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SUMMARY OF PROGRAMS – FY 21

**EDUCATION & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DIVISION
EDUCATION & OUTREACH OFFICE**





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ABCD Health Services, Inc. 178 Tremont Street Boston, MA 02111 Ph. (617) 348 - 6206	Dorchester, Hyde Park, Mattapan and Roxbury	Youth of Color aged 15 to 25 at high risk	ABCD has been funded to provide prevention and risk reduction program for female and male youth of color aged 15-25 years old and their partners through a Mini Grant for the continuation of Sister2Sister, a structured 60-90 minute curriculum, delivered one-on-one, that provides intensive, culturally sensitive health information and skills training aimed to empower and educate women around reducing their risk for HIV/AIDS, HVC, STIs, and a reduced pilot of the BOSSUP expansion to Young Men of Color in the Boston to reduce their risk for HIV, HCV and STIs.	\$75,000
Boston Medical Center 1 Boston Medical Center Place Boston, MA 02118 Ph.: (617) 414 - 7769	Dorchester, Roxbury and The South End	PWID and other substance abusers at high risk	BMC will provide a comprehensive model of outreach, navigation, interventions, and linkage in order to reduce rates of HIV, Hepatitis C, and STIs in individuals with substance use disorders with particular focus on those who are homeless and/or are engaging in transactional or commercial sex. BMC will utilize a street outreach model and the use of social network strategy and peer education to clients in the target population. Outreach will at street level in various location around Boston, including the South End, Roxbury, and Dorchester. Due to the transient nature of the population, outreach locations will be dependent on areas the target population are congregating. Staff will utilize CRCS and Care Coordination as an individual level intervention to promote "treatment as prevention" and engage clients with medical and harm reduction services.	\$200,000



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<p>Children’s Hospital Corporation d/b/a Boston Children’s Hospital – Boston HAPPENS Program</p> <p>300 Longwood Avenue Boston, MA 02115 Ph.: (617) 919-2729</p>	<p>Longwood/ Fenway and surrounding areas</p>	<p>Underserved adolescents and young adults (AYA) aged 13-24 at high risk</p>	<p>Boston HAPPENS has been funded to provide HIV/HCV/STI counseling and testing, in particular, using the Motivational Interviewing and Testing Together CDC evidence-based interventions to underserved adolescents and young adults (AYA) ages 13-24 years old. Given the COVID-19 Pandemic and following the guidelines of the hospital, in-person STI testing and counseling has been limited to those that are symptomatic or at high risk. The hospital has a plan for re-entry, but limitations on in-person visits and in-person outreach will continue for the foreseeable future. The HAPPENS Team will follow guidelines set by local government officials and Boston Children’s Hospital Administration. The program will also provide outreach to the community using existing community partners (Roca Chelsea and Ostiguy High School) and newly identified sites.</p>	<p>\$75,000</p>
<p>Codman Square Health Center</p> <p>637 Washington Street Dorchester, MA 02124 Ph.: (617) 825 - 9660</p>	<p>Dorchester and Mattapan</p>	<p>High risk gay, bisexual, MSM, particularly MSM of color, African American and Latinos, PWID, transgender and foreign-born residents of Dorchester and Mattapan</p>	<p>Codman Square has been funded to provide STD prevention, education, and outreach interventions to youth at risk for STDs, including MSM, particularly young MSM and Black and Latino MSM. The subcontractor utilizes the following strategies: testing, re-testing, PrEP, immunizations, public education and marketing, community outreach, and social determinants of health. The subcontractor provides Individual Level and Community Level Interventions with Community Level Interventions being both Mobile Outreach and Community Level Events. The target population, high-risk gay, bisexual and other Dorchester and Mattapan area people with multiple risk factors including for HIV, HCV, and STDs, including MSM, particularly young MSM of color, people of color including African Americans and Latinos, IDUs, transgender, and foreign-born will be provided services using specific culturally and linguistically appropriate, evidence-based services including individual and group counseling and support, secondary prevention & education, and referrals.</p>	<p>\$200,000</p>



