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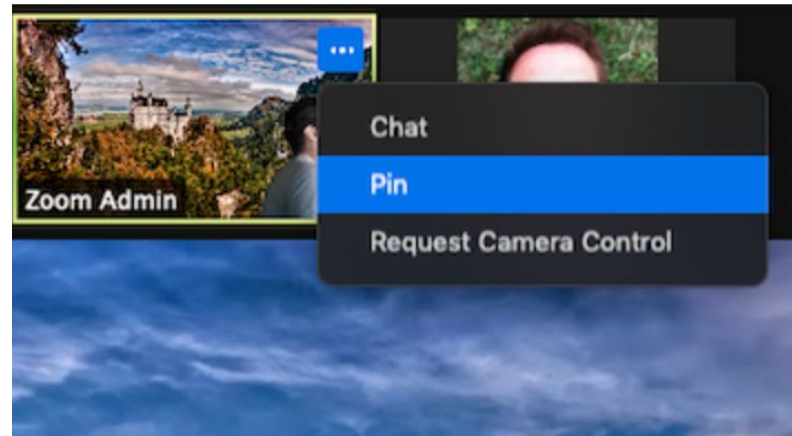
*Substance Use + Recovery - September 1, 2021*



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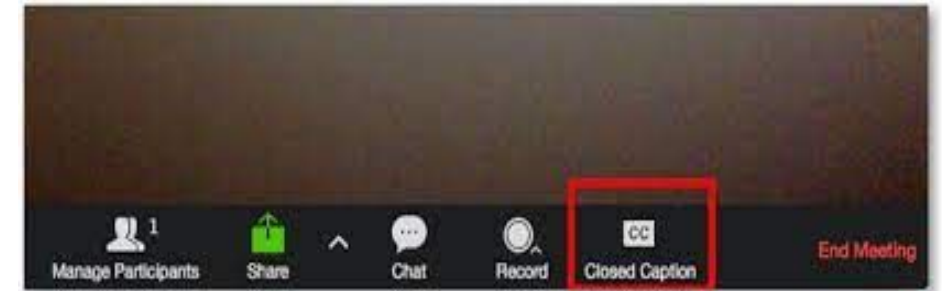
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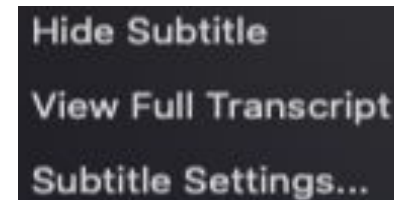
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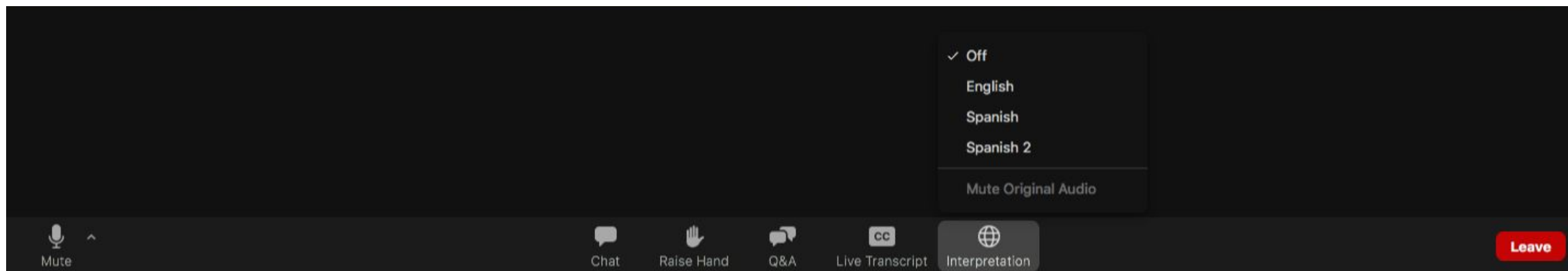


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# Interpretation Instructions



