

The BIDMC New Inpatient Building (NIB) Community-based Health Initiative (CHI) Request for Proposals (RFP) focuses on addressing upstream social determinants of health by funding programs and initiatives that lead to more equitable and healthy communities. This RFP will award **up to \$6.55 million** over three years to organizations that will implement evidence-based and/or evidence-informed strategies in the areas of **Housing Affordability, Jobs and Financial Security, and Behavioral Health**.

Core Principles

**IMPACT | COMMUNITY | HEALTH & RACIAL EQUITY | SUSTAINABILITY |
MOVING UPSTREAM**

RFP High-Level Timeline

August 3, 2020	RFP released online
August 10, 2020	Virtual information session (optional)
August 28, 2020	Letter of Intent (LOI) submission deadline
September 21, 2020	LOI applicants notified of invitation to submit full proposal
October 19, 2020	Full proposal due (invitation only)
No later than December 4, 2020	Full proposal applicants notified of grant decisions
January 1, 2021	Three-year grant term begins

Funding Tracks

Track	Max. funding per track	Max. funding per grantee (over 3 years)	Approx. # of grants	Description / requirements
Track 1: Cross-sector partnerships for systems change	\$2M	\$1M	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Select <u>two or more</u> priority areas Select <u>up to three</u> strategic focus areas for each priority area Partner with at least one other organization (one partner must serve as lead organization)
Track 2: Focused investment	\$4M	\$500K	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Select one <u>primary</u> priority area (may indicate additional priority areas but not required) Select <u>two or more</u> strategic focus areas for the primary priority area Partnerships encouraged but not required
Track 3: Capacity building seed funding	\$600K	\$100K	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Select <u>only one</u> priority area and <u>only one</u> strategic focus area Partnerships allowed but not required

Priority Areas, Strategic Focus Areas, and Strategies

Note: For descriptions of the evidence-based/evidence-informed strategies, please refer to the full RFP.

Priority Area	Strategic Focus Area	Evidence-based / Evidence-informed Strategy
Housing Affordability	Homelessness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing First • Supportive Services for People Experiencing Homelessness • Drive Public Policies to Prevent or Reduce Homelessness
	Home Ownership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Down Payment Assistance and Home Ownership Education • Zero and/or Low Interest Home Loans • Foreclosure Prevention
	Rental Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flexible Financial Assistance • Eviction Prevention
Jobs and Financial Security	Education / Workforce Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Vocational Training • Sector-based Workforce Initiatives • Youth Employment Programs • Labor/Workforce Exchange
	Employment Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transitional Jobs Programs • Providing Flexible Access to Capital for Small Businesses
	Income / Financial Supports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancing Economic Security and Wealth Accumulation (e.g., financial coaching, savings vehicles, etc.)
Behavioral Health	Mental Health and Substance Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building Provider Capacity • Building Community Capacity to Provide Behavioral Health Services • Increasing Education on Behavioral Health to Reduce Stigma

Eligibility

To apply, organizations must be tax-exempt (organization with 501 (C) 3 status) or a public agency. They also must currently serve individuals in or across one or more of the below Boston neighborhoods:

- Allston/Brighton
- Bowdoin/Geneva
- Chinatown
- Fenway/Kenmore
- Mission Hill
- Roxbury

Lead organizations must have a strong history of working in one or more of the neighborhoods listed above.

Contact Information

Interested applicants are encouraged to attend a virtual information session on **August 10, 2020 at 10 am**. See the [RFP page](#) to sign up. Questions? contact the BIDMC Community Benefits Team at NIBCHI@bidmc.harvard.edu.