



Think Big – Change Lives Grant Initiative

Working together to make MetroWest the healthiest region in the country

The MetroWest Health Foundation wants to hear your big ideas for how you can have a big impact on health in the region. We want you to dream big about how additional funds could have a significant impact on the health and wellness of residents of our region. The Think Big – Change Lives Grant Initiative should be viewed as an opportunity to work with the foundation as a partner in all stages of the project and not simply as the funder. We know that to make big changes, we need to work together. So, collaboration with other community organizations is strongly encouraged.

The initiative will provide up to three MetroWest organizations with up to **\$200,000** to implement their big idea. These funds are not general operating support. This is an investment in innovative ideas and the leaders and community champions who can turn these ideas into action.



Eligibility and Restrictions

Organizations with a physical presence in MetroWest, defined as the 25 towns the foundation serves, that hold 501(c)3 status or are instrumentalities of government.

Only one application per organization will be considered.

Capital projects will not be considered.

Application Process

Phase One

Submit a letter that is no longer than 2 pages. It should include the following:

- What is your big idea and why is it worthy of foundation investment?
- How will the health and well-being of MetroWest residents be changed significantly for the better if you are successful?
- Who will champion the project? Why?
- Who will be your key partners? Why?

Phase Two

Invited organizations will be selected to move on to the second phase of the review process. Applicants who are invited to the second phase will be asked to submit the following:

- Narrative answering specific questions that build on the initial letter
- Detailed budget

Phase Three

- Invited organizations will present their big idea to the foundation's Board of Directors, who will make the final funding decisions

Deadlines

The deadline for Phase One letters is **December 9, 2016**. They should be emailed to Rebecca Gallo at rgallo@mwhealth.org.

Applicants invited to Phase Two of the application process will be notified by **December 19, 2016**, and will be provided with instructions for completing a full application online. Phase Two applications will be due on **February 1, 2017**.

A bidder's conference will be held on **December 14, 2016 from 3-4pm**

If you have any questions, please contact Rebecca Gallo at 508-879-7625 x207 or rgallo@mwhealth.org.

For more information on the MetroWest Health Foundation, visit our website at www.mwhealth.org.