## **Mandarin:** 若需普通话口译服务:

1. 在屏幕下方的长方形控制栏中, 请点击“Interpretation.”
2. 请点击您所需收聽的语言。
3. 您即可收听普通话的会议口译。

## **Cantonese:** 若需要廣東話口譯服務

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2. 請點擊你所需收聽的語言。
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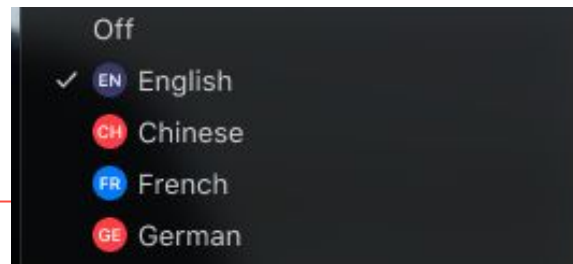
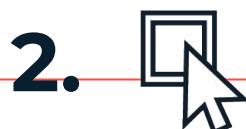
1. Ale nan kontwòl ba nan pati anba ekran an epi Klike sou "Interpretation"
2. Apre sa, klike sou lang ke ou ta renmen tande a.
3. Kounye a ou gen aksè a reyinyon an Kreyòl ayisyen

## **Spanish:** Para traducción en Español,

1. Vaya a la parte baja de la pantalla, en la barra horizontal, y presione la tecla “Interpretation”.
2. Luego seleccione el idioma que desea escuchar.
3. Después de seleccionar, usted entrará a la reunión en el idioma “Español”.

## **Brazilian Portuguese:** Para interpretação int Português.

1. Vá para a barra de controle horizontal na parte inferior da tela. Clique em “Interpretation”.
2. Em seguida, clique no idioma que deseja ouvir.
3. Agora você está acessando esta reunião em Português



- We will be recording the presentation and posting it on our website.
- Please ask questions by typing them in the chat. If we do not get to your question or are on a phone, you can email the [recover@boston.gov](mailto:recover@boston.gov) and we will answer your questions in the coming days.

# Participant Controls



## Audio



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## Video



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## Participants



Participants : See who's currently in the meeting.

## Chat



Chat: Access the chat window to [chat with other participants](#).

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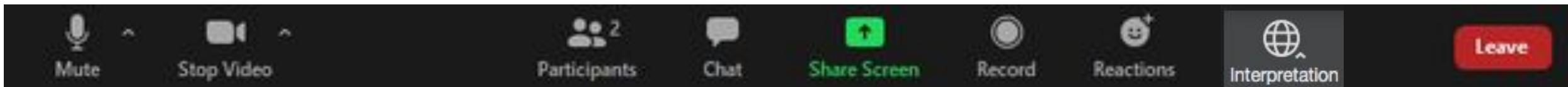


Reactions : [Meeting reactions and Raise Hand](#) allow you to communicate issues or feedback to the host. These reactions are on your video panel and next to your name on the participants panel.



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- **Introduction**
  - Vision for Boston's Federal Funds
  - Funding Overview & Timeline
- **Current Reality of Substance Use in Boston**
- **Existing Efforts and Gaps**
- **Listening Session**
  - Breakout Rooms
- **Share-out**
- **Conclusion**



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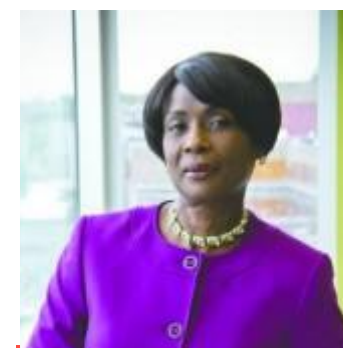
## BOSTON'S EQUITABLE RECOVERY TASKFORCE



