

Boston Tenant Organizing Program

Notice of Funding Availability

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Community Economic Development Assistance Corporation (CEDAC) is pleased to announce the availability of approximately \$75,000 in funding for the Boston Tenant Organizing Program (BTOP). This program, administered on behalf of the City of Boston's Department of Neighborhood Development, supports tenant organizing activities in privately owned multifamily rental projects located in the City of Boston.

Eligibility Criteria

1. The projects to be supported must contain at least five units of rental housing, be non-owner occupied, and have some low and moderate-income tenants.
2. Applicants must demonstrate in writing that they have the support of the tenants in the property they propose to organize within three months of the award.
3. The property cannot be owned, even in part, by the applicant (or any of its affiliates).
4. The applicant must be a Massachusetts Chapter 180 non-profit organization.
5. Projects that were awarded BTOP funding in FY 2016 are eligible to re-apply for additional funding in FY 2017.

Eligible Uses of Funds Grant funds may only be used to pay for staff costs of the tenant organizing staff. These staff costs must be incurred during FY 2017 (July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017).

FY 2017 Priority Categories Although the eligible activities are unchanged from previous years, for the current fiscal year, there will be two priorities for BTOP funding:

1. Applicants proposing to conduct organizing in at-risk projects with expiring Section 236 or 13A mortgages.
2. Tenant organizing efforts in buildings located in downtown neighborhoods, like Chinatown, experiencing high levels of potential displacement of low income tenant or conversion to market rate housing.

Application Deadline Complete applications are due by **February 17, 2017**. Rolling applications will be accepted after that date for any unallocated funds.

Maximum Funding Award Funding awards will not exceed \$8,000 per housing project. In addition each applicant may apply for no more than \$35,000 in BTOP funding in FY 2017.

More information about the BTOP program as well as the required application is available on CEDAC's website: <https://cedac.org/housing/about/application-forms-guidelines/>