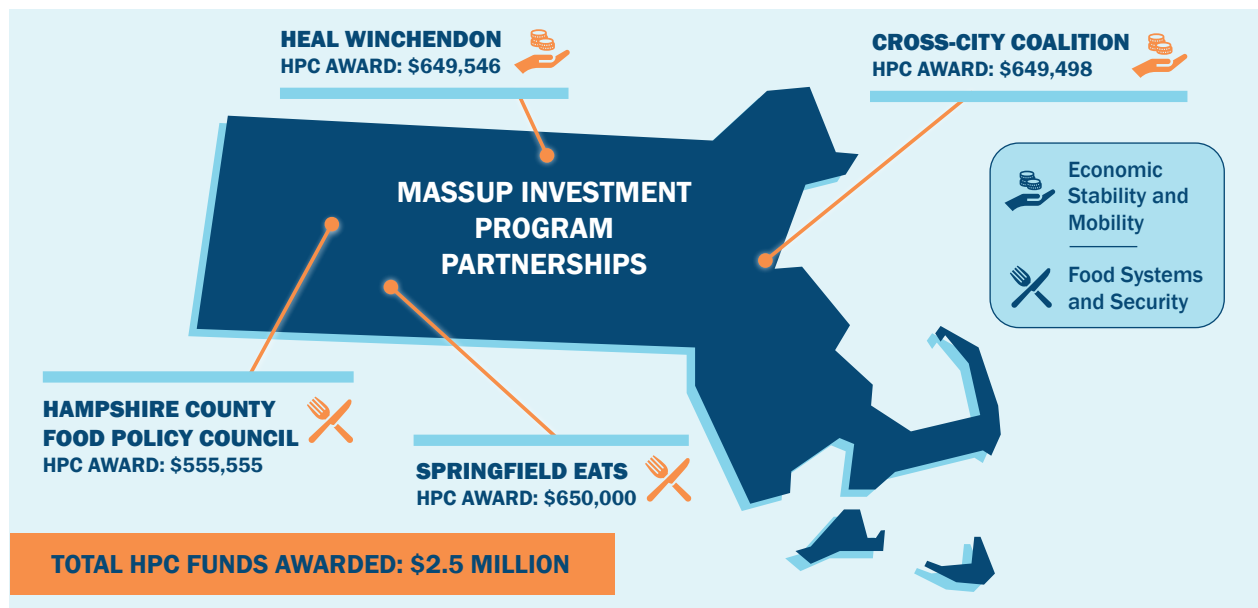


MOVING MASSACHUSETTS UPSTREAM (MASSUP) INVESTMENT PROGRAM

Building collaborative and equitable partnerships
to address the social determinants of health

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In September 2020, the Massachusetts Health Policy Commission (HPC) launched the Moving Massachusetts Upstream (MassUP) Investment Program. MassUP, a three-year, \$2.5 million initiative, supported four partnerships between hospitals and community-based organizations that sought to address one social determinant of health (SDOH) known to adversely affect health in their Massachusetts communities. Funded by the HPC and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH), MassUP was designed to contribute to a foundation of cross-sector collaborations that could make long-term improvements in health for residents of the Commonwealth. MassUP required each partnership to establish an equitable governance structure, identify at least one full-time equivalent staff person to support the initiative's work, and develop and execute strategies to impact their identified SDOH. Partnership activities included engaging and empowering community residents, advocating for policy change, and building new community institutions.



MASSUP PARTNERSHIP GOALS:

- [Cross-City Coalition](#): Align workforce development efforts in Chelsea and Revere to increase full-time benefited employment for residents of both cities through work readiness and job training programs.
- [Hampshire County Food Policy Council](#): Establish a resident-led food policy council and amplify the power of community voices to make food policies more equitable, honor diverse cultures, and help local food economies to flourish.
- [Hope Empower Access Love \(HEAL\) Winchendon](#): Empower the residents of Winchendon to promote economic stability through financial coaching, diversify community leadership by encouraging residents to deepen civic engagement, and create a robust local food system by supporting community gardening, food pantry access, and locally-owned businesses.
- [Springfield Equity, Advocacy, Transformation, Systems Change \(EATS\)](#): Create a more effective food system to help residents lead healthier lives.

ABOUT THE MASSACHUSETTS HEALTH POLICY COMMISSION

The Massachusetts Health Policy Commission (HPC) is an independent state agency charged with monitoring health care cost trends and making policy recommendations to improve the affordability of health care for all residents of the Commonwealth. Through data-driven analysis, actionable policy insights, public accountability, and innovative investments, the HPC seeks to improve health care delivery, lower costs, and reduce health disparities.