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New American Association of MA (NAAM) received \$10,000 Grant from Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation for COVID-19 Aid

Grant will support immigrant families and individuals who have been severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, experienced extreme hardships, sickness, loss or significant reduction of income, in the towns of the North Shore.

City of Lynn, September, 2020 – New American Association of MA, a community based organization whose mission is to assist newly arriving refugees and immigrants with integration into American society, to promote economic stability, to build bridges with the larger community, and to foster the maintenance of refugees cultural identities, announced today that it has received a \$10,000 grant from [Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation \(EBCF\)](#). The grant is part of a commitment from the Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation to provide financial support to local organizations focused on COVID-19 relief.

The grant will provide much-needed assistance to individuals and families to pay for expenses associated with day-to-day living, bills, rent, purchase necessary medications and food in Lynn and surrounding communities.

“I want to thank [Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation](#) for their generous grant to support our communities in desperate times. This grant will provide an economic relief for many immigrant families and individuals who struggle with the unprecedented financial burden! Thank you, Eastern Bank!” Natasha Soolkin, Executive Director, NAAM

EBCF is providing a total of \$8 million in COVID-19 philanthropic support in the communities it serves.

New American Association of MA is receiving a grant for its work in aiding immigrants, refugees, and asylum-seekers who, from hospitals, to grocery stores, to cleaning services, and transportation, are working on the front lines of this crisis, in roles with higher exposure to the virus as well as to layoffs and closures.

“Evidence of the impact of this virus outbreak on our neighbors, families, and small businesses is everywhere,” said Nancy Huntington Stager, President and CEO of Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation. “And, we also see the resiliency, sheer will, and hope of people across our region as they band together to help one another. The need for assistance continues to grow, and we will do what we can to give back and support the most vulnerable populations in our communities as well as encourage those who are able to do so to join us”.

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