

# COVID-19 RESPONSE FUND

## Impact Report



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Dear Friends,

These past two and a half years have been so full of the unimaginable, the overwhelming and the alarming, it's no wonder people feel exhausted. Unprecedented experiences have tested each of us, challenged our capacity for resilience, and moved many of us to action. Even as we faced the overlapping storms of COVID-19, systemic racism, political turbulence, opioid crisis, gun violence, economic volatility, international upheaval, and more, we've also witnessed some of the best of humanity in response, especially locally.

In Greater Boston and across Massachusetts, during acute phases of the pandemic and beyond, neighborhoods have rallied to ensure their most vulnerable residents have enough food and supplies to manage pandemic-driven isolation and ongoing health impacts. Nonprofit organizations and leaders have collaborated, innovated, organized, and worked endless hours to meet the needs of people and populations disproportionately burdened by inequities. Frontline workers put their lives at risk again and again to help make sure our most basic needs are met. And through it all individuals have generously opened their hearts to provide financial and other resources to meet these challenges and help work toward the equitable recovery we seek to realize.

In this report, we are pleased to share what it looks like when more than a thousand donors step up to support hundreds of nonprofits, providing services and relief to countless neighbors across the Commonwealth. Assisted by the donor-supported COVID-19 Response Fund, nonprofit organizations and their staffs have fed thousands of families culturally relevant food, preserved housing for residents at risk of homelessness, distributed vaccines, strengthened mental health services for survivors of domestic violence, delivered enriching youth programming when schools could not safely open their doors, and advocated for equitable access to relief funds for cities and towns devastated by the loss of livelihoods—and most tragically, lives—to the pandemic. As your community foundation, our thanks go to all who have been part of this massive endeavor and for giving your support when communities needed it most. The pandemic is not over, and the inequities that communities face persist, but we are made hopeful by our continued progress and our shared commitment to create a more equitable city and region in partnership with community.

Sincerely,  
Orlando Watkins  
*Vice President and Chief Program Officer,  
The Boston Foundation*

# Timeline

## 2020

TBF establishes COVID-19 Response Fund (CRF). **3/13**

**3/11** WHO declares COVID-19 a global pandemic.

**3/23** Governor imposes nonessential business closure & stay at home advisory.

First 15 grants announced. **3/31**

**3/27** CARES Act passed

TBF named fiscal sponsor for Massachusetts COVID-19 Relief Fund. **4/6**

**4/15** Massachusetts COVID deaths top 1,000.

PPE Fund at TBF established to secure 1.7 million pieces of PPE for those in need. **4/30**

CRF distributes \$4,525,000 in 181 grants to Greater Boston nonprofits for rapid relief efforts. **Summer**

**6/22** Restaurants may reopen limited indoor service.

Grants made in partnership with TBF Donor Advised Fund holders surpass \$100M. **7/31**

**Phase I:** 3/13/20 to 12/15/20  
CRF grants now total nearly \$8.2M. **Fall**

TBF is the largest recipient of funds from this grant.

**11/13** Massachusetts COVID deaths top 10,000.

**11/18** Baker-Polito administration announces \$10M Community Foundation Grant Program for COVID-19 Relief.

Grants from TBF Donor Advised Funds surpass \$160M. **12/31**

**Phase II:** 12/16/20 to 10/31/21

## 2021

Chelsea 2021 announced. **3/16**

**3/21** American Rescue Plan passed.

Grants from TBF Donor Advised Funds surpass \$200M. **4/30**

Massachusetts schools return to in-person learning.

