



Lynn Perry Wooten, Ph.D.
President

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Dear Hinlan Wong,

I hope this message finds you well as I write today on behalf of Simmons University regarding our FY24 PILOT payment.

We understand the vital importance of the City's PILOT program, and we are grateful our community benefits contributions support crucial initiatives that help tens of thousands of Boston residents each year. This includes scholarships and financial aid for Boston public school students, the ongoing maintenance and operations for Daly Field, and a variety of nursing, social work, nutrition, and other health-related placements that benefit local residents, among other initiatives.

As the last remaining women's-centered undergraduate institution in the City of Boston, Simmons is proud to open new doors for students who might not otherwise be able to access a college degree, and to support programming that advances equality for women and girls.

Each year, Simmons engages in a comprehensive and careful budgeting process to ensure we can continue to best serve our students – particularly during this hyper-competitive, post-Covid environment. In analyzing our expenses, we identified an increase in our local real estate taxes from \$44,000 last year to \$476,000 this year. While we do our best to anticipate and plan for increased costs and expenses, we were not anticipating such a large increase this year. As a result, we must reallocate our planned \$100,000 PILOT payment to help cover the cost of the increased real estate tax.

We greatly value our partnership with the City of Boston and are thankful for the many ways in which we have and continue to work together to support students and residents. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions and we appreciate everything you do for our institution and this City.

Sincerely,

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COMMUNITY BENEFITS RECAP

INSTITUTION NAME:	Simmons University				FINANCIAL YEAR:	FY24			
Program Name	Brief Program Description	Amount (\$)	Cash, In-Kind, or Both	1-time or Ongoing	Who is Served	Program Initiator⁴	City-wide or Neighborhoods Served	Community Benefit Category	Partners
Merit/grant aid to Boston Public School students attending Simmons	Financial Aid to BPS students attending Simmons University	\$2,625,887.00	Cash	Ongoing	Simmons students who attended Boston public high schools	Simmons University	City-wide	Education	Students who attended public high school in the city of Boston
Simmons Boston Scholarship	Full tuition scholarships awarded to 39 graduates of Boston public schools.	\$1,591,099.00	Cash	Ongoing	Simmons students who attended Boston public high schools	Simmons University	City-wide	Education	Students who attended public high school in the city of Boston
Voucher program for students to perform field work as part of their academics.	Reimbursement to students who perform service/clinical hours in the Boston area community as part of their academic curriculum. Vouchers are provided to students enrolled in nursing, social work, and library & information science programs.	\$44,918.50	Cash	Ongoing	Boston families and community organizations.	Simmons University	City-wide	Social Environment	Examples include Justice Resource Institute, Massachusetts DCF, Bay Cove Human Services, and others.
Community spending with Boston firms and vendors.	Expenditures by Simmons University to Boston based vendors	\$14,708,638	Cash	Ongoing	Local businesses, tax authorities	Simmons University	City-wide	Other	Boston businesses, city of Boston
Daly Field Athletics Complex	Operations and maintenance costs, debt service. Daly Field Athletics Complex is a pristine public resource for the Brighton community and the citizens of Boston.	\$1,017,085	Cash	Ongoing	Current and future users of Daly Field; Brighton High School, Allston-Brighton Little League, Simmons University, community youth sports groups, general public.	Simmons University/ Commonwealth of Massachusetts Conservation Trust	Allston, Brighton	Built Environment	Allston-Brighton Friends of Daly Field, Brighton High School, community sports leagues, Commonwealth of MA, City of Boston, general public.
Physical Therapy, Nursing and Health Education course, Nutrition Placements	Unpaid educational apprenticeships providing service to local patients and residents	2,827,950.40	In-Kind	Ongoing	Residents and patients in Boston; the City's reputation as global medical center	Simmons with partners	City-wide	Community Health	More than 72,000 hours in Boston. Sample Partners: Community Health Centers (South Cove, Codman, Codman Square, Dimock Street, etc.); Hospitals (Beth Israel Deaconess, Boston Medical Center, Brigham & Women's Faulkner, Children's, Franciscan Children's, MGH, Spaulding, St E's, Tufts, VA)
Education Placements and Simmons Community Engagement Programs	Unpaid educational apprenticeships serving the schools, teachers, and students of Boston. Also, Student tutoring, mentoring, and enrichment programs with Boston Schools and Community Centers	\$666,230.00	In-Kind	Ongoing	Boston students and preschoolers in more than 30 community organizations, schools, and preschools	Simmons with partners	City-wide	Education	17,000 hours of service at Josiah Quincy School and supporting organizations such as Bonner Community Leaders, Jumpstart Ameri/Corps, Strong Women Strong Girls, America Learns, etc.
Library Service	Unpaid internships serving the libraries and archives of Boston.	\$5,879	In-Kind	Ongoing	Current and future users of Boston's information resources	Simmons with partners	City-wide	Education	150 hours of service with Boston Public Schools
Support for Community Organizations	Sponsorships to community organizations serving local residents, women and girls leadership & youth organizations	\$23,850.00	Cash	Ongoing	City of Boston business community; cultural events and activities; Women & girls leadership programs	Simmons with partners	City-wide	Good Neighbor Activity	Sponsorships and support for organizations such as Girls Get Going, Mission Safe, and Beacon Academy
Real Estate Taxes	Municipal taxes for facilities	49,017.25	Cash	Ongoing	City of Boston	City of Boston	City-wide	Direct Monetary Support to City of Boston Programs	City of Boston
Pilot Payment	Voluntary contribution by tax-exempt institutions in lieu of property tax payments. PILOT unds go to the city of Boston General Fund	\$100,000	Cash	Ongoing	City of Boston	City of Boston	City-wide		City of Boston
	Total:	\$21,034,667							