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Supporting Boston Neighborhood Coalitions


BIDMC is excited to announce that the first two collectives for the Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative have been selected and will focus on the Boston neighborhoods of Bowdoin/Geneva and Fenway/Kenmore. *Healthy Bowdoin Geneva* and *We're Here for You: Fenway/Kenmore* are coalitions made up of community-based organizations, local businesses, and residents who have strong connections to these neighborhoods.

Over the next few months these collectives will engage community members to identify and select a neighborhood-specific project to receive funding.

Healthy Bowdoin Geneva

Healthy Bowdoin Geneva is comprised of neighborhood residents and representatives from organizations including Bowdoin Geneva Main Streets, Bowdoin Street Health Center, Cape Verdean Association of Boston, Catholic Charities Teen Center at Saint Peter's, Dorchester CARES Coalition, Dorchester Catholic Parishes, Dorchester Food Co-Op, Family Nurturing Center, Friends of Geneva Cliffs, Friends of Ronan Park, Greater Bowdoin Geneva Neighborhood Association, Meetinghouse Hill Civic Association, and UP Academy Dorchester School.

Are you a resident of Bowdoin/Geneva? Are you interested in getting involved? Please contact Richard Claytor at rclaytor@familynurturing.org.



"Everyone at Healthy Bowdoin Geneva is excited for an opportunity to advance health and racial equity in the neighborhood. We love this community and can't wait to get to work."
- Tara Register, Dorchester CARES

Image at left: Healthy Bowdoin Geneva Zoom Kick-Off Meeting

We're Here for You: Fenway/Kenmore

We're Here for You: Fenway Kenmore includes neighborhood residents and representatives from Audubon Circle Neighborhood Association, Fenway Alliance, Fenway Civic Association, Fenway Community Center, Fenway Community Development Corporation, Fenway Health, HallKeen Management, Northeastern University, Operation P.E.A.C.E., Tasty Burger, Wentworth Institute of Technology, and more.

If you're a resident of Fenway/Kenmore and would like to get involved, please contact Iris Tan at itan@fenwaycdc.org.

"Through our project, we hope to help community residents in Fenway and Kenmore live healthier and happier by having access to health care resources, housing, food, employment, and financial stability services."

- We're Here for You: Fenway Kenmore Collective

Future Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative Funding Opportunities

BIDMC will be announcing future Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative Requests for Proposal (RFPs) over the next couple of years:

- 2022: Chinatown and the city of Chelsea
- 2023: Allston/Brighton, Mission Hill, and Roxbury

Coalitions based in each of these neighborhoods will be selected to develop and implement a community-led project. All future funding opportunities will be announced via this newsletter. You can also visit [BIDMC's website](#) to learn more about our progress to date.

Funding Awarded to the City of Brockton

Beth Israel Lahey Health (BILH) recently announced \$410,000 in grant funding to the city of Brockton to support efforts to address food insecurity and housing stability. The funding seeks to address key areas of need identified collaboratively by the city of Brockton.

BILH grant funding was awarded to:

The [Charity Guild](#) to lead a multi-agency Brockton Area Hunger Network program focused on food insecurity. The BILH grant funding will support all participating agencies' efforts to implement and utilize a cooperative client program across multiple food program partners of the Brockton Area Hunger Network (BAHN).

The [Boys & Girls Club of Metro South](#) will provide fresh produce to the community by using the funds to purchase a state-of-the-art Freight Farm Greenery, which is a self-contained hydroponic farm housed in a shipping container that allows for plants to grow vertically indoors year-round without soil or direct sunlight.

[Father Bill's & MainSpring](#) is a leader in ending and preventing homelessness in southern Massachusetts with programs that provide emergency and permanent housing and help people obtain skills, jobs, housing, and services to achieve self-sufficiency. Funding will support efforts to create permanent studio apartments for formerly homeless individuals.

Stay in Touch

Stay tuned for quarterly updates about BIDMC's Community-based Health Initiative.

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