



## 1965 Freedom Plaza Campaign - Help Recognize Boston's Civil Rights Heroes from the 50's and 60's. We are looking for nominations.

In celebration of Black History month, [King Boston](#) invites *you* to join us in honoring 65 Boston civil rights leaders to be permanently featured on the 1965 Freedom Plaza of the Embrace Memorial. The public art will be unveiled in 2023 on the Boston Common, where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. offered his "call to action" following the first major civil rights rally of New England in 65'.

Through the [1965 Freedom Plaza Campaign](#), we strive to highlight the efforts and contributions of those who demanded the highest ideals of Boston and pioneered the local movement for racial equality. As we celebrate those on whose shoulders we stand, we reiterate an absolute truth, that Black and Brown history is the history of Boston and the history of America.

[With your help](#), the Embrace Memorial and 1965 Freedom Plaza will offer a living space

for conversation and reflection and serve as both a product and producer of change.

Thank you for your support of this historic process,  
King Boston Team



[SUBMIT NOMINATION](#)

*King Boston is a program of the Boston Foundation working closely with the City of Boston to create a living memorial and programs honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King, and their time and work together in Boston. The memorial is intended to inspire visitors to reflect on the values of racial and economic justice that both espoused. Through the memorial and related programming, King Boston envisions an inclusive and equitable Boston for all.*





**NEW APPLICANT**  
GRANT PROGRAM

**INCLUSIVE**  
GRANT PROGRAM



TWO NEW COVID-19  
**PANDEMIC RESPONSE**  
SMALL BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAMS

For more information and  
to apply, scan the QR code



**SEE WHICH GRANT  
PROGRAM YOU  
QUALIFY FOR**  
**APPLY NOW**



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## New Grant Opportunities for Small Businesses.

There are 2 grants. The New Applicant has 25M and the Inclusive Grant has 50M. Both were opened yesterday. Small business should check to see if they are eligible. MGCC encourage the business to apply to both grants (if applicable) in order to get a better chance of getting at least 1 grant.

Only 1 grant will be awarded. The application is NOT first come first serve and the deadline is April 4.

MGCC website

[\[https://www.empoweringsmallbusiness.org/\]](https://www.empoweringsmallbusiness.org/)

Small Business Strong and LISC (once LISC is ready) are able to provide TA with the application process.

[\[https://www.smallbstrong.com/\]](https://www.smallbstrong.com/)

[\[https://www.lisc.org/boston/\]](https://www.lisc.org/boston/)

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MILL CITIES COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS 

## Info Sessions: New COVID-19 Pandemic Response Small Business Grant Programs from MGCC

Attend a virtual info session to learn about MGCC's New Applicant and Inclusive Grant Programs

We will cover:

- What businesses qualify
- Approved use of funds
- Required documentation
- How to apply and get help with the process

Info Sessions via Zoom Every Tuesday in March  
March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29  
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (English)  
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (Spanish)

REGISTER ONLINE AT:  
[mccinvest.as.me/COVID](https://mccinvest.as.me/COVID)

Questions? Contact Kristin Wallace at  
978-242-7362 or [kristin.wallace@mccinvest.org](mailto:kristin.wallace@mccinvest.org)

## MGCC Info Sessions

[\[Click Here to Register\]](#)



## New Grant Opportunities from Massachusetts Grown Capital Corp.

[\[Click Here to Learn More Information\]](#)

## New COVID-19 Pandemic Response Small Business Grant Programs

Through funds appropriated by the Commonwealth's share of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, MGCC is administering two grant programs to continue to support small businesses negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Learn about the programs and decide which one is right for your business:

[\[Learn More\]](#)

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## New Applicant Grant Program

The New Applicant Grant Program was created to provide \$25,000,000 in grant assistance to support small businesses that have not previously received financial relief from MGCC's COVID-19 Relief Grant Programs.

