



OPEN STREETS BOSTON

July
10

JAMAICA PLAIN

Jackson Sq. to Centre & South

August
06

ROXBURY

Dudley St. to Grove Hall

September
24

DORCHESTER

Freeport St. to Gallivan Blvd.

OPENSTREETSBOSTON.ORG

Questions? Email us at info@openstreetsboston.org

All events from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

CITY of BOSTON

Coming Soon! Open Streets August 6th Blue Hill Ave

From Dudley St. to Warren St. There will be several thousand participating. This is a good opportunity for your business or non-profit.

Contact Dominga Martin if you want a table for Grove Hall's Open Streets.

Dominga Martin - domingamartin@gmail.com

[HERE IS the Production form](#) for your team to fill out

Dominga Martin

Director of Programming / City of Boston Open Streets

<https://www.openstreetsboston.org/>

www.domingamartin.com

www.damartinproductions.com

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Cummings \$30 Million Grant Program

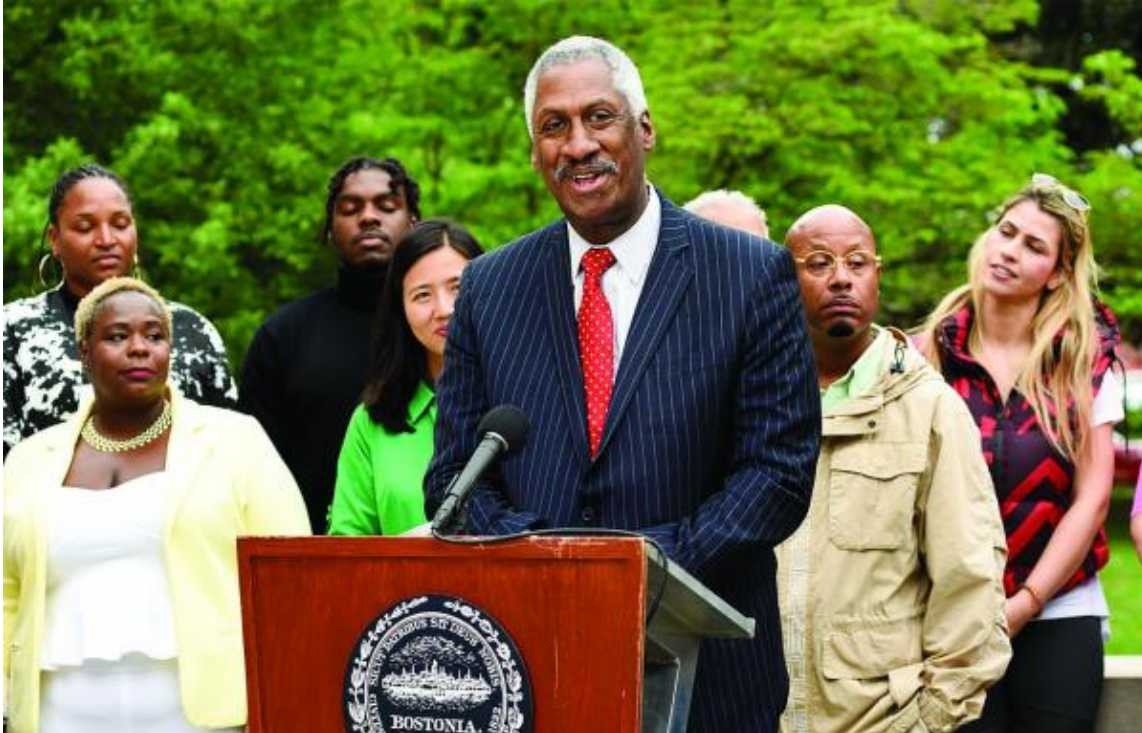
Local Grant Program

Cummings Foundation has awarded more than \$375 million to date in greater Boston. In 2023, it will increase the funding awarded through its annual grant program from \$25 million to \$30 million. These funds will be shared by 150 local-area nonprofits and will be awarded as multi-year grants, to be paid over either three or 10 years.

How to Apply

The process begins with a simple letter of inquiry, accepted via an online portal only.

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Grove Hall, part of Dot Ave. to be car-free for half-days in Aug., Sept.

