

Request for Proposal  
Questions and Responses

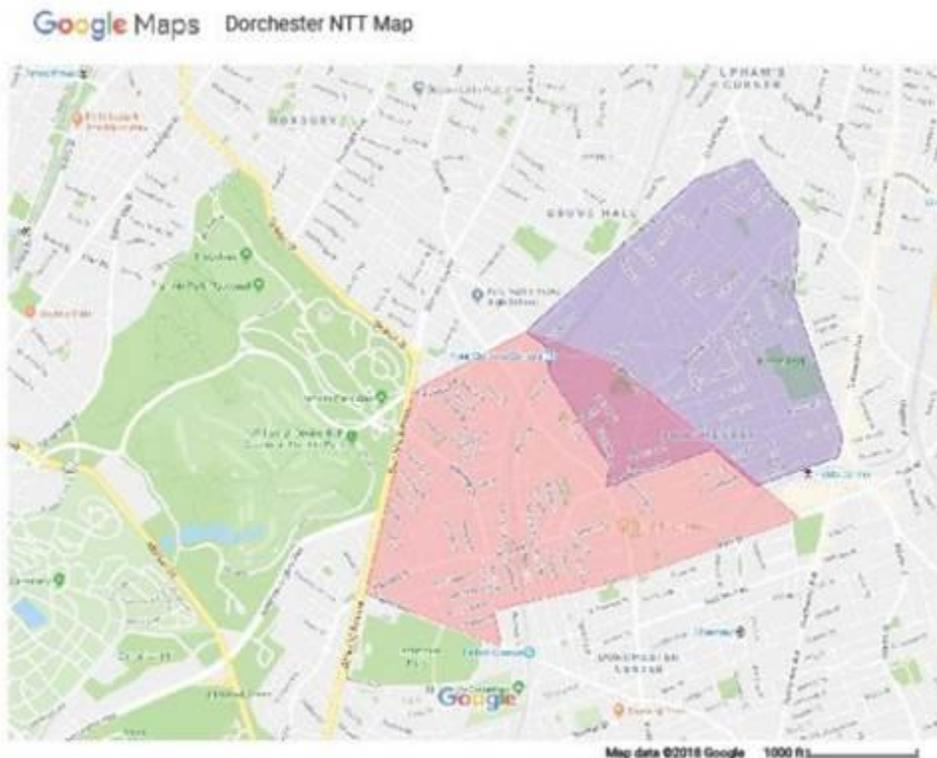
RFP Title: Neighborhood Trauma Team - Dorchester  
RFP Due Date: September 14, 2018

All Prospective Proposers: In reference to the proposal solicitation, the following questions and inquiries were submitted, and receive a response from Boston Public Health Commission below.

**1. Does the map on Page14, Appendix 2 encompass areas where NTTs already exist, or are these where you are looking to expand with the new RFP?**

The current Dorchester NTT (Bowdoin Street Health Center and Greater Four Corners Action Coalition) serves the area in the pink, purple, and dark red section of the map. They will continue to serve this area.

The new Dorchester NTT will areas in Dorchester outside of the current service area.



**2. What is the grant range?**

The award goes to a lead agency, which much be a healthcare provider, for \$147,000. \$47,000 of that is for a community based partner.

**3. The RFP says that, “the healthcare partner must be based within Dorchester.” Does this mean a health care provider outside of Dorchester is ineligible to apply?**

The Boston Public Health Commissions will be funding a Neighborhood Trauma Team with at least two partners. The Lead Agency (see RFP page 8 of 30) must be a healthcare provider based in Dorchester. However, this does not preclude the Neighborhood Trauma Team from having other partners. The other partners do not have to be based in Dorchester. The proposal should provide a rationale for the inclusion of all of the partners.

A health care provide outside of Dorchester would eligible to apply as part of a NTT that was led by a healthcare provider based in Dorchester.

The NTT has the flexibility to structure the partnership to meet the needs of the communities they are serving. This includes partnerships with organizations outside of their service area. However, the NTT must identify one lead healthcare partner that currently resides in their proposed catchment area.

**4. Will there be a RFP for Roxbury?**

Within the City of Boston’s fiscal year 2019 (FY19) budget Mayor Walsh made several investments in public safety, this included an increase in funding to the Neighborhood Trauma Team (NTT) Initiative to strengthen existing infrastructure and to finish forming one (1) additional NTT in Dorchester. This will be the only funding opportunity for FY19. However, while the current Request for Proposal (RFP) is specifically seeking to fund new partnerships in Dorchester, we do recognize that some Dorchester neighborhoods may also identify with geographically adjacent communities. Therefore, an applicant can propose service areas that expand outside of Dorchester, as stated on page 8 of the RFP, so long as the applicant is also meeting all other team and catchment area criteria.

**5. What have been the needs in the Dorchester area that the other Boston NTTs have not been able to adequately meet for which BPHC is offering this?**

The 5 Neighborhood Trauma Teams (NTTs) provide comprehensive care to residents impacted by violence by offering, immediate support services and community outreach and engagement within their service area, as well as short and long-term clinical care to all Boston residents impacted by trauma. The Boston Trauma Response team provides immediate trauma response services city wide, and operates a citywide hotline for trauma services that is staffed 24/7 and 365 days per year. However, the model requires deeper engagement in neighborhoods disproportionately impacted by community violence. Dorchester is the largest neighborhood in Boston and one NTT is not enough to serve all of Dorchester. We expect the second NTT to serve neighborhoods in Dorchester not served by the current NTT.

The Boston Public Health Commission is seeking to fund a second team in Dorchester to support neighborhoods outside of the current Dorchester Team’s catchment (See appendix 2 of the RFP), to increase the services available to Dorchester residents.

**6. What is the staffing structure of the other health center NTTs? (is it full time clinician, full time family partner, like the previous RFP released in 2016?)**

Funding for the healthcare provider will support the non-billable hours of the Behavioral Health Clinician(s) (LICSW, LMHC or equivalent, PhD or PsyD) and 1 FTE of a Family Partner/Therapeutic Mentor/Community Support Person teams trained in evidence-based trauma treatment models to deliver short- and long-term recovery services to community members impacted by an acute traumatic event or ongoing trauma exposure. Each healthcare provider can decide how to divide the effort of its clinician (s) and the 1.0 FTEs dedicated to support the work of a Family Partner/ Community Support Person/Trauma Mentor to best support the needs of its population.

**7. Do you have recommendations for what type of agency to partner with that would make this a successful partnership based on BPHC’s experience over the past year?**

The community partner organization must have experience in civic engagement, a successful history of working with community residents impacted by violence, and experience partnering with mental health or healthcare providers. Examples of participating agencies include, but are not limited to: grassroots organizations, social service agencies, housing developments, and faith-based organizations. All staff assigned to the NTT should have direct knowledge of the community they are working with and organizations should make every effort to hire individuals assigned to these teams who are from and/or reflect the community they are serving.

Funded NTT community partners include:

Dorchester: Greater Four Corners Action Coalition

Roxbury: Madison Park Development Corporation

Mattapan: Mothers for Justice and Equality

Jamaica Plain: Tree of Life

East Boston: North Suffolk Mental Health Association

A listing of Community Based Organizations can be found on the city of Boston website at: <http://www.cityofboston.gov/newbostonians/directory/default.aspx>.