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**Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation Awards \$3,000 Grant  
to United Way of the Tri-Valley Area for LEAP Explosion Fund**

**FARMINGTON, Maine** —The United Way of the Tri-Valley Area recently received a \$3,000 grant from Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation for the LEAP Explosion Fund. This fund was established to help LEAP employees, firefighters, and others affected by the explosion of the Life Enrichment Advancing People (LEAP) building in Farmington earlier this month.

“This deadly explosion at the LEAP building has been a tragic incident for the community of Farmington and the entire state of Maine,” said Bill Whitmore, Maine Market Vice President for Harvard Pilgrim Health Care in Portland. “While we know that healing and recovery are just beginning, we hope this grant to the United Way’s fund will help support those impacted and honor the first responders who risked their lives for others.”

**About Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation**

Created in 1980, The Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation supports Harvard Pilgrim's mission to improve the quality and value of health care for the people and communities we serve. The Harvard Pilgrim Foundation provides the tools, training and leadership to help build healthy communities throughout Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire. In 2018, the Harvard Pilgrim Foundation awarded more than \$1.25 million in grants to 855 nonprofit organizations in the region. Since its inception in 1980, the Foundation has awarded \$150 million in funds and resources throughout the four states.

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