

NeighborWorks receives \$60,000 grant from Rockland Trust Charitable Foundation

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Quincy, MA The Rockland Trust Charitable Foundation is providing a \$60,000 grant to NeighborWorks Housing Solutions (NHS) for their emergency housing stabilization for seniors as well as their ongoing housing educational programming and support services for individuals and families throughout the South Shore.

NHS's Homeowner Education and Counseling program and its senior housing services are vital to increasing affordable housing opportunities in the region. Through the various changes in market conditions over the last few years, NHS's work has been able to assist thousands of individuals and families. Utilizing funds from the grant, NHS will provide workshops and guidance to over 2,000 prospective homebuyers with the hope that roughly 25% will go on to buy a home.

On top of its existing affordable housing programs, NHS plans to provide coaching and counseling to more than 2,400 households across the South Shore to assist with financial spending, savings practices, and improvement of credit scores. Additionally, the organization will provide financial assistance to 100 seniors, including veterans who are at risk of homelessness. These programs will primarily benefit low-to-moderate-income residents and are tailored to their specific needs.

"The Rockland Trust Charitable Foundation has been a significant and important partner in helping us continue to advance our mission," said Robert Corley, CEO of NeighborWorks Housing Solutions. "Without support from the private sector, especially through charitable giving, organizations like ours can't deliver comprehensive services to our most vulnerable neighbors and communities. The Foundation really understands how they to best support the housing nonprofit community."

"Our Charitable Foundation is honored to support the services and programs NHS offers to families and individuals throughout the South Shore," said Andrea Borowiecki, vice president of Charitable Giving & Community Engagement at Rockland Trust. "The limited affordable housing within our footprint continues to create challenges for community members. The educational work and services provided by NHS provide participants with resources to overcome that challenge and make their dream of home ownership a reality."

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