

The Funding Update

October 2013

RECENT GRANTS AWARDED

Boston Police Department receives US Department of Justice grants: \$2.75M for *Adult Reentry*; \$484K for violence prevention, research and victim/witness advocacy, and \$170K for the *National Forum on Youth Violence*.

Boston Public Health Commission receives State grant: \$300K from the Massachusetts Health Connector to educate residents about new insurance options available as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

Boston Public Schools receive Federal and State grants: \$90K from US Housing & Urban Development *Choice Neighborhoods* for schools in Grove Hall, and \$58K from the *Massachusetts STEM Initiative* for pre-kindergarten math.

Partners HealthCare receives Federal grant: \$12M from National Institutes of Health to form the Boston Biomedical Innovation Center at Brigham/Women's and Mass. General.

CITY OF BOSTON OPEN BIDS

Boston Public Schools, 11/4/13

Seeking applications to pre-qualify for grant writing service contracts. Call 617-635-9480 for information. Application available at 26 Court Street, 5th Floor, Boston MA 02108.

Office of Budget Management, 11/8/13

Request for Proposals to provide a Municipal Medicaid Revenue Maximization System to assist the City in recovering payments from third party payors for health-related services provided to school children.

Office of Budget Management, *cont'd*

Call 617-635-2846 for information. RFP available at Boston City Hall Room 813, Boston MA 02201.

Department of Neighborhood Development, 2/1/14

Fairmount Corridor Acquisition Loan Fund offers zero or low-interest loans to developers seeking to acquire privately-owned parcels within one mile of the Fairmount Indigo Rail Corridor to develop affordable and/or mixed income residential and/or commercial projects. Call 617-635-0351 or download the RFP by registering at <http://tinyurl.com/6h4rwsn>.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Hispanic Scholarship Fund, 12/15/13

Coca Cola and Stop & Shop will make 4 awards of \$5000 to first-year students entering a degree program in 2014.

Eligible: High school senior of Hispanic heritage, US Citizen or permanent resident; minimum 3.0 GPA; permanent address in MA, NJ, RI, CT or NY.

Apply online: <http://tinyurl.com/lllnc9>

Gates Millennium Scholarship, 1/14/14

All undergraduate majors; specified graduate level disciplines. 1000 scholars selected each year.

Eligible: Minimum 3.3 GPA; Pell grant eligible.

Apply online: www.GMSP.org

Massachusetts Student Financial Assistance

A list of 38 scholarship, grant and loan programs available to Massachusetts residents pursuing higher education, with a link to the FAFSA. <http://tinyurl.com/lk6ndvz>

AASA (School Superintendents) Scholarships

A list of 32 awards and recognition programs for schools, students, teachers and the community.

<http://tinyurl.com/l2xkboxe>

American Library Association (ALA) Scholarships

A list of 20 scholarships for general or specialty library programs, also for underrepresented groups.

<http://tinyurl.com/kn7kaxk>

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RESOURCES

Check here for MCAS sample test questions, College and Career Readiness, Alternative Education, ACCESS for English Language Learners, and information for parents.

<http://tinyurl.com/lncnvs>

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FEDERAL GRANTS

HOUSING and SOCIAL SERVICES

Transitional/Maternity Group Homes; 1/15/14

Housing, supportive services to runaway and homeless youth.

Eligible: Governments, colleges and non-profits.

Range: Up to \$200K/year for 5 years

<http://tinyurl.com/l8moauh>

EDUCATION and WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Institute of Museum & Library Services, 12/2/13

National Leadership Grants for lifelong learning, civic engagement, cultural opportunities, and economic vitality.

Eligible: Museums, colleges, nonprofits.

Range: \$50K to \$500K. Match is required.

<http://tinyurl.com/cmepv3j>

Industry/University Cooperative Research, 1/6/14

5-year catalyst grants for collaborative research to improve the engineering and science workforce. Preference for teams of several universities.

Eligible: Academic institutions with graduate research programs.

Range: \$12M for 2-8 full centers, and 4-6 planning grants

<http://tinyurl.com/njc5fyp>

ARTS and CULTURE

National Endowment for the Humanities, 1/8/14

Planning and Implementation grants for museums, libraries, historic places, and other organizations that produce public programs in the humanities.

Eligible: Governments, colleges, non-profits

Range: Planning: up to \$75K; Implementation: up to \$1M

<http://tinyurl.com/7ctf46t>

Additional Grants from NEH, 1/8 – 6/11/14:

Media Makers, Bridging Cultures, Faculty and Challenge

Eligible: Governments, colleges, non-profits

Range varies by grant category: \$30K to \$1M

<http://www.neh.gov/grants>

National Endowment for the Arts, 1/13/14

Partnership grants for creative placemaking that fosters community and stimulates economic development.

Eligible: Governments and non-profits

Range: \$25k - \$100K; one-to-one match is required.

<http://tinyurl.com/q2x29aj>

RESEARCH

Discovery Research, 12/6/13

Research and development to significantly enhance STEM learning and teaching by preK-12 students and teachers.

Eligible: Governments, colleges, non-profits, for profits, researchers

Range: \$100K to \$3M

<http://tinyurl.com/pugl62k>

Health & Human Services, 1/7/14

Bio-behavioral research to reduce health disparities among minority and underserved children.

Eligible: Governments, schools, colleges, public housing authorities, non-profits/CBO's, FBO's, for-profits.

Range: All costs needed to complete a 5-year project

<http://tinyurl.com/nzue7zm>

National Institutes of Health, 2/3/14

Research on using infrastructure, technology, human, and material resources to plan, implement and improve mental health response to disasters and other emergency events.

Eligible: Governments, schools, colleges, public housing authorities, non-profits, for-profits.

