



## Reopen Boston Fund

The City of Boston is committed to supporting small businesses through the reopening of our economy. The Reopen Boston Fund will help small businesses put in place the necessary public health guidance requirements needed to reopen in the coming months. The funding is to be used for PPE and other safety measures.

This fund is intended to support businesses with a majority of employees working in close proximity to their clients and each other. **Please note: We will not consider professional service businesses, including those that are able to work from home or any online businesses, for our grants.**

Applications will open on Thursday, May 28th at 5:00pm and will be reviewed and approved on a rolling basis and be awarded in a phased approach as business types are approved to reopen over the coming weeks.

Please review the qualifications in the link provided below as there are several as well as information to submit. There are specific actions needed before going online to apply.

<https://www.boston.gov/departments/small-business-development/reopen-boston-fund>

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## COVID Resources

During this unprecedented time, when we face both a pandemic and economic recession, it is essential that we stay connected and continue to offer relevant resources to our

communities.

In response to this need, we have added the below section on COVID resources and information. Please send any postings we can share with this network and community to [charlotte.bruce@bmc.org](mailto:charlotte.bruce@bmc.org). Stay safe and well!

COVID-19 Behavioral Health Information Hub for Massachusetts - MA Network of Care: <https://massachusetts.networkofcare.org/mh/>

COVID19 Testing and Clinical Stabilization Service (CSS): For more information and flyers outlining our current COVID19 testing information as well as the new CSS program for substance abuse COVID19 positive individuals, go to <https://dimock.org/covid-19-testing-at-the-dimock-center-2/>

Allston-Brighton COVID19 Local Resources and Support: Hosted by Allston Brighton health Collaborative, click [here](#) for community calendar Allston-Brighton Community Calendar and COVID-19 LOCAL RESOURCES AND SUPPORT

COVID 19 testing sites in Boston: For detailed information and a map of testing sites, you can go to Covid-19 Testing Sites in Boston. Please note – Testing is free regardless of insurance or immigration status.

Meal sites for adults and children in Boston: For information and a map of meal sites, go to Covid19 Food Resources.

[View More Resources](#)

## Additional Links

[P-EBT Funds Information Link for Students](#)

[Best Resource Guide Shared with Our Community](#)

<https://bostonabcd.org/>

[Protecting Our Most Vulnerable From Coronavirus \\*](#)

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## Do You Need Masks?

*Need masks? Making masks? We got you covered in Maskachusetts.  
A multi-community site for sharing and donations.*

[Click Here to Learn More](#)

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## Xfinity WiFi Hotspot Access Opens Nationwide in Response to Coronavirus

Xfinity WiFi hotspots in out-of-home locations will be available for free to anyone who needs them, including non-Xfinity Internet customers, to keep our communities connected with their friends and family.

### What hotspots are included?

Xfinity WiFi hotspots located both indoors and outdoors in places like shopping districts, parks, businesses, and train stations will be open. Hotspots located in customers' homes are not opened to the public.

Customers and non-customers can find the exact hotspot locations at [xfinity.com/wifi/#find-a-hotspot](https://xfinity.com/wifi/#find-a-hotspot). Xfinity Internet customers can also locate them through the Xfinity WiFi Hotspots app.

[Click Here to Learn More](#)

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## Whittier Street Health Center is Testing

[Click Here to Learn More](#)



## Suggestions for Staying Active

Fuzion Fitness

[Chair Workout Fitness Chair Exercises](#)

Planet Fitness

[Fitness Exercise at Home](#)



## Free COVID-19 Testing is coming to the Dudley Community!

After the holiday weekend, come get free COVID-19 testing in Upham's Corner in the parking lot at 555 Columbia Road.

Testing will be conducted between  
9am and 4pm on Tuesday (7/7) and Wednesday (7/8).

ALL TESTING IS FREE!

[See Flyer for More Details](#)



## 2020 Mayor's Garden Contest Announced

Mayor Martin J. Walsh has announced that the 24<sup>th</sup> annual Mayor's Garden Contest will take place this year keeping within current social distancing guidelines. Boston's green thumbs have until **11:59 p.m. on Friday, July 10, to register**. The contest provides the perfect opportunity to recognize those who have taken advantage of the "safer at home" guidelines to hone their gardening skills.

