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FOUNDATION

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INFORMATION SESSION | August 2022

# BCF Grant Program Info Session



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# agenda

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funding priorities  
grants overview  
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## WHO WE ARE

# vision

A better Brookline for all

# mission

Brookline Community Foundation creates opportunity and promotes equity through the transformative power of giving

# values

Lead by Listening | Anchored in Equity | Sustainable  
Support | Community First





**BCF is committed to being  
an equity-focused and anti-  
racist partner for the  
Brookline community.**



## FUNDING PRIORITIES

Our aim for grantmaking is to make transformative investments in organizations and community efforts that create an inclusive and equitable Brookline for all, and to prioritize efforts led by and focused on BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) and other vulnerable populations.

### Priority considerations

BCF will give preference to community organizations and groups that:

- Are working to advance equity
- Are led by BIPOC, and/or;
- Focus on BIPOC and other vulnerable populations.



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# BCF grant programs

## Community Grant Program

Open for Applications

Deadline: 9/12

## Safety Net Grant Program

Open for Applications

Rolling Deadline

## Brookline For All Grant Program

Open for Applications

Rolling Deadline

## Racial Equity Grant Program

Applications opening fall/winter 2022

## Youth Development Grant Program

Applications opening fall/winter 2022

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# community input



## Sources:

- ARPA Community Engagement Report
- Brookline Disparity Report
- Feedback collected from grant applications
- Spring 2022 Partner Feedback Survey

## Recent updates:

- Additional funding areas named to better reflect community needs
- Additional TA sessions and office hours available
- More concise, streamlined application forms and process

## Coming updates:

- Grant Proposal Development session
- Capacity Building resources





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## Community Grant Program

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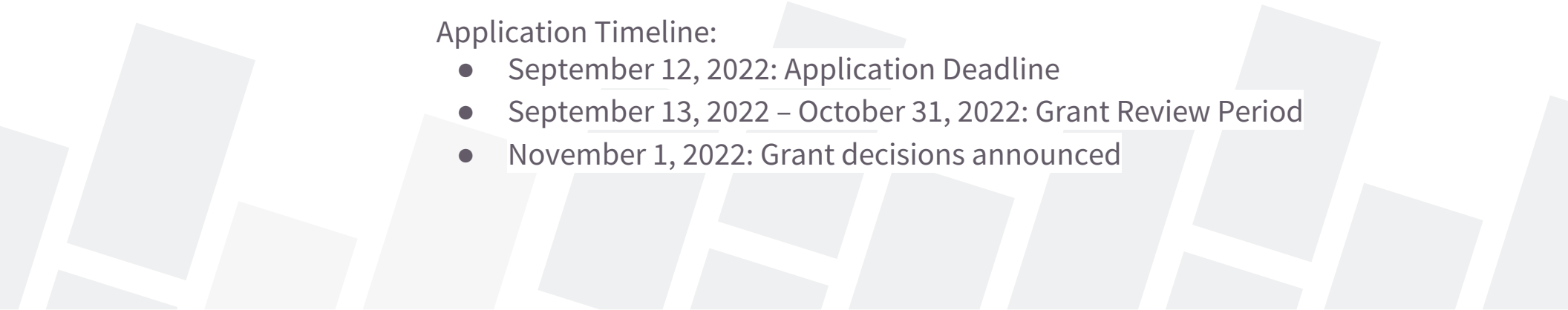
Deadline: 9/12

**To provide funding to programs and efforts that help build a better Brookline for all who live, learn, work, and play here**

### Overview:

- Funds a wide variety of programs
- Accepts requests for General Operating, Project/Program, Capacity Building, Capital Improvements, Sector building/ Movement building
- Acceptable application formats: online, mailed, emailed

### Application Timeline:

- September 12, 2022: Application Deadline
  - September 13, 2022 – October 31, 2022: Grant Review Period
  - November 1, 2022: Grant decisions announced
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## Safety Net Grant Program

Open for  
Applications

Rolling Deadline

**To provide critical, urgent assistance to organizations helping neighbors in crisis cover the cost of essentials such as rent, food, utilities, child care and more**

### Overview:

- Funds essential services - any and all resources essential to promoting and maintaining health, wellness, safety and belonging
- Acceptable application formats: online, mailed, emailed, call with BCF
- Please contact BCF before applying

Rolling Deadline, Applications accepted year-round, as funding is available

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## Brookline For All Grant Program

