

SCF Grant Summaries 2022-2023

Major Grants (\$751+)

Assabet Valley Mastersingers \$2000-Bringing high quality choral music to town in an accessible and convenient venue & the Mozart's Coronation Mass performance

Friends of the Southborough Council on Aging Senior Center \$15,600-Funding the Caregiver Meal Program which provides meals for caregivers of Meals On Wheels recipients

Southborough Library \$4218-The Southborough Stories Project- Teaches children (rising fourth graders to eighth graders) how to interview older adults about their childhoods and turn one of their stories into a mini comic.

Southborough Youth and Family Services \$679 & \$428-Friends of the Southborough Youth Commission-Funding will provide trainings to decrease the risk of suicide in the Southborough community. Additional funding for professional development for our department's Director and Assistant Director which will enable supervision of a wider pool of interns.

Town of Southborough Recreation Department \$2000-Award will help to continue, and expand (quantity & variety of genres) Recs annual free outdoor Summer Concert Series.

United Parishes of Southborough Food Pantry \$10,000-Supporting the Pantry's Operations and Food Replenishment. The Pantry has experienced significant reduction in supplies while concurrently facing increased need due to increased food and living expenses.

Southborough Open Land Foundation \$6500-2023 Art on the Trails program-Supporting the Arts on the trails whose goal is to increase visitation at Beals Preserve and educate community members about the benefits of preserved open space.

Mini Grant Awards 2022-23 (so far)

Algonquin Regional High School

Power On! \$750-funded the purchase of multiple copies of the graphic novel Power On!, to assist students in taking a deeper dive into the importance of diversity in the computer science field and current existing biases.

Marketing Literacy \$750-Purchasing copies of “Shoe Dog” by Phil Knight to be used to increase literacy, reading comprehension, writing skills & the fundamentals of starting a business.

iRobot Roots \$750-The purchase of these robots will provide students with the real world ability to program using pseudocode, Python or Javascript

Woodward Elementary School

Walk & Talk Bags \$700-The Walk & Talk Bags would give students who are not interested in the “sporty” recess activities or may be injured the opportunity to engage with others during outdoor recess. They help promote conversations and interaction between students while aligning with Social Emotional Learning (SEL). The bags would hold a selection of Joke/Riddle/Tongue Twister Books, Clipboards with Drawing Paper, Sidewalk Chalk, Rubix Cubes & more.

Finn Elementary School

Planting from Seed to Harvest \$750-Students will receive a hands-on learning experience facilitated by Chestnut Hill Farm. Students will learn the life cycle of a vegetable plant & how to properly plant a seed & grow a healthy plant. They will also learn how earthworms help our gardens. It will be a multisensory program.

Southborough Library

Crystal Alchemy Box \$350–Designed to advance art education for local students as well as encouraging self love & care, calming the mind & spirit.

Comic Art \$475–The library with staff from Youth & Family Services will facilitate an age-appropriate discussion to help kids think about what makes them unique. Author & illustrator Jonathan Todd will help those thoughts become a comic hero complete with unique super powers breaking the stigma of mental health challenges.

Create Your Own Mug \$275– Purchasing Cricut Mug Press for the Idea Lab to encourage teens into the teen room. Teens can learn new skills and express themselves creatively.

Teen Job Application Assistance \$150–A professional advisor will provide guidance, advice and feedback for youth experiencing their first job searches and applications. The workshop will provide interactive role playing, job search tips, most common mistakes and how to avoid them, interview tips and networking. Students will gain confidence and the knowledge to secure the jobs they desire.