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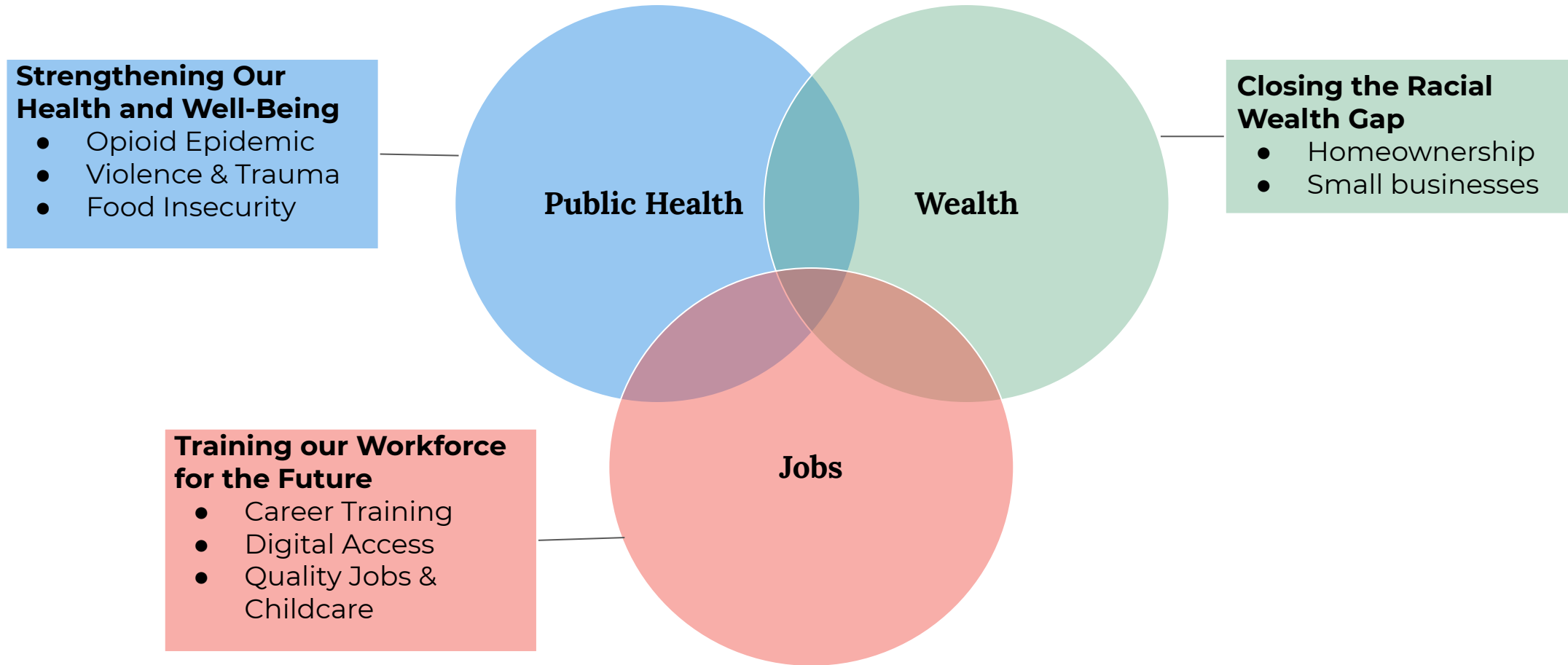


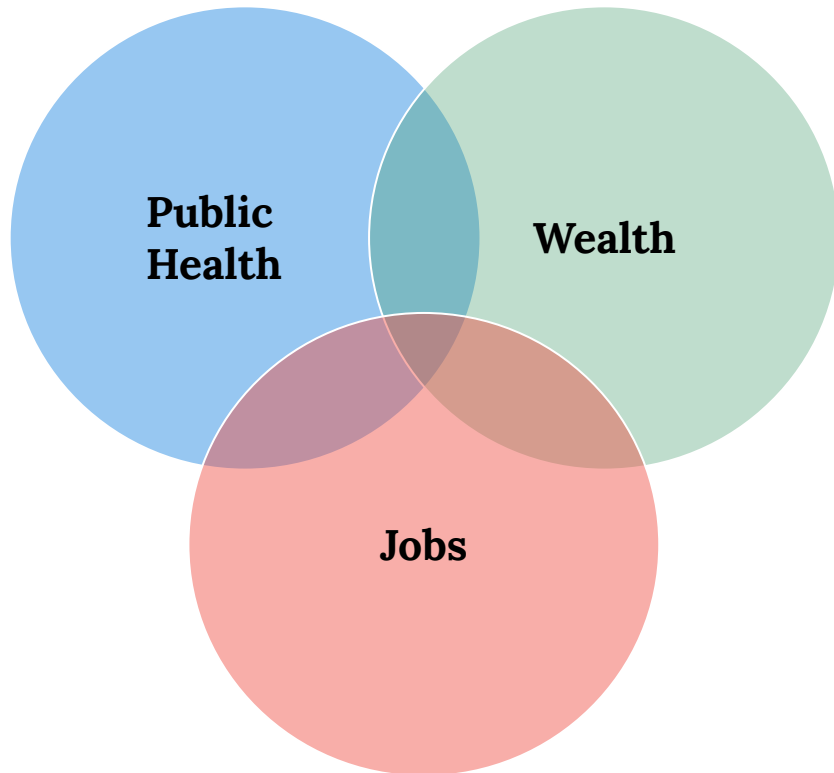
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## An Equitable Recovery for All Boston Residents