Some 2 miles of Dorchester Avenue and 1.2 miles of the neighborhood's Grove Hall area will be car-free for a half-day later this year under an "Open Streets" initiative proposed by Mayor Michelle Wu's administration. The program seeks to offer an economic boost to areas outside of downtown Boston.

The closures to cars will open the stretches to music, games, face-painting, community groups, businesses, fitness classes, and other programming. City officials have signed a contract with a Black-owned event planning company, Shana Bryant Consulting, to help pull off the program.

Grove Hall will be car free on Sat., Aug. 6, from Dudley Street to Warren Street, a 1.2 mile span.

Dorchester Avenue, which closes for 3 miles for the annual Dorchester Day Parade in June, will be shut down to cars for 2 miles on Sat., Sept. 24. The closure will run from Freeport Street to Gallivan Boulevard. The programming will include boxing on the avenue, according to city officials, as well as food trucks and photo installations.

Closures are also planned for Jamaica Plain's Centre Street on Sun., July 10.

"City streets and roadways represent a huge portion of public land, and we're eager to host these events opening up several major streets to community for summer fun," Wu said in a statement. "These events will showcase our neighborhoods and help reshape what's possible as we fuel our city's social and economic recovery."

Jascha Franklin-Hodge, Wu's chief of streets, said the areas will be open for "play, active recreation and local shopping" for several hours.

Ed Gaskin, executive director of Greater Grove Hall Main Streets, a public private partnership, praised the initiative and said it reminded him of the late Mayor Thomas Menino's "Circle the City" initiative, which created car-free corridors on Huntington Avenue and Blue Hill Avenue.

"We are always looking for ways to increase foot traffic for our businesses and get people to see different cultural aspects of Grove Hall," he said.

Shutting down streets to cars, whether it's for a jazz festival or a carnival, create positive economic benefits for vendors and local merchants, according to Gaskin, who took note that the "Open Streets" initiative comes as city officials seek to implement an overhaul of Blue Hill Avenue, which runs from Mattapan Square up to Grove Hall.

Thanks to \$15 million in federal money, Boston officials are eyeing a dedicated bus lane, more pedestrian-friendly crossings and sidewalks, better tree canopies, and public art from local artists.

The city is also seeking to spur development of vacant city-owned property along the avenue. The city's housing office last week released a request for development proposals for 18 city-owned sites in Grove Hall.

"This fits in very nicely with our overall plan to make Grove Hall a better place," Gaskin said.

[\[View link\]](#)



YOUR STORY MATTERS

A BOSTON TOBACCO STUDY

Take This Survey, for a Chance to Win a \$50 Gift Card

Do you live in Boston? Are you 14 years old or older? Are you impacted by tobacco use in your home or in your neighborhood? Help our team of community researchers better understand your experiences with tobacco by participating in this short survey.

Please use this link <https://linktr.ee/bostontobaccostudy> to participate in the survey by July 15, 2022.

Upon completion of the survey you will have the chance to enter into a raffle for a \$50 Visa Gift Card. You can also share your email in the survey if you would like to be considered for a focus group about tobacco experiences.

If you have any questions about our survey or study procedures please contact our community study team at bostontobaccostudy@gmail.com.

Thank you for your participation!



DUDLEY ST FARMERS MARKET

Thursdays from 2:30pm-6:15pm

June 16-October 27, 2022

Dudley Town Common (intersection of Dudley St and Blue Hill Ave)

We accept:

- SNAP/EBT
- Healthy Incentives Program (HIP)
- City of Boston farmers market coupons
- Senior and WIC coupons
- Cash
- Credit/debit



Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program



What if it's raining? In the event of severe rain or thunderstorms, the market will take place at our greenhouse (11 Brook Ave).

Not able to attend the Thursday market? Come visit us by Ashmont Station on Fridays from 3-7, starting on July 15!

Interested in dropping off your compost with us? Email Alice (aegar@thefoodproject.org) for more information!

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SCHOOL'S OUT. FREE LUNCH IS IN.

FOR ALL KIDS 18 AND UNDER

AT DAILY TABLE!

WHAT: Free lunch for anyone 18 & under

WHERE: Daily Table stores in Dorchester, Roxbury, and Central Square

WHEN: Everyday from 11:00am to 2:00pm from June 27 to September 3



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CURRENT EXHIBITIONS

June 29 - July 31, 2022

"THE LONG VIEW" –
WHAT DO YOU SEE (DO YOU SEE ME!)