[\[Learn More\]](#)

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# INCLUSIVE GRANT PROGRAM

## Inclusive Grant Program

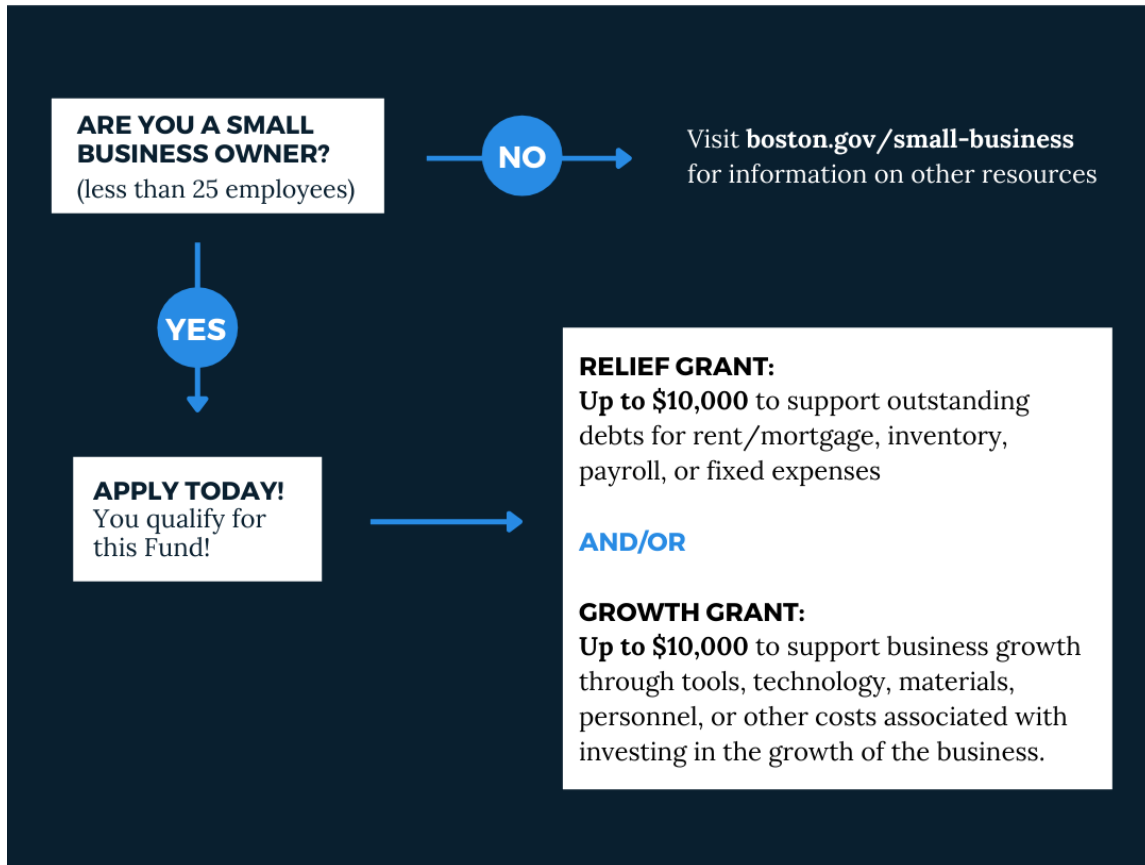
The Inclusive Grant Program has \$50,000,000 available to businesses that focus on reaching markets predominantly made up of socially and economically disadvantaged and historically underrepresented groups, underserved markets, and those owned by minorities, women, veterans, disabled individuals, or those that identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community.

[\[Learn More\]](#)

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# SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF FUND 2.0

*Grants for a thriving recovery*



## Mayor Wu Announces City of Boston Will Replenish Small Business Relief Fund 2.0 With \$5 Million

The Small Business Relief Fund is designed to help businesses cover expenses to help their recovery and assist businesses that seek to grow beyond the pandemic. The replenishment of SBRF 2.0 will reopen applications for the Small Business Relief Fund initially launched in April 2020 and relaunched in September 2021.

To apply, please visit: [boston.gov/business-relief](https://boston.gov/business-relief) or [bostonopendata.knack.com/small-business-grants](https://bostonopendata.knack.com/small-business-grants)

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# FREE FARES ON BUS ROUTES 23, 28, AND 29

Starting March 1, 2022, you can board buses at all doors without paying a fare on routes **23, 28** and **29** for two years.