The preferred method of entry for residents is to submit photos through the online application at [www.boston.gov/mayors-garden-contest](http://www.boston.gov/mayors-garden-contest). Alternatively, they may request an application by emailing their name and address to [gardencontest@cityofboston.gov](mailto:gardencontest@cityofboston.gov).

For more information please call (617) 635-4505.

[Click Here to Learn More](#)

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## Grubstreet.org Online Writing Programs (FREE and scholarships available)

### All Writing Levels

Neighborhood Programs

[Click Here to Learn More](#)

WDtS Mattapan: Black Comics and Sequential Art - Remote! Saturday, July 11th, 12:00pm to 1:30pm

[Click Here to Learn More](#)

### Teens

Writing Programs for Teens

[Click Here to Learn More](#)

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## Congrats to Our Board Pres. Karen Bunch

**Which project, deal, or transaction was the “game-changer” in the advancement of your career?** From 2017 to the present I have been the chairwoman of the board of directors of Greater Grove Hall Main Streets organization. It is a non-profit organization that partners with the city of Boston, small businesses and community stakeholders to improve the vitality of the community. I became the owner’s representative for the development of the property at 1199-1203 Blue Hill Ave., Mattapan, MA, a 32-unit mixed-use housing with 2500 s/f of retail space and parking. This project enabled me to enhance my portfolio and to advise on an array of large projects with private owners throughout the state.

**How do you contribute to your community or your profession?** As Chairwoman, Greater Grove was one of the sponsors of the Neighborhood Network Art Week located at 434 Warren St. in Roxbury, MA. In addition, Greater Grove Hall Main Streets was able to partner with the Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center to disseminate COVID-19 health and safety information

[Click Here to Read More](#)

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## Congratulations on Your Cummings Grant!

2020 WINNER

We got it!

\$20 MILLION  
GRANT PROGRAM

Cummings Foundation



Cummings  
Foundation



WHERE ARE ALL THE BLACK PEOPLE AT

We kindly ask you to sign this petition to support the mission of "WHERE ARE ALL THE BLACK PEOPLE AT"

We are a team of artists, writers, educators, and social activists.

We want to bring attention to and change art institutions all over the United States of America who have historically under-represented Black and Brown artists in their permanent collections.

Our goal for this petition is to show that this issue matters to our diverse population.

[Click Here to Learn More](#)

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## For Restaurants Interested in Outdoor Seating

The Licensing Department has simplified the process and there is no fee to apply. A restaurant owner can request the extension for their own private property or to use public space. It is a 2 phased approach. Once the owner completes the initial questionnaire the Licensing Board will send a second application with additional questions to be answered and information uploaded.

The applications to use private property are quickly reviewed and approved. The public space applications must go through several city departments so that process will take longer depending on whether it is a sidewalk, a parking space, a parking lot or a public park that the restaurant wants to use. This is a great opportunity for the restaurant to not only open for outdoor dining, but to test whether it is a strategy that they may want to try to adopt permanently if allowed.

**See Resources Below**

Temporary Outdoor Extension of Licensed Premise Guidance and Application

[Click Here to Learn More](#)

Initial Questionnaire Regarding a Proposed Temporary Extension of Licensed Premise



Onto Outdoor Space

[Click Here to Learn More](#)

Guidance for Temp Extension on Private Property - FOR LICENSEES

[Click Here to Learn More](#)

Guidance for Temporary Extensions on Public Property - FOR LICENSEES

[Click Here to Learn More](#)

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## Outdoor Seating Template

(Re)open an Outdoor Seating Area(s) ([Link](#))

Apply for a Temporary Outdoor Extension ([Link](#))

- Tailor a guide for your specific needs.
- **Create a basic architectural layout for your outdoor and indoor areas**
- Create all the signs you must display at your restaurant
- Select and implement an online table booking app
- Fill out your Covid-19 Control Plan and Attestation, which must be displayed at your restaurant
- **AND, if you have already opened we can help you use the template to confirm full compliance**

In addition to this template, we have also created a [Site Specific Covid-19 Plan for Contractors](#) and a [Template: Steps to Reopen for Beauty Salons and Barbershops](#). All these three templates are part of our series of Covid-19 resources per industry. We are working very hard to keep up with the reopening phases, so we will soon publish a template for health and wellness stores, for family child care centers and for offices.

