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HOSPITALITY HOMES AWARDED 3 YEARS OF FUNDING THROUGH CUMMINGS FOUNDATION GRANT PROGRAM

BROOKLINE, MA, June 2026 – Hospitality Homes has been selected as one of 150 nonprofits to receive funding through Cummings Foundation’s annual grant program, which awarded \$35 million this year. Chosen through a competitive review process that drew a record 959 applicants, the Brookline-based organization will receive up to \$225,000 over three years.

Hospitality Homes provides free and low-cost lodging to patients and families who travel to Boston for critical medical care. Through volunteer host homes, donated apartments, and discounted hotel partnerships, the organization removes the financial burden of housing so families can focus on treatment and healing.

The unrestricted grant will support Hospitality Homes’ general operations and help the organization continue meeting the growing demand for lodging assistance. In 2025 alone, Hospitality Homes provided nearly 14,000 nights of lodging to more than 1,500 families traveling to Boston’s leading hospitals and medical centers.

“We are deeply grateful to Cummings Foundation for this transformative investment in our mission,” said Debbie Pepper, Executive Director of Hospitality Homes. “For more than 40 years, Hospitality Homes has helped families stay close to loved ones receiving life-saving medical care in Boston. As demand for our services continues to grow, this three-year commitment will help ensure that patients and caregivers have compassionate support and access to safe, affordable lodging when they need it most.”

This year, the Woburn-based Cummings Foundation increased its annual grant program from \$30 million to \$35 million and shifted to fully unrestricted funding, allowing recipients to direct grant dollars where they are needed most.

Foundation Executive Director and Trustee Joyce Vyriotes noted that the changes reflect growing concerns among Greater Boston nonprofits about rising costs, increased demand for services, and sustained uncertainty around public funding.

“Nonprofit professionals are closest to the challenges facing their communities, making them best positioned to determine where and how new funds will drive the greatest impact,” said Vyriotes. “By providing increased, flexible funding, we hope to strengthen organizations’ long-term stability and help them respond to evolving community needs.”

This year's grant recipients represent a wide range of causes, including housing and food insecurity, education, workforce development, healthcare, mental health services, social justice, immigrant support, and youth programming.

The annual grant program supports Massachusetts nonprofits that are based in and primarily serve Middlesex, Essex, and Suffolk counties, as well as Brookline, Dedham, Milton, Needham, Quincy, and Wellesley.

Through this place-based initiative, Cummings Foundation reinvests in the areas where it owns commercial real estate. Its buildings are all managed at no cost to the Foundation by its affiliate, Cummings Properties, a Woburn-based commercial developer that leases and manages 11 million square feet of debt-free space. All rental profits support the Foundation.

Since its founding, Cummings Foundation has awarded more than \$650 million to Greater Boston nonprofits. The complete list of this year's grant recipients, along with additional information about the Foundation and its grant programs, is available at CummingsFoundation.org.

About Hospitality Homes

Founded in 1983, Hospitality Homes provides free and reduced-cost lodging to patients and families traveling to Boston for critical medical care. Through volunteer host homes, donated apartments, and hotel partnerships, Hospitality Homes removes barriers to care by ensuring that no family has to choose between receiving treatment and affording a place to stay. In 2025, the organization provided nearly 14,000 nights of lodging to more than 1,500 families receiving care at Boston-area hospitals and medical centers. Learn more at hosp.org.

About Cummings Foundation

Woburn-based Cummings Foundation, Inc. was established in 1986 by Joyce and Bill Cummings of Winchester, Massachusetts, and has grown to become one of the largest private foundations in New England. In addition to its annual grant program, the Foundation directly operates two not-for-profit retirement communities: New Horizons at Marlborough and New Horizons at Choate in Woburn. Additional information is available at CummingsFoundation.org.

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1. Debbie Pepper, Executive Director of Hospitality Homes, and Jodi Riseberg, Development and Communications Manager, celebrate the organization's selection as a recipient of a Cummings Foundation grant.
2. Hospitality Homes provides free and reduced-cost lodging to patients and families traveling to Boston for critical medical care.