

United Way of Massachusetts Bay

Organization Description

The United Way of Massachusetts Bay is the lead agency in partnership with three faith-based organizations. They were the first branch of the United Way to offer an interfaith funding initiative.

Project Description

This project is designed to increase the scale and effectiveness of FBOs and CBOs as well as their access to resources. They are particularly focused on FBOs and CBOs that build the capacity of other organizations and FBOs and CBOs providing direct service to the most vulnerable youth and families. The partners will form the Boston Capacity Tank to leverage and augment the TA the partners are already providing. They will provide 5 kinds of TA:

- Group TA
- Customized TA
- Partner recommended TA
- Black Ministerial Alliance TA
- Supporting Partner TA

Geographic Scope of Project

The project will initially focus on 5 neighborhoods in the city of Boston:

- Dorchester
- Jamaica Plain
- Mattapan
- Roxbury
- South End

Partnering Organizations

The United Way of Massachusetts Bay is the lead agency in partnership with three faith-based organizations located in Boston:

- Black Ministerial Alliance
- Emmanuel Gospel Center
- Boston Ten Point Coalition

Sub-Awards

The partnership will deliver sub awards to a total of 55-65 faith-based and community organizations for program expansion and customized technical assistance for a total of approximately \$1.2 million. Average annual amounts will range from \$20,000 to \$40,000. Applicants for the sub-awards who are not successful will all receive consultation on how to strengthen their proposals. This process also serves to identify TA needs.

Project Objectives

1. The Capacity Tank will assess and deliver sub-awards for customized technical assistance to 10 faith-based and community organizations.
2. The three partner organizations delivering TA will receive comprehensive assessments by the Capacity Tank and prepare plans to enhance their own capacity.
3. The partnership will deliver sub awards to 45-55 faith-based and community organizations for program replication/ expansion.
4. All faith-based organizations not receiving customized TA will have the opportunity to attend regularly scheduled workshops.

Project Strategies

- Conduct initial needs assessment.
- Establish the Boston Capacity Tank.
- Build capacity of partner organizations to deliver TA.
- Provide one-to-one consultations and evaluation of grant proposals.
- Provide workshops on board development, strategic planning, financial management, fund raising, and outcome measurement.

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- Provide customized technical assistance.
- Grant sub-awards.

Grant Award Amount
\$2,000,000