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# SUPPORTING BLACK- AND BROWN- OWNED BUSINESSES

**Black & Brown-Owned Businesses in Boston**

Are you a black or brown owned business? Sign up on the link below to be listed.

## Help Us Put Restaurants to Work Feeding Families in Need!

Please [email Governor Baker's office](#) and ask him to put restaurants to work feeding families in need by investing Federal FEMA funds in a Massachusetts Restaurant Recovery Initiative!

### **An open letter to our Massachusetts government staff and elected officials**

As Massachusetts moves into Phase Two of the COVID-19 re-opening plan, there are more than 2.6 million people struggling with food insecurity- which means 1 of out of every 6 children is going hungry.

Meanwhile, 80% of restaurants remain shuttered, leaving 93% of low-wage workers out of work (*Source: Massachusetts Restaurant Association*). The impact is overwhelmingly on Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC), most of whom had already been living paycheck to paycheck, including a large percentage of undocumented immigrants who are ineligible for unemployment or other government safety nets. These workers, who have spent their lives feeding their neighbors, are now the ones standing in line at food banks and soup kitchens, struggling to feed their families.

[Click Here to Read More](#)

Jen Faigel

*Executive Director*

CommonWealth Kitchen

[www.commonwealthkitchen.org](http://www.commonwealthkitchen.org)

196 Quincy Street

Dorchester, MA 02121

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## Qualcomm Small Business Accelerator Program application deadline extended - ABCL's Entrepreneurs Networking Group

### How the program works.

To help small businesses transition to a mobile-first remote work environment, Qualcomm Technologies is committed to providing technology products and support to US-based small businesses in various industries. Through the Qualcomm Small Business Accelerator Program, selected businesses will receive equipment and technical support valued at up to \$25,000.

Each unique offering will be customized to the needs of the selected small businesses, and may include data-enabled Always Connected PCs (4G and 5G), active mobile hotspots, Wi-Fi routers and mesh Wi-Fi systems, VR headsets and headphones, software solutions, and related technical support and training.

[Click Here to Learn More](#)

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## New Report | Best Practices for Enabling a Safe Reopening of Public Transit

We are pleased to release a new report: [Creating a Safer Commute Together: Best Practices for Enabling a Safe Reopening of Public Transit.](#)”



## 8-Week Retail Bootcamp

This bootcamp will give you increased control over your retail business by installing 4 key systems. You will not only learn the idea of the systems, you will actually implement during the class.

### What You'll Learn

- The 3 numbers you need to know to measure progress in your retail business.
- A repeatable sales system for inside and outside of your retail space.
- A marketing system to educate and attract your ideal customers.

**When:** Every Monday from July 13 until August 31, from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM

**Where:** Online

**Fee:** \$150. Must register to receive webinar links.

[Click Here to Register](#)

**Contact us:** 617-532-0225

[info.eastermma@cweonline.org](mailto:info.eastermma@cweonline.org)

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## Food Distribution and Assistance

We would like to spread the word about what we are working on this summer.

In partnership with Haley House, Hawthorne Youth and Community Center is able to offer community assistance through the distribution of fresh produce from the Thornton Street Urban Farm. Through the help of several grants we are also offering grocery store gift cards, technical support (tablets, wifi hotspots, tutorials), and virtual classes in fitness and cooking/nutrition. Our summer youth program participants are hard at work with outreach, harvesting, packing, and distributing throughout the neighborhood. We are currently supporting our neighborhood seniors and expect to expand our reach soon.

If you know a local senior, or anyone following safer-at-home guidelines who might be interested, please see this link to the [HYCC/Thornton Street Farm Produce Distribution Questionnaire](#).

Please contact me if you have any questions and stay tuned for our expanded program!

