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Winchester Nonprofit Awarded Portion of \$20 million in Grants from Cummings Foundation: *Winchester Seniors Association Inc. receives \$100,000 Cummings Foundation grant*

Winchester, May 29, 2018 – The Winchester Seniors Association Inc (WSA) is one of 100 local nonprofits to receive grants of \$100,000 each through Cummings Foundation’s “\$100K for 100” program. The Winchester-based organization was chosen from a total of 597 applicants, during a competitive review process. Cummings Foundation has announced a total of \$20 million in grants to Greater Boston charities in the past two months alone.

The Mission of the WSA is to serve seniors from Winchester by providing a variety of educational, health and social programs. The WSA operates the Jenks Center in Winchester to deliver on that mission. Erica Drazen, the WSA President, and Nancy Polcari, the WSA Program Manager, will join approximately 300 other guests at a reception at Trade Center 128 in Woburn to celebrate the \$10 million infusion into Greater Boston’s nonprofit sector. With the conclusion of this grant cycle, Cummings Foundation has now awarded more than \$220 million to Greater Boston nonprofits alone.

The WSA is extremely grateful to receive this grant. It will allow the WSA and other local nonprofit organizations to expand programs offered on nights and weekends at the Jenks Center, to better serve working seniors and the entire community.

The \$100K for 100 program supports nonprofits that are based in and primarily serve Middlesex, Essex, and Suffolk counties. Through this place-based initiative, Cummings Foundation aims to give back in the area where it owns commercial buildings, all of which are managed, at no cost to the Foundation, by its affiliate Cummings Properties. Founded in 1970 by Bill Cummings of Winchester, the Woburn-based commercial real estate firm leases and manages 11 million square feet of space, the majority of which exclusively benefits the Foundation.

“We are indebted to the nonprofit organizations like the Winchester Seniors Association that have a meaningful positive impact on the local communities where our colleagues and clients live and work,” said Joel Swets, Cummings Foundation’s Executive Director. “We are delighted to invest in their important programs and services.”

This year’s diverse group of grant recipients represents a wide variety of causes, including homelessness prevention and affordable housing, education, violence prevention, and food insecurity. Most of the grants will be paid over two to five years.

The complete list of 100 grant winners will be available beginning June 7” at www.CummingsFoundation.org.

Cummings Foundation announced an additional \$10 million in early May through its new Sustaining Grants, which extended “\$100K for 100” funding for previous winners for 10 more years. Beginning in 2019, the Foundation will increase its total annual giving through these two programs from \$20 million to \$25 million.

About The Winchester Seniors Association

The Winchester Seniors Association was founded forty years ago though provide donations. It operates the nonprofit Jenks Center-the only privately owned and operated Senior Center in Massachusetts. The Jenks Center provides over 50 classes, programs, and activities each week to benefit seniors from Winchester and surrounding communities.

About Cummings Foundation

Woburn-based Cummings Foundation, Inc. was established in 1986 by Joyce and Bill Cummings. The Foundation directly operates its own charitable subsidiaries, including New Horizons retirement communities in Marlborough and Woburn. Bill Cummings released his self-written memoir, "Starting Small and Making It Big: An Entrepreneur's Journey to Billion-Dollar Philanthropist," in March 2018. The book may be purchased at cummings.com/book.