Wellness Fund announced. **5/20**

**8/21** Federal eviction moratorium ends.

**Phase III:** 11/1/21 to close

## 2022



Phase III grants awarded through Equity Funds at TBF. **6/29**



COVID-19 Response Fund closes after raising and granting more than \$18M to 400+ orgs. **6/30**

**1/5** Massachusetts COVID deaths top 20,000.

**2/9** State mask mandates loosened.



# Background



**In early 2020, the world watched with varying degrees of anxiety, disbelief, confusion, and fear as a new and deadly viral illness spread rapidly around the world.** Massachusetts was no different. We could watch its approach but only guess at its duration and impact. A February 26 international biotech conference in Boston revealed the severity of the situation—as 100+ people contracted the virus there and spread it to an estimated 330,000 others—and brought it close to home—as the hosting hotel had to close completely and indefinitely. As the timeline reflects, the WHO heightened its classification of the disease caused by the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2—that is, COVID-19—from a Public Health Emergency of International Concern to a global pandemic on March 11. But local leaders from government, nonprofits, and businesses had already begun to envision a response, understanding how dire the ripple effects of widespread illness and interruptions to life-as-we-knew-it could be, even though the time horizon was still hazy to everyone.

Extraordinary resources would be needed to help people through extraordinary times. Specifically, as TBF’s Vice President and Chief Program Officer, Orlando Watkins, put it in that first week of March, “Many nonprofits are not only dealing with an expected increase in caseloads from the coronavirus, they are dealing with disruptions to their own operations and in many cases have had to cancel fundraising events and other development activities.” With these burgeoning needs in mind, the Boston Foundation, in partnership with Boston Mayor Marty Walsh and the City of Boston, established funding tools and processes to help collect donations and disburse grants in a systematic and speedy and, above all, equitable manner.

## Phase I: Immediate Relief

On March 13, 2020, the Boston Foundation announced the establishment of the COVID-19 Response Fund to rapidly deploy flexible resources to organizations in Greater Boston that were providing critical basic needs to communities disproportionately affected by the coronavirus outbreak. The announcement inspired institutions, companies, individual donors, and other funders to contribute to the Fund, which would award one-time general operating grants on a rolling basis to nonprofits whose operations in support of vulnerable populations had been stressed by the pandemic. Two weeks later, on March 31, TBF announced the Fund's initial 15 grantees, each of whom received a \$25,000 general operating support grant. Each week for the following nine weeks, an average of 18 new \$25,000 grants were awarded, for a total of \$4,525,000 over the 10-week period.

At the time, while the scope of the pandemic was still unfolding, we recognized that the virus, and the economic instability it wrought, was having a disproportionate impact on communities of color—already grossly burdened by racial inequities ingrained in systems of all kinds. We made a commitment that all decisions would be made with racial equity as a core directive of this effort, understanding that the organizations and leaders most proximate to Black, Brown, Indigenous, Asian, and other communities of color would be best equipped to partner with residents to provide them the life-line services, solutions, and supports they needed and that

**Our request pool was 28% POC-led;  
60% of our grants went to  
organizations run by POC leaders.**

this moment called for. As a result of this commitment, 60 percent of Response Fund grantees are led by people of color (POC).

During the 10-week period over which we were accepting and reviewing COVID-related grant requests, the Response Fund received more than 1,000 requests from 892 organizations and granted a total \$4,525,000 via 181 grants, with approximately 20 percent of requesting organizations receiving support. An internal, cross-departmental team reviewed every request using a racial equity lens with a focus on organizations providing basic needs to the most vulnerable populations. On average the process, from request to payment, took just 3½ weeks.

The streamlining of the application process, elimination of any written reporting requirements, and expedition of getting funds out the door proved to be invaluable to nonprofits that had been immediately inundated with additional requests for support when the pandemic hit.

## What We Learned

Over the summer of 2020, TBF staff had the opportunity to engage in direct conversations with more than 150 of our nonprofit partners from Phase I. We gained illuminating information about the impact of the funds, the continuing challenges to the organizations and the residents they serve, their concerns for the future, and their impressive ability to innovate in times of multiplying obstacles. These conversations would ultimately help shape Phase II of the COVID Response Fund with a focus on a just and equitable recovery. Based on data collected from these personal conversations, staff noted three standout trends within the first few months of the pandemic.

