

Boston Public Health Commission

Equitable Procurement

BPHC is committed to contracting with a diverse group of businesses. In particular, those often underrepresented in government contracting.

WHAT is Equitable Procurement?

An environment that gives all businesses equal opportunities to compete for contracts and funding by promoting fairness and equity.

WHY does it matter?

By promoting fairness and equity in our contracting practices, the same way we do in delivering public health services, we have the opportunity to:

1. Positively impact our communities through economic development
2. Remove barriers to government contracting
3. Create a more competitive procurement environment

WHO are we talking about?

Certified underrepresented business enterprises (CUBEs) include the following classifications:

- Minority-owned (MBE)
- Women-owned (WBE)
- Veteran-owned (VBE)
- Service-disabled Veteran-owned (SDVOBE)
- Disability-owned (DOBE)
- Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender-owned (LGBTBE)
- Non-Profit

HOW does one become a CUBE & WHERE can I find CUBEs?

Massachusetts based businesses can get certified for **FREE** by the following agencies:

Massachusetts' Supplier Diversity Office (MBE, WBE, VBE, SDVOBE)
Economic Development and Inclusion Cabinet (MBE, WBE, VBE)
National Minority Supplier Development Council (MBE)
Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBE)
Veteran-Owned Small Business Registration (VBE, SDVOBE)
Disability:IN (DOBE, SDVOBE)
National LGBT Chamber of Commerce (LGBTBE)

For more information on becoming a CUBE and for searchable CUBE databases visit:

mass.gov/supplier-diversity-office or boston.gov/departments/supplier-diversity



Visit boston.gov/government/cabinets/boston-public-health-commission/working-health-commission or scan the QR code to learn more about contracting opportunities.

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What type of NPO certification may you obtain?

The following table details the type of NPO certification you may pursue, based on the makeup of the NPO's Board of Directors and Voting Membership.

If the majority of your Board and Voting Membership is:	You may apply for:
Minority Only (Minority Women and Men Combined)	M/NPO
Women Only (Non-Minority and Minority Women Combined)	W/NPO
Minority Women Only	M/W/NPO
Veterans Only (Veteran Women and Men Combined)	V/NPO
Veteran Minority Only (Veteran Minority Women and Minority Men Combined)	V/M/W/NPO
Veteran Women Only (Veteran Non-Minority and Minority Women Combined)	V/W/NPO

FY23 BPHC Spending by Category

