



## Massachusetts Medical Society and Alliance Charitable Foundation

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### Fiscal Year 2026 Grants

*The Foundation awarded grants totaling \$76,500 to support four free health care programs and one initiative engaging medical students in community-based care. Collectively, these programs provide a range of primary and preventive services, including routine and urgent care, health screenings, vaccinations, mental health support, and care navigation. Services are delivered through volunteer-driven models and are designed to expand access for uninsured and underserved populations facing financial, cultural, and systemic barriers.*

#### **\$20,000 – Gratis Healthcare**

Founded in 2020, Gratis Healthcare is a physician-led nonprofit providing free primary and preventive care, including adult and pediatric services, women's health, mental health support, and virtual care. Serving the MetroWest region of Boston—particularly Framingham, Marlborough, and surrounding communities—the organization operates through a volunteer network of physicians, nurses, medical students, and interpreters. It primarily serves uninsured and underinsured individuals, with a strong focus on immigrant populations facing language, financial, and access barriers.

#### **\$30,000 – Worcester Free Care Collaborative (WFCC)**

Founded in 2022, WFCC is a nonprofit network coordinating multiple free medical programs in Worcester and Shrewsbury. Through a fully volunteer-driven model, it provides preventive care, sick visits, vaccinations, and care coordination to more than 7,000 patients annually. The collaborative primarily serves uninsured and economically disadvantaged individuals, including many immigrants, and also supports insurance enrollment and follow-up care while engaging medical and nursing students in service delivery.

#### **\$10,000 – Free Medical Group of Eastern Massachusetts (FMG-EM)**

Founded in 2025, FMG-EM is a physician-led nonprofit in development to provide free, patient-centered primary and preventive care in the Allston-Brighton neighborhood of Boston, with plans to expand across Eastern Massachusetts. Services will include adult and pediatric care delivered by volunteer clinicians in community-based settings, with partnerships for lab and imaging support. The program will serve uninsured individuals and families lacking a regular source of care, including immigrant populations and others facing systemic barriers.

#### **\$15,000 – Springfield Free Medical Group (SFMG)**

Founded in 2026, SFMG is a physician-led initiative in development to provide free primary and preventive care in the Greater Springfield area, including Springfield, Chicopee, and Holyoke. Services will include ongoing primary care, preventive services, screenings, and limited urgent care, delivered by volunteer clinicians and supported by students from UMass Chan Medical School–Baystate. The program will serve uninsured and other vulnerable populations, including individuals who are undocumented or experiencing homelessness, and others facing system barriers.

#### **\$1,500 – Food Justice and Wellness Fair**

The Food Justice and Wellness Fair is a collaborative initiative led in partnership with Martin Luther King Jr. Family Services and supported by medical students from the PURCH program at UMass Chan Medical School. Focused on addressing health and food access disparities in Springfield, the program delivers preventive services, wellness education, and food resources directly to underserved residents. Students play a key role in screenings, education, and care navigation while gaining hands-on experience. The initiative primarily serves low-income and underserved community members.