### Mental Health

By summer 2020, 34 percent of respondents identified mental health as a key concern, with most of these responses coming from organizations in which mental health was

not a program component. Mental health was an enormous challenge for respondents' staff as well, many of whom had been working burnout hours since March, with no end in sight. Staff worried about their own health, the health of their families, job security, isolation, and more. The majority of nonprofit workers did not have the option to work safely from home, but continued to show up in person to serve their communities since the pandemic's onset.

### Nonprofit Resilience

Thirteen percent of organizations noted that they'd realized new levels of creativity, versatility, and flexibility, often devising new programming they otherwise wouldn't have thought of to meet client needs. Nonprofit staff shifted programming to virtual platforms, found new ways to provide meals or deliver food, adapted staffing to meet program needs, and overcame countless challenges to keep their doors open and support their communities.

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## The COVID-19 Response Fund

**\$18,140,479** Total collected and distributed

Contributions ranged from **\$50** to **\$3,795,854**

An 11-year-old from Weymouth sent **\$50** in proceeds from her lemonade stand.

Members of a longstanding friend group each gave **\$100** in lieu of their annual holiday gift swap.

More than 1,043 people gave **\$500** or less.

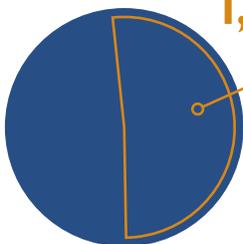
The Boston Foundation seeded the fund with **\$250,000**.

The Mass. COVID Relief Fund gave the COVID-19 Response Fund **\$3,415,000** in addition to making TBF its fiscal sponsor.

The Mass. Executive Office of Housing & Economic Development granted TBF **\$3,795,854** from the Community Foundations Grant Program for COVID-19 Relief.

**1,600** individuals or corporate donors supported the COVID-19 response fund

**800+** were first-time donors to the Boston Foundation





### Funder Flexibility

The simplicity of the COVID-19 Response Fund application, the flexibility of the funding, and the quick turnaround of payment were all mentioned as extremely helpful, allowing organizations to stay open, continue serving their communities, and avoid staff layoffs.

### Statewide Relief Fund Partnership

From early May 2020 through late July 2020 we partnered with the Massachusetts COVID-19 Relief Fund to distribute \$3.4 million via 70 grants to 57 nonprofit organizations in gateway cities across Eastern Massachusetts, paving the way for the Boston Foundation to build new connections with nonprofits in several high-need communities including Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Quincy, Revere, and Brockton.

Launched by First Lady Lauren Baker and the One8 Foundation and hosted by TBF, the Massachusetts COVID-19 Relief Fund raised more than \$31 million to support “those across the state most impacted by the COVID-19 health crisis, focusing on essential frontline workers and vulnerable populations including the homeless, immigrant populations, people with disabilities and those facing food insecurity. The Fund works in concert with regional community foundations and nonprofit leaders who partner with local leaders to understand the response and relief landscape, strategically filling in where gaps are pronounced.”

## Phase II:

# A Just and Equitable Recovery

**“We are keeping people in their homes. There are so many people that need just a little bit of help—who have fallen behind on just a couple of months in rent. It is critical that we preserve tenancy for those in their homes.... We’ve never seen numbers like this before. We’ve increased the number of families we serve each year fivefold.”**

—Kerry Wolfgang, CAPIC

As grants were going out the door to organizations in Greater Boston providing direct relief to communities most impacted by COVID-19, planning was already under way for the next phase of funding. Guided by lessons we learned from Phase I, the powerful insights from our nonprofit partners, and the growing understanding of the impact of COVID on our communities, TBF launched Phase II of the COVID 19 Response Fund in the Fall of 2020 with an explicit goal: a Just and Equitable Recovery.

The Boston Foundation’s vision for a just and equitable recovery was developed by collective input from TBF staff and nonprofit organizations authentically connected to the recovery work for

their communities and their residents.