Range: \$250K

<http://tinyurl.com/k8dk3ow>

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Community Development Financial Institutions & Healthy Food Financing Initiative, 12/23/13

Community development through credit, capital, and financial services in Target Markets.

Eligible: Certified (or certifiable) CDFI's.

Range: up to \$2M.

<http://tinyurl.com/q7ljxhg>

FOUNDATION GRANTS

SOCIAL IMPACT

Verizon Foundation, 12/3/13

Innovative App Challenge: Develop an original mobile app concept that incorporates STEM and addresses a need or problem in your school or community.

Eligible: Middle and high school students + faculty advisor

Range: \$5K STEM grant for the school

<http://tinyurl.com/pg942tf>

Education, Health Care and Energy Management grants:

No deadline. Application may be invited after review by Community Relations Manager. Present concept via email to stephanie.s.lee@verizon.com.

Eligible: 501c3 non-profits

Range: Discuss with Community Relations Manager

<http://tinyurl.com/otmju8x>

TJX Foundation, 12/16/13

Priorities: families, emergency shelter, education / job readiness and building community ties.

Eligible: 501c3 non-profits. Regional store employees make funding recommendations to the foundation.

Range: not specified

<http://tinyurl.com/bkd9el3>

William T. Grant Foundation, 1/8/14

Distinguished Fellows Program for influential policymakers or researchers; focused on improved youth outcomes.

Eligible: Non-profits

Range: up to \$200K

<http://tinyurl.com/cxvdw9c>

EDUCATION

Laura Bush Foundation, 12/2/13

Books and magazine subscriptions for school libraries.

Eligible: Schools where significant student population is eligible for free or reduced price lunch.

Range: Up to \$5K

<http://tinyurl.com/m4xf75f>

American Association of School Librarians, 1/1/14 (per website)

National School Library Program of the Year Award

recognizes exemplary school library programs that are fully integrated into the school's curriculum.

Eligible: School librarian as personal member of AASL

Range: \$10K

<http://tinyurl.com/odxunuw>

RESEARCH

Russell Sage Foundation, 1/15/14

Letter of Inquiry due 2 months before application deadline

Funds research on behavioral economics, immigration, the future of work and social inequality.

Eligible: Schools where significant student population is eligible for free or reduced price lunch.

Range: \$35K to \$200K

<http://tinyurl.com/62e6cbh>

WASHINGTON UPDATE

Section By Section Analysis of the Continuing Resolution (CR) that passed on October 16, 2013:

<http://tinyurl.com/pzn6b3e>

Fiscal 2014 Appropriations Outcome Unclear

Appropriators have been largely sidelined in the big budget battles, and there's growing talk of using a long-term stopgap continuing resolution to wrap up incomplete fiscal 2014 spending bills. Many veterans lawmakers see this as a result of the loss of what had long been one of the most effective tools for legislating, earmarks.

"Congress was given, by the founding fathers, the power of the purse," says James P. Moran of Virginia, a senior Democrat on the House Appropriations Committee. "The public has been taught to hate earmarks. Since we eliminated earmarks, the appropriations process has been stuck — it's dead. That's because members don't have any skin in the game."

The timing of a final decision on a fiscal 2014 spending cap will decide how many new spending bills are written for the budget year. Appropriators have been waiting for months for leaders to resolve a \$91 billion gap between the fiscal 2014 discretionary spending caps used in each chamber.

This number, known as a 302(a), will be settled on finally by the budget conference committee. Getting this number set as quickly as possible would raise the odds for completing quick House-Senate agreement on new spending bills, and thus reduce the number of federal agencies expected to operate under a long-term CR for fiscal 2014.

FERC Releases Winter Energy Assessment

On 10/17/13, staff for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) released a report on the energy expectations for the 2013-14 winter months. The FERC staff reports that overall, "market conditions going into the winter are generally positive for natural gas and electricity markets."

Further, staff said that NOAA weather data showing a "normal" winter in the eastern U.S. means "residential and commercial natural gas demand would be comparable to last year, particularly in the Northeast." FERC staff devoted a noteworthy amount of its report to discussing the challenges facing the New England region and its energy needs.

Housing Homeless Hospital Patients Reduces Public Costs

A new report published by the Economic Roundtable, shows that placing high cost homeless hospital patients into permanent supportive housing can significantly reduce annual public and hospital costs. According to the report, for every \$1 spent to house and support homeless patients with chronic illnesses, \$2 in public costs can be avoided in the first year after the patient is housed, and \$6 in subsequent years.

The report, *Getting Home: Outcomes from Housing High Cost Homeless Hospital Patients*, can be found on The Economic Roundtable's webpage at: <http://bit.ly/19YEWPR>

CURRENT FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

<http://grants.gov/>

Grants.gov has released a new-applicant training video: <http://tinyurl.com/kt7m6qa>

CURRENT STATE BID AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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

CURRENT CITY OF BOSTON BID OPPORTUNITIES

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

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

FREE IMMIGRATION ADVICE

Get free immigration legal advice at a confidential consultation with an attorney, every first and third Wednesday of the month from 12-2pm in Room 804 at Boston City Hall. For more information, contact the Mayor's Office of New Bostonians at 617.635.2980, or email an.le@cityofboston.gov.

COMMUNITY RESOURCE AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION WEEKLY

Includes events, trainings, jobs, meetings, and resources specific to violence prevention and more generally of interest to the Boston community. The email is a collation of items submitted by you and aims to inform each other of Boston resources and promote collaboration without 'reinventing the wheel.' Email allison.bovell@bmc.org if you would like to include something in a future email, would like to be added to the list, or would like to be taken off. *Please try to send early so community members have time to hear about it.* You can join and post your information to the group on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/292434047558573/>

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