Featuring artwork by:

Ekua Holmes

Napoleon Jones-Henderson (curator)

Bryan McFarlane

Chandra Meppa Méndez-Ortiz

Hakim Raquib



[\[https://www.bromfieldgallery.com/\]](https://www.bromfieldgallery.com/)



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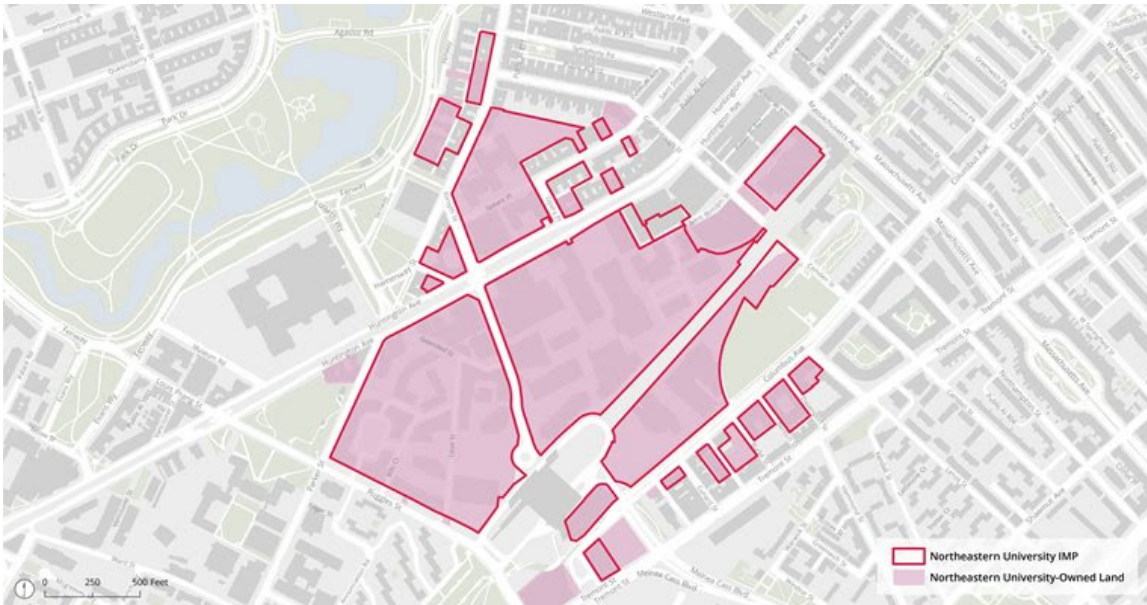
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- Relationship building



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Northeastern University

Institutional Master Plan Notification Form (IMPNF)

Comment End Date July 29 2022

Linked below for your review is an electronic copy of the [Institutional Master Plan Notification Form \(IMPNF\)](#) for the [Northeastern University Institutional Master Plan](#) located in Fenway, Mission Hill, and Roxbury, received by the Boston Planning & Development Agency on June 16 2022.

The filing kicks off the public review process for the proposed plan. Notice of upcoming public meetings will be posted on the [plan website](#) and sent out as soon as possible.

The following description has been provided by the institution:

The Snell Library Innovation Renovation Project is comprised of approximately 138,000 square feet of interior work and approximately 2,500 square feet of exterior work. The interior work involves the renovation of portions of the building and the exterior work

involves the enclosure of areas immediately adjacent to the building on the first floor that are mostly beneath an overhang created by the existing floors above. This project is conceived of as transformational to both the physical space of Snell Library, but also in how the Library functions as a central part of the University's mission. The renovation will ensure that the quality of the space keeps pace with the rapidly changing research and learning needs of the Northeastern community.

- [Northeastern University Institutional Master Plan Notification Form \(IMPNF\)](#)

The public is encouraged to submit comments about the [Northeastern University Institutional Master Plan](#).

The current comment period will be open through July 29 2022, and can be extended if necessary. After the conclusion of the comment period, BPDA staff will review feedback and determine next steps. Proposed projects often go through multiple rounds of review. For any questions or concerns related to the comment period, please reach out to the Project Manager below.

Contact

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[Submit Your Comments](#)

66 Geneva Avenue

Small Project Review Application (SPRA)

Comment End Date July 29 2022

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The filing kicks off the public review process for the proposed project. Notice of upcoming public meetings will be posted on the [project website](#) and sent out as soon as possible.

