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### **DOVE, Inc. Awarded \$150,000 Cummings Grant**

*Quincy nonprofit receives 3 years of funding from Cummings Foundation*

Quincy, May 29, 2024 – DOVE, Inc. is one of 150 local nonprofits that will share in \$30 million through Cummings Foundation’s major annual grants program. The Quincy-based organization was selected from a total of 715 applicants during a competitive review process. It will receive \$150,000 over three years.

DOVE (Domestic Violence Ended), Inc. is the only domestic violence shelter and community-based service provider based in Norfolk County and strives to help individuals, families and the community at-large to help change the societal conditions that allow domestic violence to persist. Our efforts address the isolation and vulnerability faced by victims of domestic violence and the enormous emotional, psychological, and financial toll violence takes on victims, their children, and the community.

“This grant allows DOVE to continue providing life-saving, necessary services for survivors and their children,” said Interim Executive Director, John Lloyd. He continued, “We are so grateful for the support of the Cummings Foundation and what this grant means for our future.”

This grant will support DOVE’s comprehensive programs and services including: transitional housing apartments; crisis intervention, danger assessment, and safety planning with trauma-informed advocates; year-round support groups; increased access points to services within 8 Norfolk county-based police departments; limited assistance representation and legal advice regarding restraining orders, family law and immigration matters; provide youth ages 3-17 with individual and group therapy; increase knowledge of domestic violence, identify behaviors, and support members of our community through domestic violence trainings; and conduct presentations, workshops, and trainings within several local middle and high schools, as well as colleges.

The **Cummings \$30 Million Grant Program** primarily supports Massachusetts nonprofits that are based in and serve Middlesex, Essex, and Suffolk counties, plus six communities in Norfolk County: Brookline, Dedham, Milton, Needham, Quincy, and Wellesley.

Through this place-based initiative, Cummings Foundation aims to give back in the areas where it owns commercial property. Its buildings are all managed, at no cost to the Foundation, by its affiliate, Cummings Properties. This Woburn-based commercial real estate firm leases and manages 11 million square feet of debt-free space, the majority of which exclusively benefits the Foundation.

“Greater Boston is fortunate to have a robust, dedicated, and highly capable nonprofit sector that supports and enhances the community in myriad ways,” said Cummings Foundation executive director and trustee Joyce Vyriotes. “The entire Cummings organization is thankful for their daily work to help all our neighbors thrive.”

The majority of the grant decisions were made by nearly 100 community volunteers. They worked across a variety of committees to review and discuss the proposals and then, together, determine which requests would be funded. Among these community volunteers were business and nonprofit leaders, mayors, college presidents, and experts in areas such as finance and DEI (diversity, equity, and inclusion).

“We believe strongly that grant decisions will be more equitable when made by a diverse group of community members,” said Vyriotes. “We’re incredibly grateful to the dozens of individuals who participated in our democratized philanthropic process.”

The Foundation and volunteers first identified 150 organizations to receive three-year grants of up to \$300,000 each. The winners included first-time recipients as well as nonprofits that had previously received Cummings grants. Twenty-five of this latter group of repeat recipients were then selected by a panel of community volunteers to have their grants elevated to 10-year awards ranging from \$300,000 to \$1 million each.

This year’s grant recipients represent a wide variety of causes, including housing and food insecurity, workforce development, immigrant services, social justice, education, and mental health services. The nonprofits are spread across 49 different cities and towns.

Cummings Foundation has now awarded \$500 million to greater Boston nonprofits. The complete list of this year’s 150 grant winners, plus nearly 2,000 previous recipients, is available at [www.CummingsFoundation.org](http://www.CummingsFoundation.org).

### **About DOVE, Inc.**

Founded in 1978, DOVE, Inc., has expanded from a crisis hotline to a multi-service organization providing comprehensive direct services and support for victims of dating and domestic violence, as well as their children. DOVE works specifically with adults, teens, and children who have been abused, emotionally and financially, as well as physically and sexually. DOVE’s services include crisis intervention, danger assessment and safety planning, supportive counseling, emergency shelter, legal advocacy and representation, and community outreach, education, and training.

### **About Cummings Foundation**

Woburn-based Cummings Foundation, Inc. was established in 1986 by Joyce and Bill Cummings of Winchester, MA and has grown to be one of the largest private foundations in New England. The Foundation directly operates its own charitable subsidiaries, including New Horizons retirement communities, in Marlborough and Woburn, and Cummings Health Sciences, LLC. Additional information is available at [www.CummingsFoundation.org](http://www.CummingsFoundation.org).

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### **PHOTOS:**



DOVE Advocates distribute baskets to clients for Thanksgiving.



DOVE’s Children and Youth Services Specialist Kiera Bruce.



Quincy High School students take part in a summer workshop.