

Judy Bradford Community Grant: Request for Proposals

Introduction

The Women's Health Team at Fenway Health is happy to announce a call for proposals for the Judy Bradford Community Grant. [Fenway Health](#) is a community health center in Boston that works to enhance the wellbeing of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community and all people in our neighborhoods and beyond through access to health care, education, research and advocacy. Fenway's [Women's Health Team](#) seeks to meet the healthcare needs of all individuals using its services, across the spectrum of identity, including lesbian, bisexual, queer, and heterosexual women, transgender women, people who identify as gender neutral or non-binary, and people on the transmasculine spectrum.

On Saturday, October 19th, the Women's Health Team will host the 21st Annual Audre Lorde Cancer Awareness Brunch, a celebration of women of color and their supporters whose lives have been affected by cancer. Started in 1999, the brunch is named in memory of Audre Lorde, a self-described "black, lesbian, mother, warrior, poet" who battled cancer for 14 years. The theme for this year's event is "Strength and Visibility" in honor of Lorde's promise to affirm differences, to survive challenges, and to share resilience with other women.

At the event, we also honor [Dr. Judy Bradford](#), a lifelong advocate for the LGBTQ+ community whose generous gift supports the brunch. As Co-Chair of [The Fenway Institute](#) from its inception in 2001, Judy was a pioneer and national leader in building a framework for LGBT-focused research and teaching. Judy was an activist, mother, scientist, wife, adventurer, and mentor whose contributions to the community will live on. We celebrate her legacy through the Judy Bradford Community Grant to support cancer advocacy and address health disparities for marginalized communities.

Grant Proposals

Purpose of Grant

When accessing healthcare, women, people of color, and the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer/questioning (LGBTQ+) community face social and economic barriers as a result of racism, sexism, homophobia, biphobia, transphobia, and other oppressive systems. These factors, or social determinants of health, include limited access to resources, such as education, employment, housing, health care services, and food. Historical barriers to these resources negatively affect the health outcomes of women of color and the LGBTQ+ community in the fight against cancer.

For the Judy Bradford Community Grant, Fenway Health anticipates awarding **one grant in the amount of \$2,500**. The grant will fund a community-focused project that promotes cancer

prevention, awareness, advocacy, and/or services and addresses health disparities among women of color and/or the LGBTQ+ community in Massachusetts. The projects can also extend to other marginalized communities, such as cancer survivors, immigrants, individuals with disabilities, youth, older individuals, etc. The project must address demonstrated disparities (either in access or health outcomes) that these marginalized communities encounter in the face of cancer.

Project Criteria

Applicants

Community organizations as well as individuals can apply for the grant. For individuals and organizations that do not have 501(c)(3) status, we suggest having a fiscal sponsor to manage the funds. If you have any questions or would like help with this, please contact Dr. Alex Gonzalez at agonzalez@fenwayhealth.org.

Target Population

The target population must include a local community of women of color and/or the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) community in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This project can also extend to other marginalized communities, such as cancer survivors, immigrants, individuals with disabilities, youth, older individuals, etc.

Projects

- Develop and implement a local community-focused project that
 - Promotes cancer prevention, awareness, advocacy, and/or services
- AND/OR
- Addresses health disparities related to cancer. In this vein, the project does not have to provide direct cancer services, but can engage the community on health disparities related to cancer. You can check out the resources listed under the above section *Community Need* for more information about the health disparities that women of color and the LGBTQ community confront in the face of cancer.
 - For example, low health insurance rates and lack of access to competent care increase transgender individuals' risk of cancer. A project that connects the community to health insurance and increases access to transgender competent care can also be considered for the grant.

Community Need

Applicants must provide a rationale and data that demonstrate the need for a community-focused project as it relates to health disparities linked to cancer. This can include secondary data from local sources or from peer-reviewed literature, or primary data collected by the applicant. See these links for resources from the Boston Public Health Commission's [Health of Boston 2016-2017](#) and [Cancer Among City Of Boston Residents 1999-2013](#) as well as Dana-Farber Cancer Institute's [2016 Community Health Needs Assessment](#) and its other community needs [reports](#).

You can also read the [guide](#) *19th Annual Audre Lorde Cancer Awareness Brunch Resource Guide* for more data. Check out the section "Sisters in the Fight against Cancer" as well as its

cited sources for more information about the health disparities that women of color and the LGBTQ community confront in the face of cancer.

- Preference will be given to projects that utilize a collaborative framework or model that:
 - Identifies and collaborates with community organizations and members
 - Enables active participation and engagement of all partners throughout the planning process
 - Empowers and collaborates with their target population as community leaders and local experts

Intended Outcomes

Applicants should be able to clearly articulate the intended cancer-related health outcome in their applications, and why this intended outcome is relevant to the target population they have selected to work with.

~For Example~

- *Increase Health Insurance Enrollment*
 - *A project that connects the transgender community in Boston to health insurance so they can access cancer screenings and receive follow-up if needed, in order to decrease cancer-related health disparities.*
- *Connect Survivors in the Community*
 - *A project that connects women of color cancer survivors in a support group to provide resources, and empower and educate others in the community.*

Project Deliverables

Successful grantees will be required to:

- Complete project as outlined by **August 31, 2020**.
- Submit a final report by **Monday, September 14, 2020** demonstrating project process, goals, outcomes, and an accounting of the budget.

Submit Application

Eligible community organizations and individuals interested in applying for the *Judy Bradford Community Grant* should submit their proposals via e-mail to agonzalez@fenwayhealth.org by end of day (midnight) **Monday, December 2, 2019**.

[Click here to download a PDF version of the application](#). For more information about the Audre Lorde Cancer Awareness Brunch, [click here](#).

Proposal Process and Timeline

Submitted proposals will be reviewed **December 3-6, 2019**, by the Audre Lorde Planning Committee. This committee consists of community members, specifically people of color, women, members of the LGBTQ+ community, and public health professionals. The committee

will make the final selection and award announcement by **Monday, December 9, 2019**, and invite the grant recipient to the award presentation at Fenway Health, 1340 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02215.

Awards will be distributed to grantees by **Monday, December 16, 2019** .

Projects will be expected to be completed across the eight month period from January 1, 2020 - August 31, 2020, with a final report due by September 14, 2020.

Key Dates

October 2 nd , 2019	Call for Proposals
12am Midnight EST December 2, 2019	Application Deadline
December 3–6, 2019	Application Review
December 9, 2019	Award Announcement
Monday, December 16, 2019	Funds Distributed
January 1, 2020 - August 31, 2020	Execution of Grant Project
Monday, September 14, 2020	Final Reports Due

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