The following project description has been provided by the development team:

The Applicant is proposing to construct a new five-story (5) residential building consisting of approximately forty-nine thousand, five hundred and six (49,506) square feet of living space divided into fifty (50) units ranging from studio units to three (3) bedroom units (the "Proposed Project"). The Proposed Project will exceed the City's Inclusionary Development Policy minimum by designating eight (8) units as affordable. The Proposed Project will also provide seventeen (17) parking spaces, fifty (50) indoor bicycle spaces, and ten (10) outdoor visitor bicycle spaces.

- [66 Geneva Avenue Small Project Review Application \(SPRA\)](#)

The public is encouraged to submit comments about the proposed project. The current comment period will be open through July 29 2022, and can be extended if necessary. After the conclusion of the comment period, BPDA staff will review feedback and determine next steps. Proposed projects often go through multiple rounds of review. For any questions or concerns related to the comment period, please reach out to the Project Manager below.

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Office of Economic Opportunity & Inclusion **SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT**

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We support you as you start, stabilize, or grow your small business. Our team can help you identify challenges and goals, and pair you with our business experts.

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Small Business Updates



SMALL BUSINESS UPDATES

Our Small Business Call will be held on the last Tuesday of every month. Our Small Business Call features reopening guidance, support services, and resources available to Boston's small businesses, as well as a live Q&A. Join us on Tuesday, June 28th, for our call at 3pm!

Register in advance: <https://bitly.com/smallbizbos>

Blue Hill Avenue Action Plan: B3 and B4 Parcels

The goal for the [Blue Hill Avenue Action Plan](#) is to spark economic development, business growth opportunities, and foster the entrepreneurial spirit in the community. We plan to achieve this goal through the disposition and development of 30 city-owned vacant parcels, totaling 97,000 square feet.

The City recently released a Request for Proposals for the disposition and development of the B3 Parcels (11 parcels located just below Grove Hall) and the B4 Parcels (7 parcels in the Moreland Street Historic District).

The community has expressed a desire for mixed-use development and affordable housing located close to work opportunities. The community desires to attract a variety of business services in addition to the creation of cultural, community, and open space uses.

The Request for Proposal (RFP) outlines the eligibility requirements, program components, and criteria for selection. The RFP package can be downloaded electronically by registering on the [Requests for Proposals page](#).

Completed RFP responses must be submitted electronically by July 26, 2022 no later than 4:00pm.

If you are unable to access the RFP, please contact Julio Pilier

Grants Available for Businesses

[Amber Grant](#): WomensNet funds several grants for women-owned businesses throughout the year. Fill out one application and you will be eligible for the monthly \$10,000 general business grant, the monthly business category grant, or the annual \$25,000 grant. Apply today!

DoorDash launched the [Restaurant Disaster Relief Fund](#) as part of its ongoing five-year, \$200 million Main Street Strong pledge to empower local communities. If your restaurant has been impacted by a state or federally-declared natural disaster, review eligibility requirements and submit an application for grant support.

There is still time to apply for the [MGCC Digital Assistance Grant program](#). This grant is for up to \$5,000 and can be used to improve your digital operations, digital marketing, e-commerce, and social media strategy. Email Samalid at BII with any questions.

The Affordable Connectivity Program

In an ongoing effort to get more Bostonians connected to the internet and devices, the Digital Equity team has been helping sign up eligible folks for the FCC's ["Affordable Connectivity Program \(ACP\)."](#) which provides a \$30/month discount on their internet bill and a potential one-time, up to \$100 discount toward the purchase of a device. For many folks, this means free internet and device access.

