

**COMMUNITY BENEFITS RECAP**

**INSTITUTION NAME:** Boston Medical Center

**FINANCIAL YEAR:** 2021

Program Name	Brief Program Description	Amount (\$)	Cash, In-Kind, or Both <sup>1</sup>	1-time or Ongoing <sup>2</sup>	Who is Served <sup>3</sup>	Program Initiator <sup>4</sup>	City-wide or Neighborhoods Served <sup>5</sup>	Community Benefit Category <sup>6</sup>	Partners
<p><b>Preventive Food Pantry and Teaching Kitchen</b></p>	<p>Boston Medical Center’s Food Pantry and Teaching Kitchen address hunger-related illness and malnutrition among our low-income patient population. Individuals at risk of malnutrition – the chronically ill, undernourished children, the elderly, the homeless, and others – are referred to the program by Boston Medical Center (BMC) physicians and/or nutritionists. They are provided with “prescriptions” for supplemental food that best promotes physical health, prevents future illness, and facilitates recovery.</p>	<p>\$535,811</p>	<p>100% cash</p>	<p>ongoing since 2001</p>	<p>low-income patients who are at risk of malnutrition</p>	<p>BMC</p>	<p>City-wide</p>	<p>Built Environment</p>	<p>Greater Boston Food Bank, Ocean State Job Lot, Food for Free, Whole Foods, Pepperidge Farm, Walmart, and local churches, synagogues, and schools</p>
<p><b>Violence Intervention Advocacy Program</b></p>	<p>VIAP supports a safe and healthy community. Violence Intervention Advocates (community health workers) provide individual counseling, triage and referral services. Direct services and referrals to services include crisis intervention and stabilization, housing and transportation, legal assistance, education, vocational and life skills development, mental health, employment, and health and wellness education.</p>	<p>\$729,620</p>	<p>38% cash, 62% other</p>	<p>ongoing since 2006</p>	<p>Boston residents who are victims of violence and their families</p>	<p>BMC</p>	<p>City-wide</p>	<p>Violence Prevention</p>	<p>Boston Public Health Commission, Massachusetts Department of Public Health</p>