Open for  
Applications

Rolling Deadline

**To provide immediate funding to support initiatives intended to make Brookline a welcoming and inclusive community where the rights and dignity of all community members are upheld and protected**

### Overview:

- Aims to respond to community needs as they arise
- Accepts requests up to \$3,000
- Acceptable application formats: online, mailed, emailed

Rolling Deadline, Applications accepted year-round, as funding is available



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## Racial Equity Grant Program

Applications  
opening  
fall/winter 2022

**To support community organizations and efforts working to advance racial equity and racial justice for the Brookline community**

### Overview:

- Partnership with the Town of Brookline
- Participatory Grant Program
- Racial Equity Grant Committee sets priorities and reviews proposals

Applications opening fall/winter 2022





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## Youth Development Grant Program

Applications  
opening  
fall/winter 2022

**Aims to ensure equal access to opportunities for all youth in Brookline, and support and enhance the well-being of youth and their families**

Overview:

- Focus on Brookline youth whose families are living on low or limited income, or are underserved
- Eligible youth programs may include:
  - early childhood education
  - out-of-school time programming for middle school students
  - youth leadership development programs
  - mental health services for Brookline youth

Applications opening fall/winter 2022

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# eligible organizations

- 501(c)(3) nonprofits organizations
- Town departments or agencies
- Community groups

If an organization or project is new and/or not yet tax-exempt, an application may be submitted through a fiscal sponsorship.

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# fiscal sponsorship

- Overview of Fiscal Sponsorship (what it is/purpose)
- Role of Fiscal Sponsor
- Role of Sponsored Organization / Applicant
- Typical fees for fiscal sponsorship and how to include in project budget

- It's best to outline the responsibilities and obligations of both parties in a written agreement between the fiscal sponsor and the sponsored organization
- If there are organizations interested in being a fiscal sponsor, contact us, you can still apply to the program
- If there are groups without nonprofit status and without a fiscal sponsor, reach out to us early in the process





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# eligible projects

## We can fund:

- general operating expenses,
- project and program funding,
- capital improvements,
- sector-building efforts,
- community- and movement-building initiatives, and
- capacity building



## We are unable to fund:

- direct support or scholarships to individuals
- travel costs,
- political campaigns, or
- lobbying



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# examples of eligible projects

A) Expansion of a current program to include additional services that address the mental and emotional health needs of community members (*Community Grant Program*)

B) An effort that aims to reduce the health disparities we are seeing in our community by increasing access to services for communities of color (*Racial Equity Grant Program*)



C) A \$2,000 request for funding to offer a dialogue series about racism and to promote anti-racist resources locally (*Brookline For All*)

D) \$15,000 in funding towards an emergency financial assistance program for individuals and families living on low or limited income (*Safety Net*)

E) \$10,000 in funding for an out-of-school-time program that addresses the opportunity gap for students most impacted by the COVID 19 pandemic (*Youth Development Grant Program*)

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# application sections

- Organization/Group Information
- Need for your project/work
- Request for Funding Support

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# additional documentation

## 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organization

- Financial Statements
- Organizational Budget
- Project Budget

## Fiscal Sponsorship

### **FISCAL SPONSOR to submit:**

- Financial Statements
- Organizational Budget
- Fiscal Sponsor Letter or Fiscal Sponsor Agreement

### **APPLICANT to submit:**

- Project Budget

**Optional Documents:** Supporting documents such as support letters, stories, photos, etc

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# application formats

## Applicants may submit:

- a written/hard copy application
- an online application
- a video application
- by setting up a phone/zoom conversation with BCF staff



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# new BCF website & brand



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# community advisory council

The Brookline Community Foundation will be establishing a Community Advisory Council to bring together a group of 10 community members to provide input into and help inform the development of BCF community programs and engagement efforts.

Establishing a Community Advisory Council will further enable BCF to live up to our values and allow us to ensure that those who are closest to the issues we are trying to address, are in a position to guide us around the best solutions.



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# community advisory council



- 10 Council Members
- 75% of Council Members must identify as a member of the BIPOC community or a traditionally and currently vulnerable group (Vulnerable populations includes those consistently excluded from access to resources and services vital for thriving)
- Members of the council must live, work or play in Brookline

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# technical assistance (TA) & BCF contacts

## 1:1 Working Sessions

- Thursday, July 21, 11am-2pm
- Thursday, August 11, 11am-2pm
- Thursday, August 25, 11am-2pm
- Thursday, September 8, 11am-2pm

**or contact us to find a time to connect**

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# Questions



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