

English At Large Receives Leadership Support from the Foundation for MetroWest

English At Large (EAL), a nonprofit that provides individual and small group English language instruction through a volunteer network to adult immigrants and other newcomers, was one of 40 nonprofits awarded funding from the Foundation for MetroWest through its Regional Competitive Grant Program for fiscal year 2018.

The \$5,000 grant to EAL will support English language instruction and career readiness services for immigrants and refugees in MetroWest communities to increase their knowledge and understanding of American language and culture, and support their efforts to achieve their life goals.

“This generous grant is an important investment in locally delivered services that are greatly needed in our community,” said EAL Board Member and Concord resident Jeff Backerman at the Foundation for MetroWest awards program in December. “We are proud to partner with the Foundation for MetroWest to support immigrants in Acton, Boxborough, Carlisle, Concord, Lexington, Lincoln, and Waltham as they work to assimilate to life in the United States.”

EAL services include One-to-One Tutoring, Conversation Groups and job readiness training and support provided through its Career Access Lab (CAL), as well as Beginner English Classes in Waltham. These programs help immigrants and refugees acquire the knowledge and skills they need to take advantage of new opportunities and fully engage in life in the United States.

At its awards program, the Foundation for MetroWest distributed almost \$270,000 for programs that focus on family support, arts and culture initiatives, and the environment. Established in 1995, the Foundation for MetroWest is the only community foundation serving the 33 cities and towns in the region. This important organization promotes philanthropy in the region, helps donors maximize the impact of their local giving, serves as a resource for local nonprofits, and enhances the quality of life for all MetroWest residents. Since inception, the Foundation has granted more than \$14 million to charitable organizations and currently stewards more than \$18 million in charitable assets for current needs and future impact. To learn more, please visit www.foundationformetrowest.org or call 508.647.2260.

Founded in 1970, English At Large provides English language instruction, career readiness services and access to local networks to newcomers who want to acquire English language skills as they adapt to life in the United States. In 2017, EAL served 550 learners with a volunteer network of more than 200 tutors and conversation group facilitators. To learn more, visit www.englishatlarge.org