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<p>East Boston Neighborhood Health Center</p> <p>10 Gove Street East Boston, MA 02128 Ph.: (617) 568 - 7260</p>	<p>East Boston</p>	<p>MSM, particularly MSM of Color aged 25 and under and 50+ with multiple risk factors</p>	<p>East Boston has been funded to provide an intensive HIV intervention to Latino, Black, African American MSMs and transgendered women and men who have sex with men. The program utilizes the evidence-based intervention Personalized Cognitive Counseling and provides Group Level Interventions (PrEP education events) and Individual Level Interventions (Behavioral Health screening/counseling) to MSM of Color with multiple risk factors. The evidence-based theories proposed in this intervention are the Gold's Model of Self Appraisal of Risk Behavior, Meyer's Minority Stress Theory and the PrEP Care System. The settings for the outreach include: East Boston restaurants, hair salons, barber shops, parks, Latino news outlets, gay/MSM websites, community settings and events, health care facilities, and linkages to other agencies including North Suffolk Mental Health Association, MAC, and AAC's TransCEND program.</p>	<p>\$75,000</p>
<p>Fenway Community Health</p> <p>1340 Boylston Street Boston, MA 02215 Ph.: (617) 267- 0900</p>	<p>Dorchester, East Boston, Mattapan, Roxbury and The South End</p>	<p>MSM of Color, transgender and genderqueer individuals, PWID and others with multiple, complex risk factors</p>	<p>Fenway provides community based prevention programming and targeted HIV interventions to High Risk Negative (HRN) individuals with limited PrEP awareness, knowledge, and uptake, particularly men who have sex with men (MSM) of color, transgender and genderqueer persons, and people who inject drugs (PWID) in order to improve awareness of PrEP as a tool to reduce the risk of acquiring HIV infection, to increase the knowledge of the availability, efficacy and access to it, as well as to support individuals to access, engage and adhere to PrEP regimen. Using established media campaigns, they will direct individuals to Fenway sexual health websites, counseling and testing lines, and publicly funded sexual health clinics already operating on a daily basis by appointment only at the 1340 Boylston St. Though onsite service delivery has been interrupted due to the coronavirus pandemic at the Fenway South End clinic site and at 75 Amory St, a site which provides syringe exchange and navigation to substance use services, we anticipate that these locations will reopen during the fiscal year. They will provide navigation services and adherence support through the Clinic Coordinator and the program nurse including referrals to PrEPDAP and medical insurance support.</p>	<p>\$75,000</p>



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<p>Justice Resource Institute, Inc.</p> <p>160 Gould Street, Suite 300 Needham, MA 02494 Ph.: (857) 399 - 1905</p>	<p>Dorchester East Boston, Hyde Park, Jamaica Plain, Mattapan, Roxbury, South Boston and The South End</p>	<p>LGBTQQ individuals at high risk with a focus on MSM and transgender individuals of color ages 18-29</p>	<p>JRI utilizes individual, group, community, and structural interventions. Individual level interventions will include: Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Care System to screen, enroll, prescribe, and provide follow-up to individuals at high risk for HIV/AIDS. Group level interventions will include: 1) Living Your Fears Everyday (LYFE), a structured group for LGBTQQ youth to discuss topics including Menz Health, Sexual Health, Substance Use, Mental Health. Community Level Interventions will include: 1) Community events such as PRISMS a drop-in group for transgender and gender nonconforming youth of color, and Vogue Hour a weekly event with the Ballroom Community which provides a family structure and empowers youth to practice vogue. Structural Interventions will include: 1) PROMISE for HIP, an intervention which aims to shift social norms through introduction of real risk reduction strategies through the collection and distribution of real stories. The settings for these interventions will largely be virtual due to COVID-19 restrictions. Once restrictions are lifted, settings will include the Boston GLASS Drop-In Center, community events, workshops, festivals, social gatherings, online communities, and other agencies that serve similar populations. The areas of focus will be Roxbury, Dorchester, South Boston, South End, Jamaica Plain, Hyde Park, East Boston and Mattapan.</p>	<p>\$200,000</p>
<p>Multicultural AIDS Coalition, Inc.</p> <p>566 Columbus Avenue Boston, MA 02118 Ph.: (617) 238 - 2401</p>	<p>Dorchester, Hyde Park, Mattapan, Roxbury and The South End</p>	<p>Black/African residents at high risk including MSM, persons who exchange sex, PWID and immigrants from countries with high HIV and Hepatitis prevalence ages 18-55.</p>	<p>MAC utilizes RESPECT and Personal Cognitive Counseling as part of a comprehensive continuum of Individual Interventions; SafetyNet Party as Group Level Intervention tailored to each target population; and a series of community education forums as Community Level Interventions. Settings for outreach vary by population and include: public sex environments; Drop-In centers; bars/clubs; private sex gatherings; injection drug use environments; community and faith institutions; health care facilities; social media; local businesses; social clubs; substance use treatment programs; ASOs; community events; and others.</p>	<p>\$200,000</p>



