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RE: BEVERLY AWARDED GRANT FOR HEALTH & WELLNESS PROGRAM AT THE BEVERLY PUBLIC LIBRARY

BEVERLY, MA Beverly Public Library was recently awarded a federal Health & Wellness Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant for \$7,500 from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC). “We are proud to deliver grant funding to libraries for projects that fill unique needs of libraries across Massachusetts.” said Rob Favini, Head of Library Advisory and Development at the MBLC. “Libraries continue to be a vital resource to the communities they serve. Programs funded through LSTA grants illustrate the diverse range of topics and audiences served by Massachusetts libraries.”

Beverly Public Library’s grant, *Holistic Wellness For All*, will provide holistic health education, tools, and wellness opportunities to those who need them most. “Through extensive library and community-wide programming, we will provide exciting opportunities for education and practice. We will also create a unique collection and refreshed space that will disseminate relevant, credible health information for the community on integrated practice and holistic health access for all.

I am super excited to get this project rolling,” said Lisa Ryan, Head of Reference and project coordinator, “especially during these times of COVID-19 when mental health and self-care is so important.” Allison Babin, Library Director, added “We look forward to expanding the ways we serve our community through this timely endeavor.”

Mayor Mike Cahill commented “We are thankful for this grant award from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) that will provide funding for health and wellness programs and materials at the Beverly Public Library. MBLC grant funds make a significant difference in our library offerings and we appreciate the continued support which allows our library to provide exceptional programs and services to our community.”

The MBLC developed this direct grant program using federal funding to help libraries meet local community needs including programs that help New Americans learn English and become

citizens, STEM and STEAM projects, programs that serve teen needs, and projects that preserve valuable historical documents. The MBLC also offers grants to increase access to library services for people with disabilities.

In addition to the direct library grant program, the MBLC uses LSTA funds to support statewide programs and services including summer reading programs, research databases, the statewide eBook program, the Commonwealth Catalog and mass.gov/libraries which has information and resources for residents. LSTA is administered on the federal level by the [Institute of Museum and Library Services](#) and in the Commonwealth by the MBLC. More information about LSTA can be found on Board's website at www.mass.gov/mblc.

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