*Thank you,*

*Malene*

*Malene Welch*

*Interim Executive Director*

*Hawthorne Youth and Community Center (HYCC)*

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*617-858-6249 (Cell)*

*roxburyhycc@gmail.com*

*<https://www.hyccroxbury.org>*

*Support our work:*

*<https://hycc.networkforgood.com>*

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## Community Writing Program

Write Through Pain, Write to Heal, Write Together

The Grove Hall library is excited to bring Writers Without Margins back to teach a creative, therapeutic writing class, this time on Zoom. Please join Author and Professor, Olivia Kate Cerrone and Licensed Drug and Alcohol Councilor, Sharaye Ragland, for a 4 week, Zoom workshop of art and advocacy.

Experience expressive writing as a tool for recovery, reform, and revolution.

**Wednesdays, July 15th, 22, 29, and August 5: 12-1 PM**

Zoom link will be sent to registered participants.

Register Here: <https://bpl.bibliocommons.com/events/5ef106c065fbe34500698c5f>

[Click Here to View Flyer](#)



## Civic Leadership Program

I wanted to share with you an exciting new civic leadership program launching in Boston this Fall that I thought might be of interest. The organization, GenUnity, seeks to support young, working-age adults (18-34) to deepen their understanding of how lived community member experiences are shaped by local organizations and systems and find the agency to influence better outcomes. Stipends are available to compensate participants with financial need (up to \$25/hr).

The attached flyer has additional details on the application process. Learn more at [www.GenUnity.org/](http://www.GenUnity.org/) or contact them at [info@GenUnity.org](mailto:info@GenUnity.org) with any questions, they'd love to hear from you!

Key Application Dates and Links:

- Apply by **Fri, July 24th at 11:59pET** (~30 min application) > apply here: [www.GenUnity.org/ApplyBoston](http://www.GenUnity.org/ApplyBoston)
- Learn more at an upcoming info session (optional): **Thurs, July 2<sup>nd</sup> @7pE** or **Thurs, July 16<sup>th</sup> @10aE** > sign up here: [www.GenUnity.org/Apply](http://www.GenUnity.org/Apply)

[Click Here to View Flyer](#)

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## Know Your Rights Program for Teens

We are pleased to announce that ACLU of Massachusetts will be running a Know Your Rights workshop for teens on **July 21 at 3 p.m.**

Interested teens can register at:

<https://forms.gle/vZ7uqmCP1gXHGMAs7>

Events page listing is at:

<https://bpl.bibliocommons.com/events/5ef4fd990bf73824003a277d>

[Click Here to See Flyer](#)

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LEAGUE *of* UNITED LATIN  
AMERICAN CITIZENS

# Scholarship Program for Latin American Students

*NBCUniversal/LNESC National Scholarship*

*Deadline: July 24, 2020*

The NBCUniversal/LNESC Scholarship Program is intended to assist and encourage outstanding undergraduate Latino students attending a U.S. post-secondary institution with an interest in the media and entertainment industry. The Program awards ten (10) \$5,000 national scholarships to qualified rising sophomores and juniors and is sponsored by NBCUniversal and administered by the LULAC National Educational Service Centers (LNESC).

## Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must meet the following criteria to be considered:

- Must be a sophomore or junior enrolled full-time in an accredited college or university
- Must be at least 18 years of age or older
- Must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or the equivalent.
- Must be a U. S. Citizen, Legal Permanent Resident or have legal authorization to work in the U.S. without requiring sponsorship now or in the future
- Must have an interest in the media and entertainment industry; all majors are welcome

## Application

Applicants must submit the following by the **deadline of July 24**

- Completed online application, including submission of the following:
  - College transcript with proof of cumulative grade point average
  - Three letters of recommendation, including a complete telephone number and email address for each reference

For more information, please [click here](#).

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## Justice for Elijah McClain Petition

I just signed the petition "**Adams County District Attorney: Justice for Elijah McClain**" and wanted to see if you could help by adding your name.

Our goal is to reach 4,500,000 signatures and we need more support. You can read more and sign the petition here: <http://chnq.it/8w5gp7XXSz>

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## SAVE the Date, Spread the Word: Kirstein Business Library Offering Tech Goes Home for Small Biz Classes Starting in August

Gregor Smart and I are offering a Tech Goes Home for Small Business Workshop Series beginning August 11th. It will run for 6 weeks, Tues & Thurs. 4-5:30.

