

The Funding Update

September 2013

RECENT GRANTS AWARDED

Congratulations to the Boston Transportation Department: \$15.5M from the US Department of Transportation for the *Connect Historic Boston* initiative; and \$675K from the Federal Highway Administration/Federal Transit Authority to support the City's bicycling programs.

Congratulations to UMass Boston: \$3.1M from the National Science Foundation to train doctoral students to apply global solutions to environmental problems; and \$810K from Health Resources & Services Administration to address disparities in autism diagnosis, services and school engagement.

More awards are listed on page 3. If you wish to partner with the City of Boston on funding opportunities, contact inez.foster@cityofboston.gov or 61.7635.3954.

CITY OF BOSTON GRANTS

Boston Cultural Council, 10/15/13

Grants of up to \$5k will be made for cultural programming and for field trips to performances at Boston-based, designated performing arts organizations. Call 617. 635.2437 or email Arreen.Andrew@cityofboston.gov for information and applications.

Choice Neighborhood Social Services, 10/10/13

Request for Qualifications to provide Asset Building, ESOL, Adult Basic Education, and After School Services to residents of the Choice Neighborhood. Contact ken.barnes.jcs@cityofboston.gov for information and applications.

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BACK TO SCHOOL

School began Wednesday, September 4 for Grades 1-12. **Kindergarten classes open on Monday, September 9.** Call the BPS **Back to School Hotline** at **617.635.9046** with questions about waiting lists, transportation and school registration. Access the [2013-2014 school year calendar](#) and the 2013-2014 [Guide to the Boston Public Schools for Families and Students](#) with those links. For students who have left school and would like to return and earn a high school diploma, please call the BPS **Re-Engagement Center** at 617.635.2273. Visit www.bostonpublicschools.org for additional information.

PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

MCAS prep instruction is offered in Math, Science and English Language Arts. This program is **free to all**; the only requirements are commitment and consistency. In addition to outstanding instruction, students receive meals every evening, a T Pass, academic supplies, and one-on-one consultations with career experts. RSVP by **Monday, September 9, 2013** for the **September 11 Open House**. For further information, call 617. 427.0060 x5414 or email jlambert@rcc.mass.edu.

LIFELONG LEARNING

As Boston's elementary, high school, and college students begin their annual return to campus, Boston Public Library offers a variety of programs that are free and open to all. Highlights of the September class schedule include:

- **Mac Mondays** - Introduction to using a Mac, ranging from sampling a mouse to updating settings.
- **Job Seeker Thursdays** - Overview of the library's career resources as well as sessions like Resumes 101 and Interviewing 101.
- **iPad Fridays** - How to operate an iPad and check out e-books from the library.
- A special, ten-part **Genealogy for Beginners** series of classes will be offered on Tuesday afternoons, beginning September 16. Visit www.bpl.org for information on all programs and services at the Central and Branch libraries.

BOSTON YOUTH ZONE NEWSLETTER

<http://tinyurl.com/otnl65c>

Includes after-school programs, job information, family fun, library programs, volunteer opportunities, tutoring resources, college awareness, arts programming, resume tips, sports, fitness, and grant opportunities. Share widely!

FEDERAL GRANTS

HOUSING and SOCIAL SERVICES

Continuum of Care Registration, 9/23/13

Housing and supportive services to homeless families.

Eligible: Community partnerships including governments and non-profits.

Range: N/A; information only

Technical Assistance: Review the Registration Notice at

<http://tinyurl.com/mds7f9z>

Service Coordinators in Multi-Family Housing, 10/16/13

Assist elderly and non-elderly disabled persons to receive supportive services.

Eligible: Owners of publicly-assisted multi-family housing

Range: No maximum

<http://tinyurl.com/lazbqd5>

EDUCATION and WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program, 9/16/13

Education, research and early career development.

Eligible: Libraries and schools of library science.

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

<http://tinyurl.com/nt32fq6>

Bridges to the Doctorate, 11/1/13 – 9/25/15

To enhance the pool of master's degree students who are trained and available to participate in NIH-funded research.

Eligible: Public and Private Colleges

Range: \$250K

<http://tinyurl.com/ltewdbw>

ARTS and CULTURE

Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections, 12/3/13

Helps cultural institutions preserve holdings of humanities materials for future generations.

Eligible: Governments, colleges, non-profits

Range: Up to \$350K

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

RESEARCH

Alcohol & Stimulant Co-Addiction Research, 1/5/14

One (1) companion grant also available

<http://tinyurl.com/m9rvujd>

Drug Abuse Research, 1/16/14

Three (3) companion grants are also available

<http://tinyurl.com/kk76ojo>

Healthy Habits in Children & Adolescents, 9/8/14

Two (2) companion grants are available

<http://tinyurl.com/cdp100d>

For all three NIH Grant categories:

Applicants are encouraged to apply early so that any errors found may be corrected before the deadline.

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

Range: \$50K - \$250K

FOUNDATION GRANTS

SOCIAL IMPACT

Ben and Jerry's Foundation, 9/13/13

Letter of Interest required before application.

Grassroots Organizing for Social Change grants.

Eligible: Non-profit community organizing groups with budgets under \$500K

Range: Up to \$20K; 12 month projects

<http://tinyurl.com/3z5wgp4>

Citizens Bank Growing Communities, 9/19/13

Economic development: small business and job creation; neighborhood revitalization in distressed communities.