Learn more at [boston.gov/free-bus](https://boston.gov/free-bus)

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Mayor Michelle Wu



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## Small Business Relief Fund 2.0

The City of Boston will be replenishing the Small Business Relief Fund 2.0 with \$5 million. These funds will help support additional Boston small businesses as they continue their recovery.

Businesses will be able to apply for two types of grants: a **Relief Grant** of up to \$10,000 to support outstanding debts for rent or mortgage, inventory payroll, or fixed expenses; and a **Growth Grant** of up to \$10,000 to support business growth through tools and technology, materials and personnel, or other costs associated with investing in the growth of the business.

Businesses can apply for one or both grants. These funds may only be used for expenses incurred between March 3, 2021 - December 31, 2024. Multilingual applications are available.

[\[Click Here to Learn More and Apply\]](#)





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Mayor Michelle Wu announced that the Boston Tax Help Coalition (BTHC) has launched its twentieth tax season and is once again offering free tax preparation for residents who earn \$60,000 per year or less.

[\[Visit BostonTaxHelp.org\]](http://VisitBostonTaxHelp.org)



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RIGHTS**

visit [boston.gov/eviction-questions](http://boston.gov/eviction-questions)

**CITY of BOSTON**

## Eviction and Rental Assistance

If you need rental assistance, please visit the link below for resources through the Office of Housing Stability.



## COVID-19 VACCINE IN BOSTON

Along with wearing masks, social distancing, and frequent handwashing, the COVID-19 vaccine will help us end the pandemic.



Check our website to find a map and list of vaccination sites for eligible residents in the City: [boston.gov/covid19-vaccine](https://boston.gov/covid19-vaccine)

Interested in learning more about the COVID-19 vaccine and how to access it in Boston? Visit [boston.gov/covid19-vaccine](https://boston.gov/covid19-vaccine).

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## Subscribe to Metrolist

The BPDA affordable housing email list has merged with the City of Boston's Metrolist. Sign up today and receive up to date information on new housing opportunities as well as housing programs and events. [\[More\]](#)

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## Community Gathering At The Muse

Each Month Project 2043 in partnership with Fields Corner Crossroads and Vital CXNs will be hosting community events at the Muse located at 336 Blue Hill Ave, Dorchester, MA, 02121. The Muse is one of many vibrant and interesting places in our community. We want you to join us and make our space your second home.

And if you are looking for a place to get vaccinated or boosted, we host a clinic every Tuesday (4PM-7PM).

[\[Click Here to Learn More\]](#)

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## Mass Mentoring Counts 2022

Mass Mentoring Partnership (MMP) is working with the University of Massachusetts Donahue Institute (UMDI) to conduct the Mass Mentoring Counts 2022 survey. The information you provide in this survey helps create the most accurate and complete snapshot of youth mentoring in the state. Moreover, this year the survey will focus on program impacts related to COVID-19. This information is vital for telling the story of the youth mentoring field. Both MMP and your program can use this valuable data to strengthen funding proposals, raise public awareness, and enhance program services.

It is important that we obtain **ONE SURVEY FOR EACH YOUTH MENTORING PROGRAM** run by your organization. The survey will take approximately 15-20 minutes to complete. **Please complete the survey by Friday, March 18th.**

Follow this link to the Survey:

[\[Take the Survey\]](#)

Or copy and paste the URL below into your internet browser:

[https://umassamherst.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_8B4XIYhgz7NkmMe?Q\\_DL=yv372BvZJwE0Wj6\\_8B4XIYhgz7NkmMe\\_MLRP\\_0dCHB53IXkMsv7o&Q\\_CHL=em ail](https://umassamherst.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8B4XIYhgz7NkmMe?Q_DL=yv372BvZJwE0Wj6_8B4XIYhgz7NkmMe_MLRP_0dCHB53IXkMsv7o&Q_CHL=em ail)

In many cases, MMP has provided us with multiple contact names for your organization

/program. Please discuss internally who will be completing the survey as multiple contacts may have received this email and survey link. We were provided solely with organizational names - not individual mentoring program names - so program contacts and specific mentoring programs are not linked.