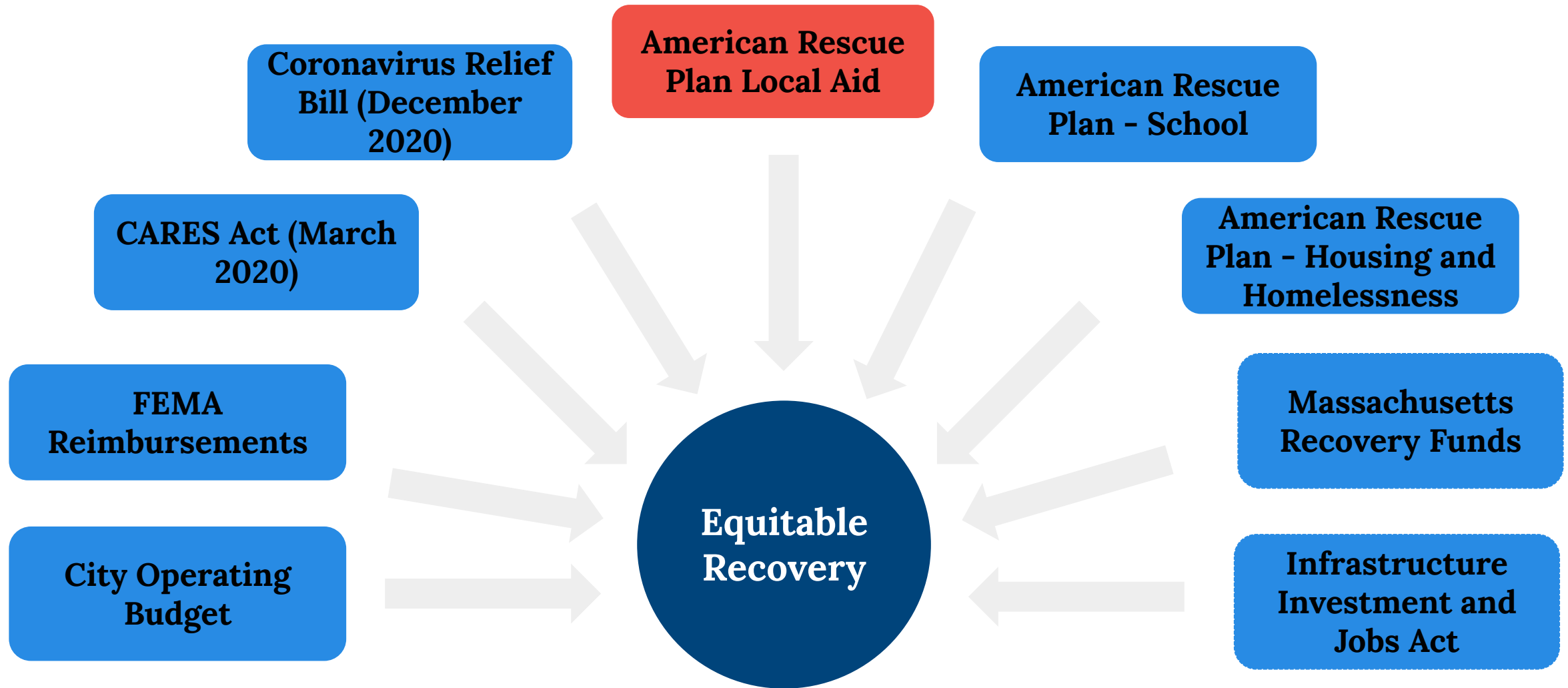


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*While exploring investment opportunities in these areas, there will be an emphasis on solutions that incorporate **Arts & Culture** and **Climate Resiliency***

# What are Boston's available resources for recovery?

Funding Overview



# What is the impact of ARPA local aid in Boston?



## Total Funds

- Boston estimated to receive **\$558 Million** from ARPA, with \$424 Million coming directly to Boston and an additional \$134 Million from Suffolk County to come from the Commonwealth.
- **\$136.5 Million** has been allocated to date for emergency relief investments and stabilizing Boston's budget

## Guardrails

- ARPA funding must be committed **through December 2024**
- Fit into one of the **eligible “uses” of spending** on the next slide

# What are Boston's eligible uses of ARPA Funding?

## Funding Overview



### Support Public Health Response

- **Services to contain and mitigate the spread of COVID-19**, including vaccination, medical expenses, testing, contact tracing, quarantine costs, capacity enhancements, and many related activities
- **Behavioral healthcare services**, including mental health or substance misuse treatment, crisis intervention, and related services
- **Payroll and covered benefits** for public health, healthcare, human services, and public safety staff to the extent that they work on the COVID-19 response