<p><b>Child Witness to Violence Program</b></p>	<p>CWVP is a nationally-recognized and award-winning counseling, outreach, and consultation program that offers a flexible combination of services to children and their families, including: intensive trauma-focused counseling that is developmentally tailored to very young children and their parents; access to legal advocacy; and assistance with linking to other necessary services including health care, child care, housing, and after-school programs. The training/clinical consultation component of the program delivers trainings across Massachusetts and 12 states.</p>	<p>\$1,117,594</p>	<p>100% other</p>	<p>ongoing since 1992</p>	<p>Children from Boston and Greater Boston who are under the age of 8 and who have been exposed to domestic or community violence</p>	<p>BMC</p>	<p>Boston and Greater Boston</p>	<p>Violence Prevention</p>	<p>Governor's Council on Sexual and Domestic Violence, Child Advocacy Center of Suffolk County, Early Trauma Treatment Network</p>
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<p><b>Elders Living at Home</b></p>	<p>The Elders Living at Home Program (ELAHP) supports elders in making the transition out of homeless and provides supportive services that build on the individual abilities of elders and to help them overcome the barriers to permanent housing. ELAHP serves elders in greatest need, including non-English-speaking elders and other marginalized individuals. ELAHP is committed to providing high-quality services in a respectful manner that will help each client reach his or her highest potential. The ELAHP model encompasses service, advocacy, research and education on the causes of and solutions to elder homelessness. The new Living Well at Home Project, a community-based complex care management pilot designed to improve health outcomes for frail residents of an elderly/disabled housing complex in Roxbury, serves clients who have at least one chronic illness; many have more than one disabling medical condition.</p>	<p>\$875,112</p>	<p>20% cash, 80% other</p>	<p>ongoing since 1987</p>	<p>Homeless elders and elders at risk of becoming homeless</p>	<p>BMC</p>	<p>City-wide</p>	<p>Housing</p>	<p>City of Boston Department of Neighborhood Development, US Administration on Aging, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs</p>
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<p><b>Birth Sisters</b></p>	<p>Birth Sisters is a home visiting and labor support program that assists low-income expectant and new mothers at risk for complications due to medical or social factors such as social isolation, domestic violence, infants with anticipated significant medical problems such as but not limited to low birth weight, and families with complex psychosocial issues. A Birth Sister from the same culture and community as the mother assists during pregnancy, childbirth and early motherhood; she becomes a crucial link between the family and health care system. Birth Sisters is also a workforce development program. BMC trains Birth Sisters, typically unskilled women, and provides them with a certificate upon successful completion of the program. The women are paid an hourly wage for their services, helping them economically. Birth Sisters offers an entryway to the workforce. Many Birth Sisters have gone on to become nursing assistants, interpreters, nurses, midwives and public health professionals.</p>	<p>\$136,782</p>	<p>100% other</p>	<p>ongoing since 1999</p>	<p>Low-income families</p>	<p>BMC</p>	<p>Roxbury, Mattapan, East Boston, South Boston, and Dorchester</p>	<p>Other</p>	
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<p><b>Grow Clinic</b></p>	<p>The Grow Clinic for Children is an outpatient subspecialty clinic, of BMC's Department of Pediatrics, that provides comprehensive specialty medical, nutritional, developmental and social services as well as dietary assistance to children diagnosed with Failure To Thrive by their primary care physician. In addition to clinical services, the Grow Clinic advocates for policies that decrease the number of children in need.</p>	<p>\$1,210,998</p>	<p>17% cash, 83% other</p>	<p>ongoing since 1984</p>	<p>Children experiencing Failure to Thrive</p>	<p>BMC</p>	<p>City-wide</p>	<p>Other</p>	<p>Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Morgan Stanley Foundation</p>
<p><b>StreetCred</b></p>	<p>StreetCred provides low and middle income families with free tax preparation services in the clinical setting. StreetCred focuses on reducing child poverty and is committed to maximizing access to the Earned Income Tax Credit for eligible filers, returning as much as ~\$6,000 in tax credits to eligible filers who, based on their low income may not otherwise file, but benefit from the increased financial stability provided by the tax refund. In addition to tax preparation services, StreetCred links clients to asset building resources, child education, and job training resources.</p>	<p>\$361,319</p>	<p>100% other</p>	<p>ongoing since 2016</p>	<p>Low-income families</p>	<p>BMC</p>	<p>Roxbury, Mattapan, East Boston, South Boston, and Dorchester</p>	<p>Other: Economic Mobility</p>	<p>Boston Tax Help Coalition, Martha Eliot Health Center, South End Community Health Center, Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program</p>

<b>Cristo Rey High School Partnership</b>	<p>Through this partnership, a four-student team fills one work-study full-time position on a rotational basis that equals a 40-hour workweek during a ten-month period. Students provide services for the organization while gaining valuable work skills and exposure to working in a business environment.</p>	<p>\$21,500</p>	<p>70% cash, 30% in-kind</p>	<p>ongoing</p>	<p>Students of the Cristo Rey High School, Dorchester</p>	<p>BMC Human Resources</p>	<p>Dorchester</p>	<p>Employment</p>	<p>Cristo Rey High School</p>
<b>Immigrant Professionals Fellowship Program</b>	<p>Immigrant professionals face many challenges to work in healthcare in the United States. Many have previous experience from other countries but struggle to find work in the same career here. At the same time, the healthcare industry needs the skills and diversity of immigrants to reduce racial disparities. This fellowship helps bridge that gap and places foreign-trained professionals into paid fellowships with leading hospitals in Greater Boston.</p>	<p>\$10,000</p>	<p>100% in-kind</p>	<p>ongoing</p>	<p>Immigrants</p>	<p>African Bridge Network</p>	<p>City-wide</p>	<p>Employment</p>	<p>African Bridge Network, City of Boston Immigrant Advancement</p>