### What is Tech Goes Home for Small Business?

Check it out at <https://www.techgoeshome.org/smallbusiness>. In an effort to help bridge the digital divide for entrepreneurs who don't have access to a computer, Kirstein is partnering with Tech Goes Home which will provide a free Chromebook for participants who attend our class. We introduce them to government and other free resources to help them on their journey to establish their business. We will also review business research and other resources available through Kirstein Business Library & Innovation Center.

**We are hoping for 12 very early stage/tech challenged entrepreneurs.** Do you know of any? Participants are expected to already be familiar with computers at a basic competency level (know how to use a mouse, navigate a web page).

Let us know if you have anyone in mind who might benefit. Our course is not yet listed, so we will alert interested individuals directly so that they may register to attend.

*Elizabeth Cousins*

*Research Services Librarian / Kirstein Business Library and Innovation Center  
Boston Public Library*

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## Applications Are Now Open for the New England Class of 2021 – [Apply Now!](#)

The Institute for Nonprofit Practice (INP) is now accepting applications for its award-winning nonprofit management and leadership certificate programs in Boston, Merrimack Valley/Essex County, Cape Cod and the Islands, and Providence, Rhode Island!

The Institute's comprehensive year-long leadership development programs are rooted in a practical, rigorous, and highly effective curriculum that goes beyond lectures to incorporate valuable mentoring, peer-to-peer learning, and cross sector collaboration in a supportive and dynamic environment.

Central to the Institute's work is a focus on social justice and supporting people of color and women to step into leadership roles of greater influence; more than half of the Institute's students are people of color and over 60% are women.

INP's New England programs are designed for working professionals and result in a certificate from the Institute and the Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life at Tufts University. Successful completion of INP programs may earn the equivalent of 3 credit-hours for graduates who are admitted and enrolled in Tufts graduate degree programs.

While our tuition has always been heavily subsidized to make it more affordable, we believe it is more critical than ever that nonprofit leaders get the support they want and need to navigate this tumultuous time and the year ahead. That's why, **with the generous support of our philanthropic partners, we will for the first time in our history completely waive tuition for all of our students**

### [Core Certificate Program](#)

The Core Program equips nonprofit executives, senior leaders, and mid-career managers/directors with the skills, strategies, confidence, and networks, they need to

ensure organizational excellence and drive social change. Students graduate with a certificate in Nonprofit Management and Leadership. Offered in Boston, Lawrence, Cape Cod and the Islands, and Providence, RI.

### [Community Fellows Program](#)

The Community Fellows Program is a year-long, fully funded fellowship that propels the careers of emerging leaders, the majority of whom are from historically marginalized communities, by advancing their leadership skills, increasing social capital, and embedding them in a robust professional network. Graduates earn a certificate in Community Leadership and Social Change. Offered in Boston only.

To learn more about how you can join INP's diverse and growing network of 1,400 talented social impact professionals, email Marisabel Jaramillo. Executive Director at [mjaramillo@nonprofitpractice.org](mailto:mjaramillo@nonprofitpractice.org)

[Click Here to View Flyer](#)

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## Massachusetts 2020 Tax Holiday

<https://www.bizjournals.com/boston/news/2020/06/23/ma-sales-tax-holiday-weekend-set-for-aug-29-30.html>

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## 2020 U.S. Census Resource Links

[2020 Census Response Rates Encouraging Response to the 2020 Census During COVID-19](#)

[Household Pulse Survey Information](#)  
[Small Business Pulse Survey Information](#)  
[COVID 19 Data Hub Tool](#)

Virtual  
Toolkits: [English](#), [Spanish](#), [Chinese](#), [Portuguese](#), [Haitian-Creole](#)

[The 2020 Census and Confidentiality Shape the Future for Your Family and Community](#)

[Spread the Word](#)  
[2020 Web Badges and Banners](#)

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**Around the Community**



Black Lives Matter March Through Grove Hall.

Sharon Hinton, the organizer of the Commencement Caravan in Mattapan giving a speech before the caravan left.

A caravan of cars gave the 2020 graduating seniors a send-off by driving through the various neighborhoods of Boston such as Grove Hall.

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