

# The Funding Update

March 2013



Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick and Boston Mayor Tom Menino have announced the formation of The One Fund Boston, Inc. to help the people most affected by the tragic events that occurred in Boston on April 15, 2013. Find out more [here](#).

[Donate](#)

#### To send a check by mail:

One Fund Boston, Inc.  
800 Boylston Street #990009  
Boston, MA 02199

Victims and family [register here](#).

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"We are one Boston. We are one community. As always, we will come together to help those most in need. And in the end, we will all be better for it."

*Mayor Thomas M. Menino*

### Boston Rebuilds



Get business support.

Click here for [Business Help](#) »

### Boston Responds



We're here to help you.

Click here to [Find Resources](#) »

Another way to help: volunteer to staff phones to help victims access the One Boston Fund. Details: [ow.ly/koq3c](http://ow.ly/koq3c)

## CITY OF BOSTON GRANTS

### Renew Boston Community Outreach, 5/1/13

Work with the City of Boston to hire and provide workspace for one Neighborhood Network Coordinator and one Landlord Coordinator. Request for Proposals can be requested via email to [Lourdes.Lopez@cityofboston.gov](mailto:Lourdes.Lopez@cityofboston.gov)

### Boston R.O.C.K.S, 5/3/13

[Boston R.O.C.K.S!!! RFP 2013](#) » 

Non-profit community-based organizations are eligible for a grant award of up to \$5,000 to provide programming for youth ages 6-21 this summer. If you have any questions, please feel free to email [Leslee.Parker-Sproul@CityofBoston.gov](mailto:Leslee.Parker-Sproul@CityofBoston.gov).

### Partners with Non-Profits, 5/4/13

Assists non-profit agencies by making funds available to assist them in making necessary repairs to their facilities. Only Non-Profit Organizations that operate public facilities will be eligible. Download the package by registering at [bidinfo.gov](http://bidinfo.gov). For more information, contact John Lynch at 617-635-3973, or [jlynch.dnd@cityofboston.gov](mailto:jlynch.dnd@cityofboston.gov)

### Neighborhood Housing Trust, 6/7/13

The City of Boston's Neighborhood Housing Trust (NHT) is seeking proposals from for-profit and non-profit developers of affordable housing to apply for a total of up to \$5 Million in development funding. Request should not exceed \$750,000. The Trust may consider requests of up to \$1,000,000 for projects that will create or preserve more than 25 affordable units. This funding is available for rental, cooperative and homeownership developments. There will be a Bidders' Conference on Tuesday, May 7, 2013, at 10AM in the Bill Buckley Room, 11th Floor, 26 Court Street, Boston MA. Prospective applicants are strongly encouraged to attend this session so that NHT staff can review the requirements of the RFP and answer questions about the application process. Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit a Letter of Intent by Thursday, May 9, 2013. The Letter of Intent should specify the required information as instructed in the RFP. For more information, contact Christine O'Keefe at 617-635-0351.

## FEDERAL GRANTS

### ARTS

#### Department of State, 5/6/13

[Creative Arts Exchanges](#) to promote cultural diplomacy abroad. Economic Statecraft & the Arts; Youth & Underserved Communities; Community Engagement; Professional Development.

**Eligible:** Public and private 501c3 organizations.

**Range:** \$155K- \$800K

<http://1.usa.gov/11KodrJ>

## SOCIAL SERVICES

### Victims of Human Trafficking, 6/10/13

Direct services and inter-agency collaborations.

**Eligible:** Governments and non-profits

**Range:** Up to \$400K

<http://1.usa.gov/Y2qD7m>

### Serving Juvenile Offenders, 5/10/13

Jail diversion and record expungement strategies.

**Eligible:** Non-profits; governments

**Range:** up to \$1M

<http://1.usa.gov/Y9ZMZq>

### Families Affected by Substance Abuse/HIV

Community-based support services

**Eligible:** Governments; non-profits; colleges/universities

**Range:** \$200K - \$475K per year for 3 years

<http://1.usa.gov/15N0MoS>

## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

### Office of Refugee Re-Settlement, 5/21/13

Home-based childcare micro-enterprise development.

