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## **BankGloucester awards \$25K to local organizations in thirteenth annual ‘Banking for the Community’ program**

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**GLOUCESTER, MA, October 15, 2020** – The results are in for BankGloucester’s 13th annual Banking for the Community Program! Special thanks to the general public for their participation and voting; making this program’s most successful year yet, with close to 10,000 votes cast! A total of 87 local organizations received votes this year and 21 received a combined total of \$25,000.

*“We’re grateful to be in a position where we are able to continue this important community-wide program, particularly through the pandemic. We are fortunate to be part of a great community that truly cares about each other, and we are happy to join them in support of so many deserving organizations that have made such a positive impact on our community.”* Stated Patrick Thorpe, President & CEO of BankGloucester”.

Community votes determined how the funds were distributed. Votes were cast through the Bank’s website at [www.BankGloucester.com](http://www.BankGloucester.com) or via paper ballot at the Gloucester, Essex and Ipswich branch locations. There were 20 organizations featured on the ballot and as always, write-ins were welcomed and this year one write-in organization was a winner.

### **And the winners are...**

Cape Ann Animal Aid received the most votes and was awarded \$5,000. The organization receiving the second most votes was The Open Door who received \$4,000. The organization with the third most votes was Generous Gardeners receiving \$3,000. Both the Backyard Growers and Ipswich Humane Group / Animal Shelter received \$2,000 each and Gloucester Education Foundation and Wellspring House received \$1,000 each. The following organizations received \$500 each: Schooner Adventure, Seaside Sustainability, Action Inc., SeniorCare Inc., Essex Shipbuilding Museum, Care Dimensions, Rose Baker Senior Center, Three Sisters, Ipswich Caring, Essex Senior Center, Ipswich Dinner Bell, Friends of Manchester Council on Aging, Education Foundation Rockport and Cape Ann Symphony Orchestra was our write-in winner!

Bank*Gloucester*, a \$330 million state-chartered mutual bank has been serving Gloucester and its neighboring communities since 1887. Bank*Gloucester* is headquartered at 160 Main Street in Gloucester and has a branch at 15 Martin Street in Essex and 143 High Street in Ipswich. They are a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and a member of the Depositors of Insurance Fund (DIF). At Bank*Gloucester*, all deposits are insured in full.

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