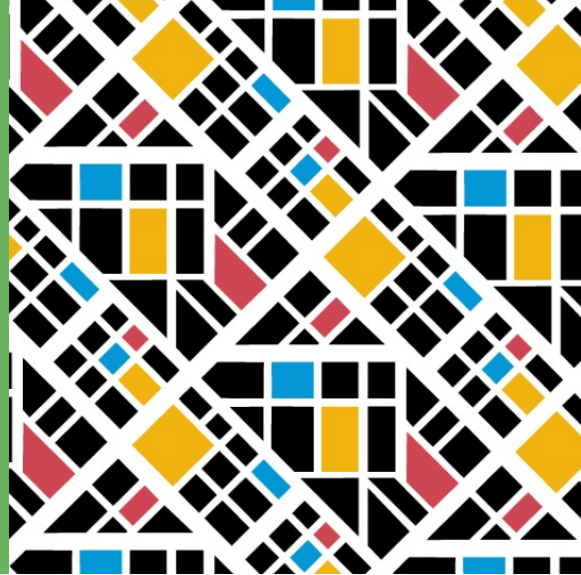
Peter Favorito, the Digital Equity & Inclusion Advocate for the City, has been traveling to different neighborhoods regularly to give presentations about the ACP at senior and community centers, Boston Housing Authority buildings, and digital literacy training programs, as well as helping eligible residents in attendance enroll in the benefit program on the spot. So far, over 23,000 Bostonians have already signed up for this program and we hope to keep that number growing! For more information or if you have any questions about the ACP, please check out the [ACP website](#) or contact Peter either by email at peter.favorito@boston.gov or by phone at 617-635-2743.

Inner City Capital Connections

Grow Your Business to the Next Level

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Learn more about the free “40-hour mini-MBA” program for small business owners at bit.ly/2022-iccc-application



Tuition-free Education Training for Small Business Owners!

We are excited to collaborate with Inner City Capital Connections (ICCC) to offer a tuition-free, virtual leadership training program that helps small businesses build capacity and resiliency for long-term sustainable growth, as well as navigate the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

A “40-hour mini-MBA,” the ICCC program provides business owners access to capital, one-on-one coaching, and short and long-term growth strategies. ICCC participants will develop strategic pivots, create an actionable growth plan, identify recovery solutions, and leave with community building resources to lead their business to success.

To learn more about the ICCC program [click here](#), and don't forget to [apply here](#)! If you have any questions about the program, please reach out to the ICCC team at iccc@icic.org.

Workshop: Understanding Supply Chain for Small Business

My name is Marisa Nieves and I am [Innovation Studio's](#) Director of MA Programs based at [Roxbury Innovation Center](#). We are hosting a workshop on **August 8** at RIC: [Understanding Supply Chain for Small Businesses](#). Our expert facilitators will provide an overview and then break out between services and products to best support small business owners + entrepreneurs. Please share with small business owners you believe can benefit!

DIAGNOSING & DISMANTLING OBSTETRIC RACISM DURING BIRTH AT BOSTON MEDICAL CENTER



- Did you go to a hospital at Boston Medical Center for any pregnancy-related concerns since 2020?
- Do you feel your experience was negatively affected by racism?

If your answer is yes, then we want to hear from you.

WHAT WILL PARTICIPANTS BE ASKED TO DO?

Complete a one-time online survey which takes about 15 minutes. Then schedule a one-time online interview that takes about 1 hour. You need access to a phone, email address, and the internet.

WHO CAN JOIN?

We need 10 (ten) Black women or people aged 18 years or older who obtained help or health care for ANY pregnancy-related concern at Boston Medical Center since 2020.

HOW CAN I JOIN THE PROGRAM?

Email info@birthingculturalrigor.org to start the screening process. Be sure to leave your name and a reliable phone number.

Earn a **\$75 gift card** for your participation by completing all steps by September 30, 2022.



UPDATED BY BMC, 06-10-22 04:48:00

If you are Black, over 18, gave birth at Boston Medical Center (BMC) since 2020, earn a \$75 gift card for your participation.

Click [here](#) for more information

- We want to hear about all experiences, whether positive or negative
- The first step is an online screening call to verify your information, then the online survey which takes about an hour
- Those who complete all 3 steps before 9/30/2022 will receive a \$50 gift card for their time
- Click [here](#) to get started or copy this link into your

Around the Community



Left to right Pamela Everhart, Fidelity Investments, Adedayo Ogunnaike Comcast, Ed Gaskin, Greater Grove Hall Main Streets, Lee Pelton, The Boston Foundation, Havell Rodrigues. New Majority Capital Foundation, Inc.

At the Boston Business Journal Breakfast Race and EquitySeries

Pamela Everhart, Fidelity Investments, Adedayo Ogunnaike, Comcast, Ed Gaskin and Karen Bunch, Greater Grove Hall Main Streets, and Havell Rodrigues, New Majority Capital Foundation, Inc., at the 2022 Boston Business Journal Race Equity&Business event held at the Ritz-Carlton.

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