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New! Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative Funding Opportunity: Bowdoin/Geneva and Fenway/Kenmore

Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (BIDMC) is excited to announce the launch of its new *Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative* Request for Proposals (RFP).

Through this current RFP, two coalitions – one in the Boston neighborhood of Bowdoin/Geneva and the other in the Boston neighborhood of Fenway/Kenmore – will be selected to receive \$395,000 each to develop and implement a community-led project in their neighborhood.

Over the next three years, we will announce Healthy Neighborhoods RFP's for the City of Chelsea and the neighborhoods of Allston/Brighton, Chinatown, Mission Hill, and Roxbury as well. Visit [our website](#) for all the latest details.

Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative RFP: At-A-Glance

What: A unique funding opportunity centered on the principles of inclusion, community engagement, health and racial equity, and taking an evidence-informed or evidence-based approach.

Who: Community Collectives -- coalitions, committees, or groups of residents that demonstrate an ability to facilitate an inclusive, broadly represented, and community-driven and led process. See [the full RFP](#) for additional information about eligibility.

When: Proposals are due **March 18, 2021 by 5pm Eastern** and applicants will be notified by **April 23, 2021**. Project plans will be implemented over a period of up to two years. See [the full RFP](#) for other key dates.

Where: The Boston neighborhoods of Bowdoin/Geneva and Fenway/Kenmore.

Why: To facilitate collaborative efforts that enhance neighborhood assets and resident capacity to address specific concerns in their community, drawing on the strengths found in each neighborhood.

Funding Awarded to City of Chelsea

Last week, Beth Israel Lahey Health (BILH) **announced** \$600,000 in grant funding to the City of Chelsea to support efforts to address food insecurity and housing stability. Building on BILH's longstanding commitment to the community, the grant funding seeks to address key areas of need identified collaboratively by the City of Chelsea, community-based organizations, and BILH's Community Benefits Committee.

BILH grant funding was awarded to:

- The [Chelsea Housing Legal Aid Bureau](#), which provides legal services and representation to Chelsea residents, regardless of their income or immigration or citizenship status, who are facing eviction and landlord disputes.
- [Chelsea Eats](#), an innovative pilot program launched by the City of Chelsea in October 2020 that provides residents with monthly debit cards to be used at supermarkets and food stores.

COVID-19 Vaccine Resources

We know that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact our communities. The arrival of safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines, while an important and hopeful milestone, has also raised many questions. We wanted to share a few resources that you may find helpful:

- Beth Israel Lahey Health [COVID-19 Vaccine Information page](#)
- MassLeague of Community Health Centers' [multi-lingual vaccine resources](#)
- Trust the Facts Get the Vax [information campaign](#)

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Stay tuned for quarterly updates about BIDMC's Community-based Health Initiative. For more information, visit us at [bidmc.org/chi](#).

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