The resulting definition of what a Just and Equitable Recovery would yield for our region included:

- A thriving and diverse workforce with access to education and career opportunities that pay family-sustaining wages, in addition to basic needs supports such as available and affordable childcare, physical and mental healthcare and healthy food;
- Universal access to resilient infrastructure and reliable, affordable transportation;
- Equitable access to health and educational resources, especially for people of color and immigrant communities, and support for businesses led by people of color;
- Leaders who reflect the racial diversity and cultural wealth of our communities;
- Vibrant communities, including access to safe outdoor play and exercise spaces, affordable housing, high quality schools, and arts and cultural organizations and offerings.

Nonprofit partners awarded grants in Phase II of the COVID-19 Response Fund were chosen as critical leaders in the recovery of our communities most heavily impacted by the ramifications of the pandemic. Their ability to provide immediate on-the-ground support to community residents while pivoting to long-term solutions to the housing and economic crises, in addition to prioritizing racial equity in all their programmatic work, made them key players to partner with in working toward a just and equitable recovery from



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**17** nonprofits from Phase I  
 received additional grants  
 totaling **\$2.3M** in Phase II  
 as part of *A Just and Equitable Recovery*.

Thanks to donors to Boston Foundation’s Annual Campaign for Civic Leadership, which covered the costs of administering the Fund, the COVID-19 Response Fund was free from any administrative fees, so all gifts went directly to supporting our region’s nonprofits.

the pandemic. Importantly, Phase II grantees were able to choose between receiving the funds as a one-time general operating support grant, or, as a multi-year grant. This flexibility enabled organizations to plan for work, in 2022, 2023, and beyond—from adding staff capacity to expand the number of people their programs served to onboarding new technology to increase the efficiency and impact of their work, and more. Phase II funding provided breathing space for these organizations, acknowledging that while the intensity of the pandemic may have subsided, the deep-rooted issues it brought into sharp relief would need ongoing resources.

“The data makes clear that COVID exacerbates the structural inequities that have been built into our society for decades and longer,” says Orlando Watkins, Vice President and Chief Program Officer at the Boston Foundation. “These organizations serving Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) communities, with their dynamic BIPOC leaders, are taking on these inequities, and we are proud to support their ongoing work.”

## Phase III: Collaborative Efforts



The Boston Foundation's COVID-19 Response Fund rolled out a third and final phase of grant-making in the first six months of 2022 that included more than a million dollars to help meet our most vulnerable communities' basic needs;

a collaboration with Equity Fund leaders to expand our reach and impact in Black, Latino, Asian, and LGBTQ communities disproportionately hurt by the multi-pandemics; and an effort to strengthen the capacity and impact of newly formed collaboratives of frontline community-based organizations. In collaboration with the Asian Community Fund, the Equality Fund, the Latino Equity Fund, and the New Commonwealth Fund, TBF was able to support 63 nonprofit organizations, each of which has provided critical support to its community members through the pandemic and beyond.

### Equity Funds

The "Equity Funds" are funds held in partnership with the Boston Foundation that serve the interests of particular communities. Each has an independent board of directors.

### The Asian Community Fund

The Asian Community Fund (ACF) at the Boston Foundation is a permanent resource designed to develop, strengthen, and support Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community power in

Massachusetts, to galvanize and unite the diverse ethnicities within this community, and to build a stronger advocacy voice. In collaboration with the COVID-19 Response Fund, ACF provided grants to 20 nonprofit organizations serving AAPI communities that are under additional strain due to the pandemic and are advancing a just, equitable recovery. In addition, the Fund supported 10 direct-service AAPI nonprofit organizations in an emerging new initiative called the AAPI Mental Health Collaborative to focus on mental and behavioral health innovations for organizations; conduct asset mapping and needs assessment; and share lessons learned.

### The Equality Fund

The Equality Fund at the Boston Foundation awards grants to Greater Boston nonprofit organizations that serve and strengthen the LGBTQ+ community. In collaboration with the COVID-19 Response Fund, the Equality Fund provided grants to seven nonprofit organizations that are providing relief and/or direct services to the LGBTQ+ community in response to the pandemic.