**Eligible:** Governments, colleges/universities; non-profits (501c3 is not required)

**Range: Up to \$200K**

<http://1.usa.gov/YdVvCc>

## RESEARCH

### Transformation Initiative, 5/29/13

Community investments in sustainability initiatives.

**Eligible:** Colleges/universities; non-profit foundations, researchers

**Range:** \$75K - \$125K

<http://1.usa.gov/182SQfA>

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### Make it in America Challenge, 5/31/13

Regional strategies to accelerate job creation

**Eligible:** districts, governments, non-profits, colleges and universities; consortia or collaboratives

**Range:** Up to \$4M

<http://1.usa.gov/Ya1M3C>

## FOUNDATION GRANTS

### Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation, 8/1/13

Musical instruments for under-funded programs.

*Proposals may be invited after pre-qualification.*

<http://bit.ly/cb3j1F>

## STATE BUDGET NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE

The House passed a \$34 billion budget on April 25, 2013, which included nearly \$135 million in amendments. The budget passed 127 to 29.

The House Ways and Means budget proposal increased unrestricted local aid for the first time since 2010 by \$21.3 million over last year, partly with new gaming licensing revenue. With these increases, the City sees a total increase of \$5.3 M in combined “Local Aid” and Ch. 70, compared to the final FY13 budget.

However, charter school reimbursements and homeless school transportation received cuts.

The budget also freezes tuition rates for UMass, which will allow UMass to avoid tuition and fee hikes for the next 2 years.

The House budget proposal draws \$350 million from the “rainy day” fund (\$50 M less than the Governor proposed) and relies on \$83.1 million in casino licensing revenues.

There were 900 amendments filed in the House, resulting in an additional \$3 million for Summer Jobs, \$2.5 million for Public Safety grants, and \$2 million for Public Housing operating subsidies.

The Senate Ways and Means proposal will be released on Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> and Senate amendments are due Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. The Senate budget debate will take place during the week of May 20<sup>th</sup>.

## FEDERAL BUDGET NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE

### [Washington Report - April 22, 2013](#)

The fact that both the House and Senate have each passed fiscal 2014 budget resolutions ([H Con Res 25](#), [S Con Res 8](#)), in contrast to recent years, may be viewed as a step towards a return to “normal order” for the federal budget process.

However, the official (but frequently missed) deadline for Congress to complete its annual concurrent budget resolution, April 15th, has now passed with no agreement between the two chambers in sight. The House and Senate budget resolutions differ greatly in their spending and policy priorities, leaving it unlikely that a final budget resolution will be adopted for fiscal 2014. Instead, the two chambers may proceed with drafting their own appropriations bills without first agreeing on a budget resolution.

The next budgetary deadline that will force Congress to act will be the need to raise the debt ceiling sometime this summer. Whether this need for action will result in a so-called “grand bargain” on long-term deficit reduction is uncertain.

On April 19, 2013, the co-chairs of the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform (“Fiscal Commission”), Alan Simpson and Erskine Bowles, released a detailed [proposal](#) for a possible grand bargain. The revised Simpson-Bowles plan builds upon the broad [framework](#) they issued earlier this year, and would provide for an additional \$2.5 trillion in savings over the next decade.

This savings would be achieved through a number of reforms, including a tax code overhaul, proposed cost-cutting reforms to Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security, and lowering discretionary spending caps (while also restoring most of the sequestration cuts that went into effect on March 1, 2013).

## **CURRENT FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

<http://grants.gov/>

## **CURRENT STATE BID AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

<http://www.comm-pass.com/>

## **CURRENT CITY OF BOSTON BID OPPORTUNITIES**

<http://www.cityofboston.gov/purchasing/bid.asp>

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If you decide to apply for a grant from a source in this update, technical assistance is available through our office. Call 617-635-3817, or email [inez.foster@cityofboston.gov](mailto:inez.foster@cityofboston.gov).