If your organization runs multiple youth mentoring programs, again, please discuss internally and decide who should complete a survey for each of your mentoring programs. At the end of the survey, there is a final question as to whether your organization operates an additional, separate youth mentoring program as well as space to provide contact information to distribute another survey. Please feel free also to contact me, Jill Capitani, at [jcapitani@donahue.umass.edu](mailto:jcapitani@donahue.umass.edu) in advance with additional contacts or with any survey questions. Finally, if you have multiple programs that a single contact will be completing, do not hesitate to email me and schedule a time for us to complete together.

Thank you for your time and participation! As a further incentive, MMP will hold a raffle and award three randomly selected programs that completed MMC 2022 with the following cash prizes:

1st Prize: \$500

2nd Prize: \$250

3rd Prize: \$250

Once you finish the survey, you will have the ability to download a copy of your completed survey for your records.



## ABCD Jobs Posting

[\[Click Here to View Jobs\]](#)

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## Recreational Cannabis General Manager

The job has been posted to the [Bay State Banner jobs board](#), and is hosted on [Indeed.com](#).

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## Start Your Hotel Career Boston Residents

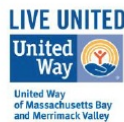


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**Training prepares graduates for great hotel housekeeping jobs at Boston area hotels**

- Starts February 14, 2022
- Training is four weeks
- Monday-Friday, 10 AM-1 PM

### Requirements

- Live in Boston
- Authorized to work in the US
- Able to communicate well in English
- Able to work a rotating schedule
- Willing to work weekends and holidays
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- Able to pass an employer background check
- Able to begin work immediately upon graduation

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## Location for the next BCYF Community Center.

The City is holding public meetings and also asking for your input.

[CLICK HERE for information](#) that was shared at meetings in October and December 2021.

There are two surveys for you to respond to, a programmatic survey and a location mapping survey. [CLICK HERE to see a map](#) where a) anyone can put in anonymous comments about a particular location, and b) anyone can show whether they like or dislike a location or a comment.

[BCYF Community Center Study Dorchester: Survey \(google.com\)](#) – (This survey is where you can prioritize the programming you would like to see at this new facility)

More meetings will be held in the future. You can follow [@BCYFcenters](#) on Twitter for updates – or call 617.541.5454x102.

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## Seeking GH Main Streets Support - Crew's Community Resilience and Climate Preparedness Project in Grove Hall

### A Brief Overview of the Project:

This project is a partnership between CREW and Tufts University, and it is funded by a [Tisch College Grant to conduct local participatory community research](#). The overall goal of this project is to understand Boston residents' social connections within their neighborhoods and communities, and how these connections, and lack thereof, impact or inform their preparedness for extreme weather events (e.g. heat waves; flooding). This is especially important work because events like these are increasing as a result of climate change (in frequency and severity), and several neighborhoods in Boston have characteristics (e.g. low tree canopy, highly paved, barriers to resources) that exacerbate these weather events and their impacts on people living here. Studies indicate that people who feel and are more socially connected to their communities are also more prepared for climate change. For instance, there's research from [1995 Heat wave in Chicago](#) that indicates that residents who died during the heat wave, quite often, were isolated from their neighbors and disconnected from their community resources.

### Details of the Project:

From February - April 2022, we will survey 200 residents total in Grove Hall (Dorchester/Roxbury) and Chinatown, and then conduct longer interviews with 40 residents (a subset of the original 200). Given the current COVID situation and time of year (cold, wintry weather!), surveys and interviews will be a mix of in-person and virtual, however's most comfortable and safe for people who participate and for our field team, which will be students from Tufts University, Boston University, and UMass Amherst. We have established safety and health protocols, which are pretty rigorous at the local universities, and we welcome any additional accommodations you'd recommend.

Our field researchers also have some language capacity (Chinese, Spanish).

