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COMMONWEALTH CORPORATION ANNOUNCES EXTENDED CARE GRANTS

\$1M in funding will help train workers in long term-care facilities

BOSTON – Commonwealth Corporation today announced 12 new grants totaling \$1.04M as part of the Extended Care Career Ladder Initiative (ECCLI), a state-funded competitive grant program for nursing homes, home health agencies and other long-term care organizations.

New funding for round ten targets new sites that have not previously received while the funding for round eleven provides grants to sites looking to expand on the success of their earlier projects, such as Medway Country Manor in Medway which received a \$150,000 grant in 2004.

Since November 2000, ECCLI has trained more than 7,500 individuals. The ECCLI program promotes skill development, the establishment of career ladders, and workplace practices that retain and develop workers, thus enhancing patient care quality and outcomes.

“With an aging population, having a high quality workforce in long-term care facilities will be especially vital,” said Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development Suzanne M. Bump, Chair of the Commonwealth Corporation Board of Directors. “This investment for new ECCLI projects will give workers access to training and skill building to create pathways for career advancement.”

“ECCLI is a win-win both for direct care workers who want to move ahead, and for their employers, who benefit from having their skilled staff stay on the job,” said Nancy Snyder, President of Commonwealth Corporation. “This funding expands the reach of the program and builds on the work of the more than 150 long-term care providers that have benefited from ECCLI.”

Grant recipients are:

ECCLI Grants - Rounds 10 & 11 - Summer 2007

Grant Recipient	Town	Round	Funding
Alden Court Nursing Care and Rehabilitation Center	Fairhaven	10	\$125,000
St. Camillus Health Center	Whitinsville	10	\$125,000
Buckley Healthcare Center	Greenfield	10	\$115,521
Medway Country Manor	Medway	11	\$75,000
Quaboag on the Common	West Brookfield	11	\$75,000
Jewish Healthcare Center	Worcester	11	\$74,708
Sunbridge Care and Rehabilitation of North Reading	North Reading	11	\$74,970
Parmenter Community Health VNA	Wayland	11	\$75,000
Blue Hills Alzheimers Care Center	Stoughton	11	\$74,825
Hancock Manor Nursing Home	Dorchester	11	\$75,000
Marina Bay Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation Center	Quincy	11	\$74,744
Visiting Nurse Association of Cape Cod	Hyannis	11	\$74,920
TOTAL:			\$1,039,688

Commonwealth Corporation is a quasi-public agency with a 25-year history in workforce development in Massachusetts, which receives financial support from the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development.

For information on the ECCLI initiative, visit www.commcorp.org

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