

Tipping Point Grant Program

How it Works

A tipping point is the point at which a series of small changes becomes significant enough to cause a larger, more important change. The Tipping Points Program provides small grants to help “tip” people towards financial self-sufficiency. The program was created in 2016 by Partners for Community Wellness, a network of people who partner with Dartmouth-Hitchcock to improve health and wellness in their communities. Partners make small donations that are matched by institutional contributions to create a pool of funds. Participating social service agencies identify individual grant recipients, administer the funds, and provide support to advance them towards their tipping point.



Tipping Point Grants by the Numbers

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
# of grant recipients	19	17	TBD
# of individual donors	0	16	52
Funds raised from individuals	\$0	\$13,050	\$12,796
Funds from foundations	\$0	\$0	\$5,000
Dartmouth-Hitchcock funds	\$21,500	\$9,450	\$4,704
Total grants awarded	\$21,500	\$22,500	\$22,500

Our Tipping Point Donors



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2018 Participating Agencies



DARTMOUTH-HITCHCOCK HEALTH (D-HH) is a nonprofit academic health system serving communities in northern New England. D-HH provides access to more than 1,000 primary care doctors and specialists in almost every area of medicine at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center; the Norris Cotton Cancer Center, the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock, four affiliate hospitals, 24 ambulatory clinics and through the Visiting Nurse and Hospice for VT and NH. The D-H system trains nearly 400 residents and fellows annually, and performs world-class research, in partnership with the Audrey and Theodor Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth and the White River Junction VA Medical Center.



2017 Recipient Clara Politano

Who are the recipients?

- Single mothers
- Single fathers
- Husbands
- Wives
- Veterans
- Young Adults
- Small Business Owners
- Students

Many are working to complete **educational programs** such as

- High School Equivalency Programs
- Medical Assistance Certification
- LNA Licenses
- LPN Licenses
- RN Associate Degrees
- IT Degree
- Massage Therapy Certification
- Creative Writing Degree
- Science Associates Degree
- Communications
- Business Management

What have the grants paid for?



- Community college courses
- Support for LNA license completion
- Help with car purchases
- Vehicle repairs
- Education & testing for LPN license
- AAA memberships
- Scrubs
- Laptop, printer, and supplies
- Medical Assistant education
- Certification as a translator



- Hearing aid
- Housing support
- Business clothes
- Application for citizenship
- Work tools & clothing
- Books & supplies for school
- Re-instate MA Certification
- Re-instate driver's license
- Help with property taxes
- Car tires



In Memory of Susan Presberg-Greene



*Susan Presberg-Greene, center, with family at the 2017 Tipping Point Celebration.
Susan was a co-founder and champion of the Tipping Point Grant Program.*