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<p>Sociedad Latina, Inc.</p> <p>1530 Tremont Street Roxbury, MA 02120 Ph.: (617) 442 - 4299</p>	<p>Mission Hill and Roxbury</p>	<p>Youth of Color aged 14 to 24 at high risk for STIs</p>	<p>Sociedad Latina utilizes the evidence-based <i>¡Cuidate!</i> curriculum and provides Group- and Community-level interventions to youth of color with multiple risk factors. The evidence-based theories proposed in these interventions are the Social Cognitive Theory, Theory of Reasoned Action and Theory of Planned Behavior. The settings for outreach include community-based organizations, housing developments, faith organizations, high schools, afterschool programs, community events, barber/beauty shops and the Internet, covering such areas as Mission Hill and Roxbury, and linkages to other agencies such as Boston Youth Services Network, Mission Hill Youth Collaborative, Greater Boston Latino Network and other groups providing services to the target population.</p>	<p>\$75,000</p>
<p>Victory Programs, Inc.</p> <p>965 Massachusetts Ave. Boston, MA 02118 Ph.: (617) 541 - 0222</p>	<p>Back Bay, Dorchester, Jamaica Plain, Mattapan, Roxbury and The South End</p>	<p>PWID/PWSUD ages 18 and older from all races, genders and ethnicities at high risk</p>	<p>Victory Programs will utilize the CDC approved Safer Sex Skills Building (SSSB) curriculum (Primary, Group-Level Intervention), in conjunction with VPI developed (BPHC approved) one-time Health Education Workshops (HEW) (Community-Level Intervention), and provide Mobile Outreach encounters, including syringe services, to individuals who use substances with multiple risk factors. The settings for SSSB and HEW are residential substance use treatment and family sober living programs including: Women's Hope, Shepherd House, New Joelyn's Home, Victory House, New Victories (Men and Women), LARC, and Portis Family Home. HEWs may also be provided at the Boston Living Center. The project includes SSSB adapted for men in residential substance use treatment. The settings for outreach (mobile encounters) include outdoor settings where known substance users congregate and areas where there are high rates of opioid overdose, including the Copley/Newbery and Downtown Crossing/South Station areas in the Back Bay.</p>	<p>\$200,000</p>



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Whittier Street Health Center 1290 Tremont Street Roxbury, MA 02120 Ph.: (617) 427 - 1000	Back Bay, Bay Village, Dorchester, Downtown, The Fens, Roxbury and The South End	High risk gay, bisexual and other Boston-area MSM of color with multiple risk factors	Whittier Street utilizes a RESPECT Intervention, in conjunction with Community PROMISE, and provides Mobile Outreach, Community and Individual Level Interventions to MSM of Color with multiple risk factors. The settings for the outreach include: Whittier Street Health Center, Bar/Clubs, BAGLY, Boston GLASS (vogue hour), the Internet, Gay / Ethnic press, community settings/events, and AIDS Action (trans group) in Jamaica Plain. The program will also provide linkages to services offered at the health center. The program will also refer and monitor MSM on PrEP as well as conduct HIV/HCV/STI counseling and testing among the target populations.	\$75,000