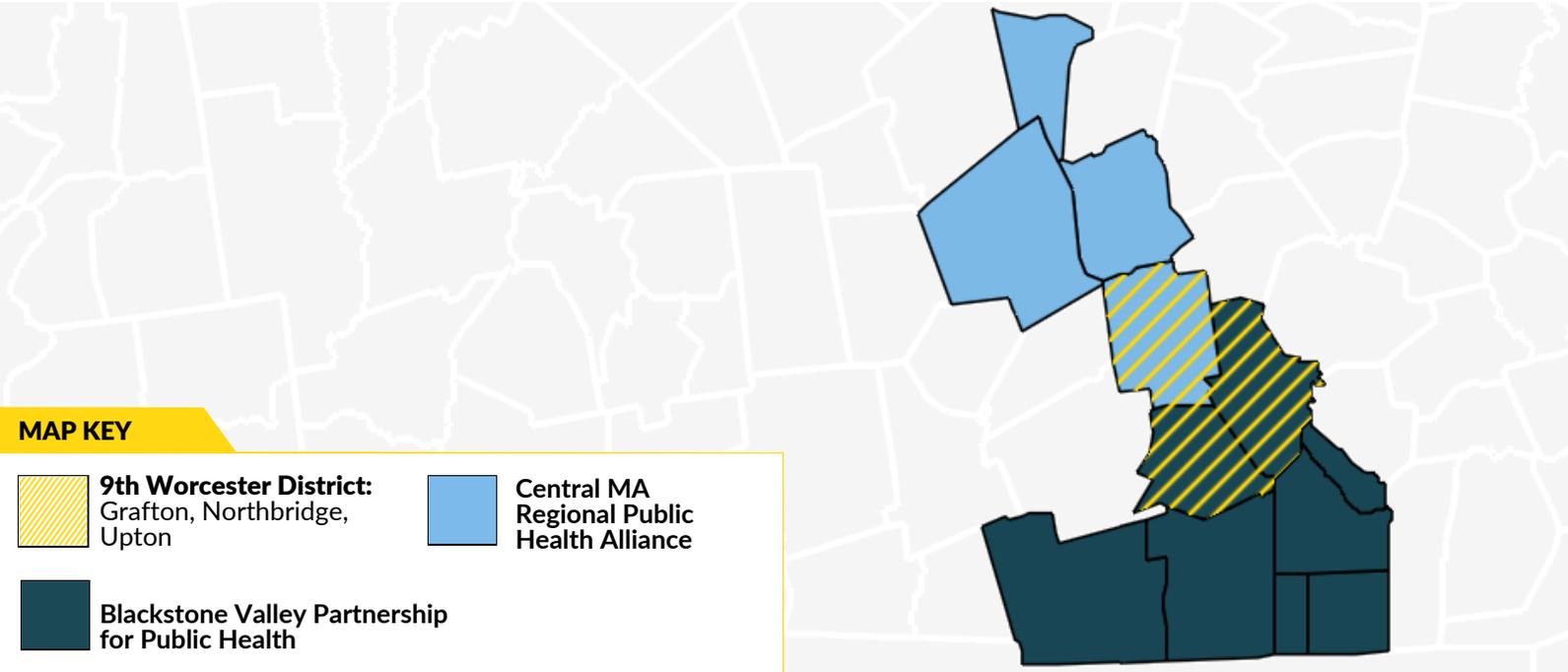


KEEPING MASSACHUSETTS HEALTHY & SAFE



The Public Health Excellence grant program (funded through line item 4512-2022) leverages state, federal, and municipal dollars to allow local boards of health to build capacity by sharing resources and staffing across regions. Through this grant program, communities gain access to trained public health professionals and data-driven solutions they couldn't support alone. This regional approach enables coordinated responses to health threats like infectious disease and the opioid epidemic that don't stop at town borders, helping ensure all residents have an equal chance to be healthy, no matter where they live.



MAP KEY

- 9th Worcester District:** Grafton, Northbridge, Upton
- Central MA Regional Public Health Alliance**
- Blackstone Valley Partnership for Public Health**

BLACKSTONE VALLEY PARTNERSHIP FOR PUBLIC HEALTH

CENTRAL MA REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH ALLIANCE

Participating Municipalities

8

Population Served

72.1 K

*2020 population, census data

Participating Municipalities

4

Population Served

272.4 K

*2020 population, census data

With PHE grant funding, BCPPH was able to:

- Provide supplemental public health services to the eight municipalities, from assisting inspections of permitted establishments to providing educational services and materials to its community members.
- Strengthen inspectional services by deploying Shared Inspectors to conduct inspections of food establishments, tanning salons, body art facilities, and housing, as well as investigate nuisance complaints.
- Provide health education to the public through a series of free community presentations led by the Regional Public Health Nurse, including Narcan training, mental health concerns in older adults, mosquito and tick disease prevention, and hoarding disorders.

With PHE grant funding, CMRPHA was able to:

- Provide a comprehensive array of public health services to partner municipalities through a single organization managed by Worcester's Division of Public Health.
- Hire a Shared Services Coordinator to coordinate and support the delivery of shared services, including public health nursing, environmental health inspection, community health, and epidemiological resources.
- Develop an Alliance-wide Opioid Partnership Program to guide shared initiatives, oversee the distribution of opioid settlement funds, and coordinate programming tailored to each town based on their unique needs.