

**REQUEST FOR RESPONSES**  
**THE BOSTON PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION**  
**Healthy Food Access**

**Boston Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH):**

**Partners in Health and Housing (PHH)**



Partners in Health and Housing (PHH) is a partnership between Boston Public Health Commission, Boston Housing Authority, Boston University School of Public Health and the Partnership in Health and Housing's Community Committee. Funding from US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will support the development, enhancement and expansion of partnerships with Boston Housing Authority developments and residents. *For more information about Boston REACH: PHH, click [here](#).*

2013 and 2015 Boston Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System data documents the prevalence of food insecurity among residents of Boston Housing Authority. Over 48% report that they always or sometimes run out of food and don't have money to get more. 29% report being hungry, but not eating because they couldn't afford food. Discussions with BHA residents add layer to this data. In addition to financial barriers with accessing food, residents cited limited transportation options, food stores in their neighborhoods marketing to a wealthier demographic or not having healthy food options in their neighborhoods. Residents articulated that they are well served by nonprofit food organizations with fruits and vegetables but would like increased access to affordable protein including meat and fish.

Goal: Increase access to environments with healthy food and beverages for residents of Boston Housing Authority (BHA) developments including protein and increasing year round availability.

Eligibility: Only nonprofit organizations that provide healthy and affordable food at multiple locations may apply. To be competitive, the organization should demonstrate a relationship with one or more Boston Housing Authority developments and/or one or more community health centers with existing relationships with Boston Housing Authority development(s). Up to two organizations may be selected for funding.

Funding will support: Increasing access to healthy and affordable foods at/near Boston Housing Authority developments year round. Funds can be directed toward refrigeration and if necessary heat. Funds can be used for a generator, a refrigerator, refrigerated truck or ice chest. Activities should result in increased healthy and affordable food available and promoted to BHA residents at a community health center and/or Boston Housing Authority development year round and with access to proteins requiring refrigeration.

PURCHASES THROUGH THIS FUNDING MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE DECEMBER 29, 2016. No funds can be expended after December 29, 2016.

Other requirements: This project is supported through CDC REACH funding and all materials must be

attend up to 2 project meetings and will be required to submit a brief final report at the end of the funding period.

Timeline:

- RFR distributed Monday, November 7, 2016
- Responses due by 5:00pm on Monday, November 14, 2016 to [ashen@bphc.org](mailto:ashen@bphc.org)
- Notification of selection on or before Friday, November 18, 2016
- Period of Performance:
  - Begins Monday, November 28, 2016
  - Ends Thursday, December 29, 2016.

**APPLICATION** – cannot be more than two pages. Submit by email to [ashen@bphc.org](mailto:ashen@bphc.org)

Applicant Organization (name, address) \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Contact: (phone, email) \_\_\_\_\_

Documentation of nonprofit status \_\_\_\_\_

Project description: What your organization does. Which Boston community health centers and/or Boston Housing Authority developments you partner with. Which will you work with on this project? Describe which products you will buy with this funding, including a product description (brand, dimension, and cost).

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Timeline: How generator, refrigerator, refrigerated truck or ice chest will be purchased by December 29, 2016:

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Budget – up to \$10,000 (per organization):

If you have other contributors or if your organization is making a financial contribution, please list