to continue moving these efforts forward. Two of them are **Fall River Arts and Culture Coalition (FRACC)** and **New Bedford Creative (NB Creative)**. In this month's [blog](#), we wanted you to get to know **New Bedford Creative** and **Margo Saulnier**, its Creative Strategist, a little bit better. Stay tuned for our May blog to learn more about FRACC.

EVENTS

27th ANNUAL MEETING

IN-PERSON

TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2022

5:30 PM

University of
Massachusetts Dartmouth
Main Auditorium
Reception to follow.



More details to come!

VIRTUAL CONVENTION 2022 Institute for Trustees



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LAST CALL TO REGISTER

April 11 – May 26

The Community Foundation in collaboration with Essex County Community Foundation, Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, and Community Foundation of

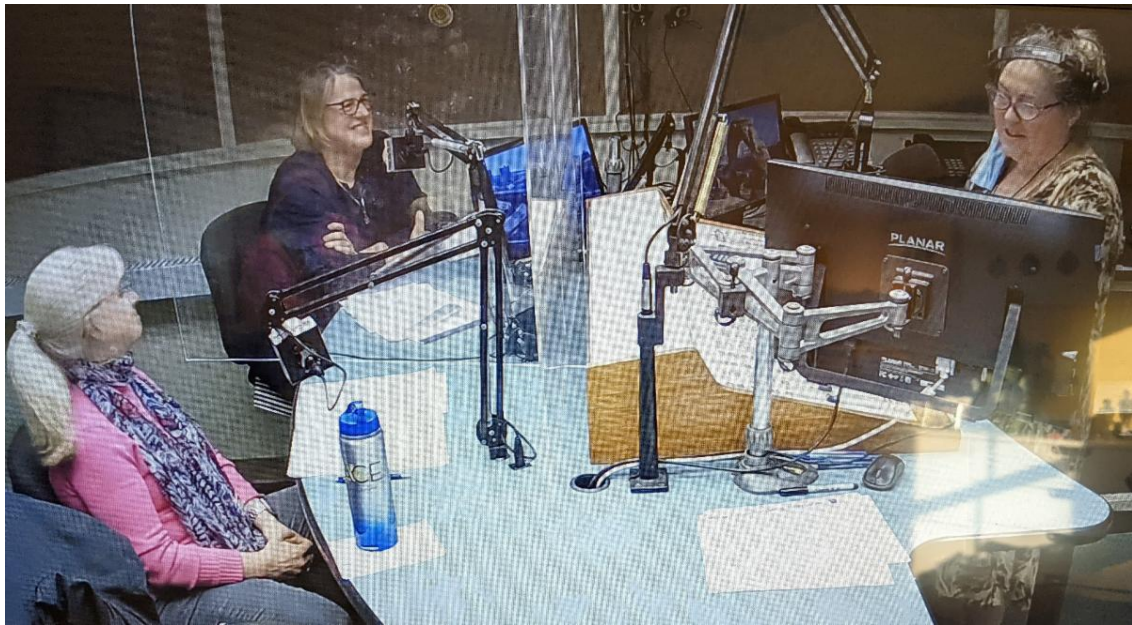
Western Massachusetts is hosting the **2022 Institute for Trustees**. The virtual convention will kick off next week with keynote speaker , **Dr. Kenann McKenzie**, Director of the new Generous Listening and Dialogue Center at Tisch College of Civic Life at Tufts University. McKenzie will discuss how needs assessments can aid the self-expression of the community being served and enhance the impact of support.

To whet your appetite, we encourage you to read [*To Make Real Progress, We Must Listen*](#), an article written by colleague and friend, Carol Lavoie Schuster from Essex County Community Foundation for The Salem News.

[Join us](#) in the conversation and participate in more than a dozen workshops and learning opportunities. **Registration closes midnight on Sunday, April 10th.**

STAFF NEWS

WSAR Radio



Talking Early Education and Child Care

On March 11th, Director of Engagement Sarah Rose and Pam Kuechler, Executive Director at People Acting In Community Endeavors, Inc. (PACE) joined **WSAR** host Jennifer Lourenco to discuss our recent report ***Expanding Early Education and Child Care Opportunities***. You can listen to the interview [here](#) and read the full report on our [website](#) which is available in English, Portuguese, and Spanish.