Eligible: Non-profits; no fiscal agents

Range: \$15K to \$50K

<http://tinyurl.com/jwg4hdj>

State Street Strategic Grantmaking

No deadline. A preliminary application is required.

Education, workforce development, economic self-sufficiency.

Eligible: Non-profits

Range: Unspecified – average: \$20K

<http://tinyurl.com/kdbn7lp>

Boston Foundation Vision Fund

September submissions reviewed in November.

Capacity building efforts, pilot or demonstration projects, program design, evaluation or research, strategic planning.

Eligible: Non-profits

Range: Up to \$7500

<http://tinyurl.com/mv4vp34>

Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation, Ongoing

A specific, one-time future education-related need.

Eligible: Applicants: Front-line educators. Recipients:

Schools or non-profits.

Range: Up to \$2K

<http://tinyurl.com/pgz444y>

Smith Family Foundation, 9/19/13

Small capital grants: vehicles, equipment, facilities, etc.

Eligible: Non-profits with strong leadership and budgets under \$3M. See application for additional criteria.

Range: \$5K to \$50K; Average: \$28K

<http://tinyurl.com/m88rx9e>

W. K. Kellogg, 9/23/13 for Initial Submission

Family Engagement, focused on children ages birth to 8, and families with incomes below 200% of poverty level.

Eligibility: Non-profits. Public or for-profit entities may partner with non-profits.

Range: Up to \$500K

<http://tinyurl.com/kxvu95p>

EDUCATION

Target Foundation, 10/1/13

Educational Field Trips

Eligible: Educators, teachers, principals, paraprofessionals or classified staff of accredited schools that have a 501c3 or 509a1

Range: Up to \$700

<http://tinyurl.com/ml4rn9e>

Lowe's Foundation, 10/15/13

K-12 school improvement projects.

Eligible: K-12 schools and non-profit parent groups

Range: Up to \$5K

<http://tinyurl.com/pgz444y>

National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM), 11/8/13

Seventeen (17) opportunities, including: lifetime achievement award, conference attendance awards, classroom research awards, graduate education scholarships, and emerging teacher-leader grants.

Eligible: NCTM membership required

Range: Varies according to grant

<http://tinyurl.com/mekqev3>

ARTS and CULTURE

Linde Family Foundation, 10/1/13

Application may be invited after review of Letter of Inquiry

Supports learning in the arts, among youth aged 5 to 13, in or out of schools in Boston.

Eligible: Non-profits, including fiscal sponsors

Range: Up to \$25K per year for two years

<http://tinyurl.com/ka7c6cl>

MAP Fund, 10/4/13

Application may be invited after review of Letter of Inquiry

Supports artists, ensembles, producers and presenters whose work in the disciplines of contemporary performance embodies this spirit of exploration and deep inquiry.

Eligible: Non-profits, including fiscal sponsors

Range: \$10K to \$45K; average \$25K

<http://tinyurl.com/3vd5hhf>

Chamber Music America, 11/1/13

Residency Partnership Program supports building audiences for jazz and chamber music. Emphasis on performances in community settings.

Eligible: Performing and teaching artists

Range: \$2500 to \$12K

<http://tinyurl.com/lvvooj2>

More Funding Opportunities on Page 5.

WASHINGTON UPDATE

Congress is in recess until the second week of September.

Agencies on Target to Meet Sequester Caps

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) has released an independent review of the federal agencies' fiscal year (FY) 2013 budgetary expenditures entitled "Sequestration Update Report: August 2013" as it is required to do so by law. CBO asserts that federal agencies will not meet or exceed the overall spending cap of \$1.195 trillion for FY 2013 as established by the Budget Control Act of 2011 and the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012; therefore, no further sequestration should be enacted for the fiscal year. CBO estimates that the cap on overall discretionary budget authority will increase from \$967 billion for FY 2014 to \$1.147 trillion for FY 2021. It also notes that the non-defense discretionary budget authority should stand at approximately \$469 billion in FY 2014 after automatic spending reductions are triggered under current law.

Impacts of Sequestration

Financial Times recently published an article dealing with the impact of sequestration on low-income housing. It's estimated that sequestration cuts to federal low-income housing programs could affect more than 125,000 families across the US.

New data from HHS show that approximately 57,000 children were cut from Head Start programs this year because of sequestration nationwide.

RECENT GRANTS AWARDED, CONT'D.

Congratulations to Boston Police Department:
\$311K from National Institutes for Justice for DNA backlog reduction.

Congratulations to Boston Environmental and Energy Department:
\$143K to install energy management systems at 7 Boston Public Library branches.

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>

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If you decide to apply for a grant from a source in this update, or wish to partner with a City department on a grant, technical assistance is available through our office. Call 617.635.3954, or email inez.foster@cityofboston.gov.

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.

PRELIMINARY MUNICIPAL ELECTION, 9/24/13

The Election department is seeking a substantial amount of help for the Preliminary Municipal Election on Tuesday, September 24, 2013. Given the historic nature of this election, a significant voter turnout is expected.

Assistance is needed city-wide at all levels: Wardens, Clerks, Inspectors, and bilingual staff are particularly needed at Boston's 255 polling locations. Information on these positions can be found at www.cityofboston.gov/elections.

Additionally, a large team of workers will be needed to staff telephone lines in the Election Department that day. Duties will include answering inquiries from the general public, as well as fielding calls from the election officers at the polls.

For more information on how you can help, please contact Gerry.Cuddyer@cityofboston.gov; or call 617.635.3767.

