

Boston Tenant Organizing Program

Notice of Funding Availability

January 2019

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 2018 are eligible to re-apply for additional funding in FY 2019.

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 2019 (July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019).

FY 2019 Priority Categories In FY 2019 the top priorities will be:

1. Existing affordable housing projects with a potential loss of affordable units
2. Unassisted rental housing (i.e. 'naturally occurring affordable housing') where there is a risk of displacement for low and moderate income residents.

Application Deadline Complete applications will be due in early February 2019. 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 2019.

FY 2019 Applications will be available soon and will be posted on CEDAC's website:

<https://cedac.org/housing/about/application-forms-guidelines/>