### The Latino Equity Fund

The Latino Equity Fund (LEF) uses its influence and platform to amplify diverse voices and perspectives within the Latino community and beyond in Greater Boston and the state, with a focus on achieving greater and more equitable access to economic prosperity and well-being. LEF has collaborated with the COVID-19 Response

Fund to provide grants to eight organizations that serve the needs of economic prosperity and health equity that align with the recovery portion of the COVID Response Fund's principles and whose operations are still being impacted by COVID. These organizations have shown great leadership, creativity, and resiliency during the height of the pandemic and need a little support to be on track for recovery and continual sustainability.

### The New Commonwealth Fund

The New Commonwealth Racial Equity and Social Justice Fund (NCF) is a coalition of Black and Brown executives in Massachusetts who have come together to leverage individual and collective power to work with community organizations and coalitions to address and eliminate systemic racism and racial inequity in the Commonwealth. NCF in conjunction with the Boston Foundation's Asian Community Fund, Equality Fund, and Latino Equity Fund, is strengthening the collective response to the pandemic by supporting 18 nonprofit organizations that are working with communities disproportionately affected by the coronavirus outbreak.

### New Collaborative: Chelsea 2021

Chelsea, one of Boston's neighboring towns, stands out as the Massachusetts municipality hardest hit by COVID. With a total population of 40,000, 67 percent identify as Latinx/o/a with many immigrants and essential front-line workers.

Through Chelsea 2021 and

TBF's Equity Funds

**79** nonprofits received grants

totaling **\$1.68M.**

**“When [organizers] first said, ‘Tell us how you want us to spend this money in your community,’ it seemed too good to be true. But as it went on it became clear it was in all sincerity.”**

—Joan Cromwell, President,  
Chelsea Black Community

In the first year of the pandemic, Chelsea had one of the highest COVID infection rates in the state. As a small city with a known nonprofit infrastructure, Chelsea was chosen as an ideal community in which to pilot community-informed, donor-engaged grantmaking. With Iseed funding from the Boston Foundation COVID-19 Response Fund, individual donors who are committed to a community-driven grant process contributed additional funding to support Chelsea's long-term recovery from the pandemic. Over the course of several months, TBF staff, donors, and community members engaged in a collaborative process, setting priorities, giving and receiving feedback, and ultimately coming to decisions made by a collective of individuals in a participatory grantmaking process.

Establishing goals of centering community voice to define needs and set priorities and engaging donors in learning about community-driven solutions, the collaborative was able to distribute \$825,000 in general operating support to Chelsea nonprofits with programs focused on housing, food insecurity, jobs and entrepreneurship.

# Beyond COVID Relief

Beyond the direct impact the pandemic has had on community members, the many crises associated with COVID-19 have had an exhausting and intense impact for those of our nonprofit partners working on the front lines. The intense personal, organizational, and systemic disruptions of COVID-19 magnified racial injustice and economic inequity and delivered a brutal 1-2-3 punch to the entire sector—one so intense it’s easy to forget just how stressed and stretched nonprofit partners felt even *before* the pandemic. Since 2016, we’ve seen the level of exhaustion and burnout among nonprofit partners increase as they’ve fought tirelessly and relentlessly for our communities, many of which have been under attack on multiple fronts. Current crises intensified existing challenges, and laid them disproportionately on BIPOC communities and leaders, particularly those running social justice–focused organizations, which have not enjoyed the same level and consistency of funding as have their White-led counterparts. Completely focused on and dedicated to their work and the need in their communities, few of these leaders have capacity or resources to support staff wellness.

