Bridge the Gap 2026: Bringing resource equity to children being raised by grandparents outside the foster care system.

Funding Opportunity for Your Support Group Members

We are delighted to inform you that we will be offering grandparents and other kin funding for summer, after school, and school vacation week programs for the grandchildren, ages 2-17 they are raising. Between $500-1,000 will be available per child depending on the number of applications we get. Unfortunately, funding is not guaranteed as we do not have unlimited funds available to distribute.

This opportunity is only available to grandparents or other kin raising grandchildren where there is not an open DCF case. Those families are eligible for funding through programs such as the Wonderfund and Rise Above.

- **Application Process**: Members of your support group or clients of your program can apply for these funds directly through a link to an online form . Please encourage them to take advantage of this opportunity to help their grandchildren thrive. **They should email us as soon as possible at massachusettsgrg@gmail.com and we will send the link to the application. Please ask them to mention who referred them when they contact us.**

Best regards,
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General categories for funding:

Academics:
Structured enrichment activities
Subject specific, academic tutoring needs up to $500.00

Arts:
Art classes (Including: dance, theater, painting, drawing,photography, etc.)

Music:
Music lessons & classes

Sports:
Sports teams' fees
Sports classes or lessons
Physical exercise/activities

Camps:
$500-1,000 max per summer per child

<u>The following categories fall outside the funding parameters:</u>
Travel/Vacations (Disney World, Cruises, Relative Visits, Plane Trips, etc.)
Electronics (including but not limited to iPad, Computers, Headphones, etc.)
Amusement Park Access or Memberships (including but not limited to Six Flags, Canobie Lake, etc.)
Transportation (Charlie Cards, Train/Plane Tickets, Uber, Shuttle, etc.)
Parties (Birthdays, Graduations, Quinceañera, Baby Showers, Prom, etc.)
School Tuition (pre-school, elementary school, high school, private school, college, room and board, before and after programs fees, uniforms, etc.)
Medical, Dental, OT, and Mental Health Treatment or Expenses
Daycare/Babysitting, Furniture/Décor

