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Family Service Awarded \$3,500 from the Essex County Community Foundation

Lawrence, MA – Despite the economic challenges faced by the state and private foundations, agencies like Family Service, Inc., located in Lawrence, still rely on grants for financial stability. Though the agency has been in existence for over 150 years, like many human service agencies it has struggled to build a substantial endowment. Often foundations prefer to fund programs and services, and require that all funds be expended within a year, making it challenging for non-profit agencies to create large endowments, increase capital holdings, or build infrastructure. However, some foundation's focus their giving solely on capital improvements.

The Webster Family Fund at the Essex County Community Foundation recently awarded Family Service \$3,500 to purchase a virtualization server and a battery back-up system to upgrade and enhance its technology capabilities. The Webster Family Fund was formed in 2005 when the D.K. Webster Family Foundation transferred its assets into a field of interest fund at the Essex County Community Foundation. Funds like this allow small, private foundations to have their assets and grant application process managed by a larger foundation that invests its resources in understanding the needs of the community. For more information about the Essex County Community Foundation, please go to www.eccf.org.

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