For these reasons, the Boston Foundation launched the Wellness Fund in early 2021. This pilot fund was specifically designed to respond to rising levels of staff stress and trauma among front-line, social justice–focused organizations by providing grants to nonprofits to invest in efforts that promote staff health and well-being, address burnout, and nurture a culture of collective care. As Jen Aronson, Senior Associate Vice President of Programs, shared in a 2021 blog post, “In our



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conversations with nonprofit leaders, we learned that many hadn’t taken a day off during the pandemic, had no resources for paid time off, had been traumatized by the ongoing challenges in their communities and in their own lives, and did not have the capacity to prioritize their own care. This type of fund, reserved for the well-being of nonprofit staff themselves, is one way that funders can show how much they value the work that is being done every day. Staff are the most important resources our nonprofit organizations have, and their physical, mental and emotional well-being need to be honored and prioritized.”

## How Wellness Fund Grants Have Helped

- A nonprofit that protects and advocates for the rights of immigrants, refugees, and low-income women used the funds to support spa treatments, paid time off, therapy, and a much-needed retreat for its staff.
- A youth-serving nonprofit used its Wellness Fund grant to fund a trip to New York for staff including housing, food, transportation, and tickets for recreational and healing events. In their reflection after the trip, staff members

shared that having the time to laugh, relax, and connect together was vital to their health, wellness, and ability to keep building the world they want to see.

- An organization that provides multiple services to its community, including programming in housing, domestic violence, and employment, used its funds to support a series of guided conversations focused on healing for staff. The staff shared that their team lives in and reflects the community it serves, and these extraordinary times have had a significant impact on team members, interfering with their ability to do the work. Having this time to focus on themselves was critically important to their healing.

### **TSNE Support (2021)**

TBF recognized that nonprofits had not only drastically adapted or grown their existing programming early in the pandemic, but many had added staff and even new areas of expertise

to their work, so it was essential to layer in support for capacity building and technical assistance. To advance this work, TBF partnered with TSNE, a crucial regional intermediary nonprofit that builds the leadership and effectiveness of individuals, groups, and nonprofits to support a more just and democratic society. Through TSNE, executive directors of Phase II–supported nonprofits were provided 25 hours of culturally competent consulting services to get support with self-determined projects. Engagements varied with needs and included board development and executive director coaching, strategy planning to integrate trauma-informed mental health supports for direct service staff, program development and team alignment, model replication and benchmark analysis, and grant writing skills workshops. This beyond-the-grant support enabled organizations to create the space to tackle organizational infrastructure opportunities while they continued to respond to the high demand for their essential services in community.

## Conclusion

**Through this pandemic and its many parallel crises we have learned so much—about the resilience and innovation of our nonprofit partners, the very real burnout facing the sector, the power of collective impact, and the tangible ways philanthropy can change to better meet the needs of our communities.** While the COVID-19 Response Fund is drawing to a close, the work it helped fuel continues without pause. The racial and economic disparities the pandemic placed into sharp relief require us all to stay engaged and forge ahead with equity always in our sights, to repair our threadbare social fabric and to build—by encouraging new ideas, supporting promising enterprises, and contributing to the common good in any way we can.

# Appendix

## NONPROFITS SUPPORTED

This alphabetical list includes organizations supported via TBF's COVID-19 Response Fund. An asterisk indicates an organization that also served as a fiscal sponsor.

2Life Communities	Black Economic Justice Institute
About Fresh	Black Market Nubian
Accion East	Black Ministerial Alliance of Greater Boston
ACHIEVE	Boston After School & Beyond
Action for Boston Community Development - Malden*	Boston Alliance of LGBTQ Youth
Advocates	Boston Arts Academy Foundation
African Bridge Network	Boston Asian Youth Essential Service
African Community Center of Lowell	Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center
African Community Economic Development of New England	Boston Debate League
African Cultural Services Inc.	Boston Girls Empowerment Network
Agencia Alpha	Boston GLASS
Anti-Defamation League	Boston Little Saigon
Apollinaire Theatre Company	Boston Missionary Baptist Church
Arc of the South Shore	Boston Resiliency Fund
Arts and Business Council of Greater Boston	Boston Senior Home Care
Asian American Civic Association	Boston Uncornered
Asian American Resource Workshop	Bowdoin Geneva Main Streets
Asian American Service Association	Boys and Girls Club of Lynn
Asian Community Development Corporation*	Brazilian American Center
Asian Community Emergency Relief Fund	Brazilian Women's Group
Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence	Brazilian Worker Center
Asian Women for Health	Bread of Life
Association of Haitian Women in Boston	Breakthrough Greater Boston
Autism Sprinter	Breaktime Café
Bams Fest	Bridge Over Troubled Waters
Bay State Community Services	Brockton Day Nursery
Bethany Health Care Center	Brockton Food Pantry
Bethany House Ministries	Brockton Interfaith Community
Black and Pink Boston*	Brockton Neighborhood Health Center
Black Economic Council of Massachusetts	Brockton Workers Alliance
	Brookview House
	Bryce's Journey