For your review and to give you a stronger understanding of this project's parameters and what we're inquiring about, I've attached a copy of the:

- survey/questionnaire
- study consent form
- outreach half-pager/flyer
- map of two study areas, one in Grove Hall and one in Chinatown, where we're focusing survey and outreach efforts.

The survey and consent form are currently being translated into Chinese (Simplified and Traditional) and Spanish, and can be translated into other languages as needed. We're also working on an online survey form, which will also be translated into multiple languages. We'll then add the online survey link and a QR code to the outreach half-pager/flyer.

### **Why are we doing this research?:**

- It'll help amplify for communities the extreme importance more broadly of social connections when preparing for, during, and after extreme weather events.
- Learnings from this research can help us educate the public on ways they can protect themselves and their families in a crisis, like a heat wave or flooding.
- We'll be able to identify individuals and populations needing more climate resiliency supportive services - e.g. elders; non-English speakers.
- We'll understand how to connect people with [resilience hubs](#) and make resources, such as emergency kits and weather alerts, more accessible to people who need them.
- Participation in this research can make it possible for us to get even more funding for broader research.

### **This Project and GH Main Streets / Union Capital Boston**

We're reaching out to you because of our shared commitment to Grove Hall residents and because we want to engage with these community members in a helpful and meaningful way, through relationships based on trust. We recognize your important role in this community and would love to partner with you, if you're interested/have the capacity to do so.

### **Click Links Below to Learn More**

[\[Extreme Weather and Social Connectedness - Survey\]](#)

[\[Extreme Weather Survey Consent\]](#)

[\[Research Area Maps - Grove Hall & Chinatown\]](#)

[\[Extreme Weather & Social Connectedness Community Research Study\]](#)

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# IRS Field Assistance

## TAXPAYER ASSISTANCE CENTERS

**Ready to help:**

**IRS Taxpayer Assistance Centers open on special Saturdays for face-to-face help.**



[irs.gov/saturdayhours](https://irs.gov/saturdayhours)

### Taxpayer Experience Days

IRS will open many of its Taxpayer Assistance Centers (TACs) on the second Saturday of each month in February through May 2022 to offer in-person help.

Taxpayers may visit a TAC on a walk-in basis for all services routinely offered at a TAC. Taxpayers can make payments by check or money order; cash will not be accepted. FA anticipates many requests related to refunds, identity theft, ITIN, the IP PIN program enrollment, account questions, and printing transcripts, forms, instructions and publications.

The goal of the events is to provide additional service hours to help taxpayers address their account issues. In addition, event promotional materials include messages to build awareness of the need for taxpayers to reconcile their 2021 tax returns for advance payments made in 2021 of the Child Tax Credit and Economic Impact Payments (EIP), the benefits of having an Online Account, and to emphasize using IRS.gov resources before traveling to a local office for assistance.

**To arrive prepared, taxpayers must bring:**

- Their current government-issued photo identification,
- Social Security cards and/or ITIN numbers for themselves, their spouse and dependents (if applicable),
- Any IRS letters or notices received, and any supporting documents

During their visit, IRS staff may also request the following information from taxpayers:

- A current mailing address,
- An email address, and
- Bank account information, to receive payments by direct deposit

The [Contact Your Local Office](#) section on IRS.gov lists all services provided at specific TACs.

Foreign language interpreters will be available to assist. The IRS staff will schedule appointments for a later date for Deaf or Hard of Hearing individuals who need sign language interpreter services.

If someone can't attend one of these events, they should visit IRS.gov to see if they can use online resources to answer their questions. They can also call the IRS Appointment Line, 844-545-5640, to request an appointment for another time.

People who need assistance preparing tax returns can visit a [Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Center \(VITA\) or Tax Counseling for the Elderly location](#). VITA sites offer free tax help to qualified individuals who need assistance in preparing their own tax returns, including:

- People who earn \$58,000 or less,
- Persons with disabilities and
- Limited English-speaking taxpayers.

Note: IRS is following [Centers for Disease Control social distancing guidelines](#) for COVID-19.

At all locations, masks are required, and social distancing will be followed.

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