Budget Buddies  
 Building Audacity  
 Cambridge Camping Association  
 Cambridge HEART  
 Cambridge RISE  
 Cambridge Women's Center  
 Cape Verdean Association of Brockton  
 Cape Verdean Community Unido  
 Cardinal Cushing Centers  
 Caribbean Integration Community Development  
 Carpe Diem Fund  
 Castle of our Skins  
 Center for Cooperative Development and Solidarity  
 Central Square Theater\*  
 Centre for Faith Art & Justice  
 Centro Comunitario De Los Trabajadores  
 Centro Presente  
 Charity Guild  
 Chelsea Black Community  
 Chelsea Business Foundation  
 Chelsea Community Connections  
 Chelsea Restoration Corporation  
 Chica Project  
 Children's Advocacy Center of Suffolk County  
 Children's Services of Roxbury  
 Chinatown Business Association  
 Chinatown Main Street  
 Chinese Culture Connection  
 Citizen Schools  
 Citizens for Juvenile Justice  
 Codman Square Health Center  
 Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corporation  
 Collaborative Parent Leadership Action Network  
 College Bound Dorchester  
 Commonwealth Kitchen  
 Community Action Agency of Somerville  
 Community Action Programs Inter-City  
 Community Caring Clinic  
 Community Protection Initiative  
 Community Servings  
 Council on American-Islamic Relations Massachusetts  
 Culturally Conscious Food Pantry Project  
 Danza Organica  
 De Novo  
 DeeDee's Cry  
 Dimock Center  
 Doc Wayne Youth Services  
 Dorchester Community Food Coop  
 DotHouse Health  
 Dove, Inc.  
 Drive Boston  
 East Boston Community Soup Kitchen  
 East Boston Ecumenical Community Council  
 East Boston Neighborhood Health Center Corporation  
 Eastie Farm  
 Economic Mobility Pathways (EMPath)  
 EDEN  
 Educational Divide Reform  
 Elevate Boston  
 Ellie Fund  
 Emerge  
 Enhance Asian Community on Health  
 Enroot  
 Eritrean American Civic Association Center  
 Ethos  
 Everett Community Care Fund  
 Everett Grace Pantry & Outreach  
 Everett Haitian Community Center  
 Families for Justice As Healing  
 Family and Community Resources  
 Family Independence Initiative  
 Family Nurturing Center of Massachusetts  
 Family Van at Harvard Medical School  
 FamilyAid Boston  
 Father Bill's & MainSpring  
 Fathers' UpLift

Feeding Chelsea  
Fenway Health  
First Teacher  
For Kids Only Afterschool  
Found in Translation  
Foundation to be Named Later  
Four Corners Main Street  
Freedom House  
Friends of Indian Senior Citizen Organization  
Friends of the Children - Boston  
FriendshipWorks  
Front Porch Art Collective  
Girls Reflecting Our World  
Granada House  
Greater Boston Chinese Golden Age Center  
Greater Malden Asian American Community Coalition  
GreenRoots  
Haley House  
“Hamilton-Garrett Music and Arts Academy”  
Hands to Heart Center Yoga for the People  
HarborCOV  
Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center  
Hawthorne Youth & Community Center  
Heading Home  
Healing Abuse Working for Change  
Health Imperatives  
Health Law Advocates  
Health Leads  
Healthy Waltham  
Hebrew Senior Life  
Hildebrand Family Self-Help Center  
Hope House  
Hospitality Workers Covid-19 Emergency Fund  
Housing Families  
Hyde Square Task Force  
Immigrant Family Services Institute  
India Association of Greater Boston  
InnerCity Weightlifting

Interfaith Social Services  
Iskwelahang Pilipino  
Islamic Multi-Service Organization  
Italian Home for Children  
JB Line, Inc. (Japanese Bostonians Support Line)  
Jeremiah Program  
Jewish Family Service of Metrowest  
Jewish Vocational Service  
Just-A-Start  
Justice Resource Institute  
Kids in Need of Defense (KIND)  
La Alianza Hispana  
La Colaborativa  
La Comunidad\*  
La Vida Scholars  
Latino STEM Alliance  
Latino Support Network  
Latinos Unidos En Massachusetts  
Latinx Health Collaborative  
Lawyers for Civil Rights  
Level Ground Mixed Martial Arts  
Lionheart Foundation  
Loop Lab  
Lucy’s Love Bus Charitable Trust  
Lynn Community Care Fund  
Lynn Community Health Center  
MAB Community Services  
Mabel Center for Immigrant Justice  
Madison Park Development Corporation  
Malden COVID Care Fund  
Malden Portuguese Foursquare Church  
Mass Leap  
Massachusetts Asian + Pacific Islanders (MAP) for Health  
Massachusetts Budget and Policy Center  
Massachusetts Center for Native American Awareness  
Massachusetts COVID Response Alliance  
Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition - Vaccine Equity Now! Coalition\*

Massachusetts Immigrant Collaborative	Nuestra Comunidad Development Corporation
Massachusetts Jobs with Justice*	Old Colony Elderly Services
Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers	Old Colony YMCA
Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals - Angell*	One Chelsea Fund
Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition	Opportunity Communities
MassUndocuFund	Pakistan Association of Greater Boston
Matahari Women Workers' Center	Philippine-American Mainstream Advocacy for Nonpartisan Associations
Mattapan Community Health Center	Phoenix Charter Academy
Mauricio Gastón Institute for Latino Community Development and Public Policy	Plummer Youth Promise
Maverick Landing Community Services	Prisoners' Legal Services
Metro North Housing Corp	Quincy Asian Resources
Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity (METCO)	Quincy Community Action Programs
Mi Amore	Raise Up Revere Fund
Middlesex Human Service Agency	Randolph Resiliency Fund
Ministries of Aides International	Rebel Cause
MissionSAFE: A New Beginning	Refugee and Immigrant Assistance Center
Moroccan American Connections in Revere	RESPOND
Mothers for Justice and Equality	Revere Cares
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Muslim Community Support Services	Ricesticks and Tea
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National Organization of Sisters of Color Ending Sexual Assault	Rogerson Communities
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New England Innocence Project	Somali Parents Advocacy Center for Education
North Shore Community Development Coalition	Somerville Hispanic Association for Community Development
North Shore Community Health Center	South Asian Workers' Center – Boston
North Suffolk Mental Health Association	South End Community Health Center
	South Shore Stars
	South Shore YMCA
	Southwest Boston Community Development Corporation

Spark FM Online  
 Stone House  
 The Dimock Center  
 The Dream Network  
 The Epiphany School  
 The Every Voice Coalition  
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 The Neighborhood Developers  
 The Record Company  
 The Resilient Sisterhood Project  
 The Right to Immigration Institute  
 Transformational Prison Project  
 Transgender Emergency Fund of Massachusetts  
 Transition House  
 Trinity Boston Foundation  
 True Alliance Center  
 TSNE\*  
 Uganda Boston Community Association  
 Union Capital Boston  
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 Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts  
 UTEC  
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 Victory Human Services  
 Victory Programs  
 Vietnamese American Community of Massachusetts  
 Vietnamese American Initiative for Development (VietAid)  
 Violence in Boston  
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 Welcome Project  
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