### Replace Public Sector Revenue Loss

- **Ensure continuity of vital government services** by filling budget shortfalls
- **Revenue loss is calculated** relative to the expected trend, beginning with the last full fiscal year pre-pandemic and adjusted annually for growth
- **Recipients may re-calculate revenue loss** at multiple points during the program, supporting those entities that experience revenue loss with a lag

### Address Negative Economic Impacts

- **Deliver assistance to workers and families**, including support for unemployed workers, aid to households, and survivor's benefits for families of COVID-19 victims
- **Support small businesses** with loans, grants, in-kind assistance, and counseling programs
- **Speed the recovery of impacted industries**, including the tourism, travel, and hospitality sectors
- **Rebuild public sector capacity** by rehiring staff, replenishing state unemployment insurance funds, and implementing economic relief programs

### Broadband Infrastructure

- **Focus on households and businesses** without access to broadband and those with connections that do not provide minimally acceptable speeds
- **Fund projects that deliver reliable service** with minimum 100 Mbps download / 100 Mbps upload speeds unless impracticable
- **Complement broadband investments** made through the Capital Projects Fund

### Equity-Focused Services

- **Additional flexibility for the hardest-hit communities and families** to address health disparities, invest in housing, address educational disparities, and promote healthy childhood environments
- **Broadly applicable** to Qualified Census Tracts, other disproportionately impacted areas, and when provided by Tribal governments

### Water & Sewer Infrastructure

- **Includes improvements to infrastructure**, such as building or upgrading facilities and transmission, distribution, and storage systems
- **Eligible uses aligned to Environmental Protection Agency project categories** for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

# What will the process look like?

Timeline



## 1 Phase 1 Events

|  |        |                                  |        |                            |        |
|--|--------|----------------------------------|--------|----------------------------|--------|
| Affordable homeownership               | AUG 26 | Supporting small businesses      | AUG 31 | Substance use disorders    | SEP 1  |
| Access to Internet and career training | SEP 1  | Career training for quality jobs | SEP 8  | Quality jobs and childcare | SEP 15 |

## 1 Phase 1 Tools

- **More info:** [Boston.gov/recover](https://www.boston.gov/recover)
- **Survey:** [bit.ly/gobetterbos](https://bit.ly/gobetterbos)
- **Phone:** Call 311 to provide your feedback
- **Meetings:** [bit.ly/gobettermeetings](https://bit.ly/gobettermeetings)

# Boston's Equitable Recovery Taskforce Members



**Aisha Francis**, CEO, Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology

**Andrea Swain**, Executive Director, Yawkey Club of Roxbury

**Ayele Shakur**, CEO, BUILD

**Bob Giannino**, CEO, United Way

**Bob Luz**, CEO, Mass Restaurant Association

**Catherine D'Amato**, President & CEO of Greater Boston Food Bank

**Corey Thomas**, CEO, Rapid7

**Dan Hunt**, State Representative

**Danella Clark**, President, Boston Arts Academy Foundation

**Darlene Lombos**, Executive Secretary, Greater Boston Labor Council

**Elsie Taveras**, Chief Health Equity Officer, Mass General Brigham

**Emilio Dorcely**, CEO, Urban Edge

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**Frederica Williams**, CEO, Whittier Street Health Center

**Glynn Lloyd**, Executive Director, Foundation for Business Equity

**Gustavo Quiroga**, Director of Neighborhood Strategy/Development, Graffito

**Jacquetta Van Zandt**, Vice President of Engagement, The Partnership

**Jaimie McNeil**, General Agent, UNITE HERE Local 26

**Jim Rooney**, President & CEO, GB Chamber of Commerce

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**Kalila Barnett**, Program Officer, Climate Resilience, Barr Foundation

**Karen Chen**, Executive Director, Chinese Progressive Association

**Lew Finfer**, Special Projects Director, Massachusetts Communities Action Network

**Manny Lopes**, President/CEO, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center

**Michael Curry**, President & CEO, Mass League of Community Health Centers, Co-Chair, COVID-19 Health Inequities Task Force

**Michael Flaherty**, Boston City Councilor, At-Large Chair, Committee on COVID-19 Recovery

**Pam Kocher**, President, Boston Municipal Research Bureau

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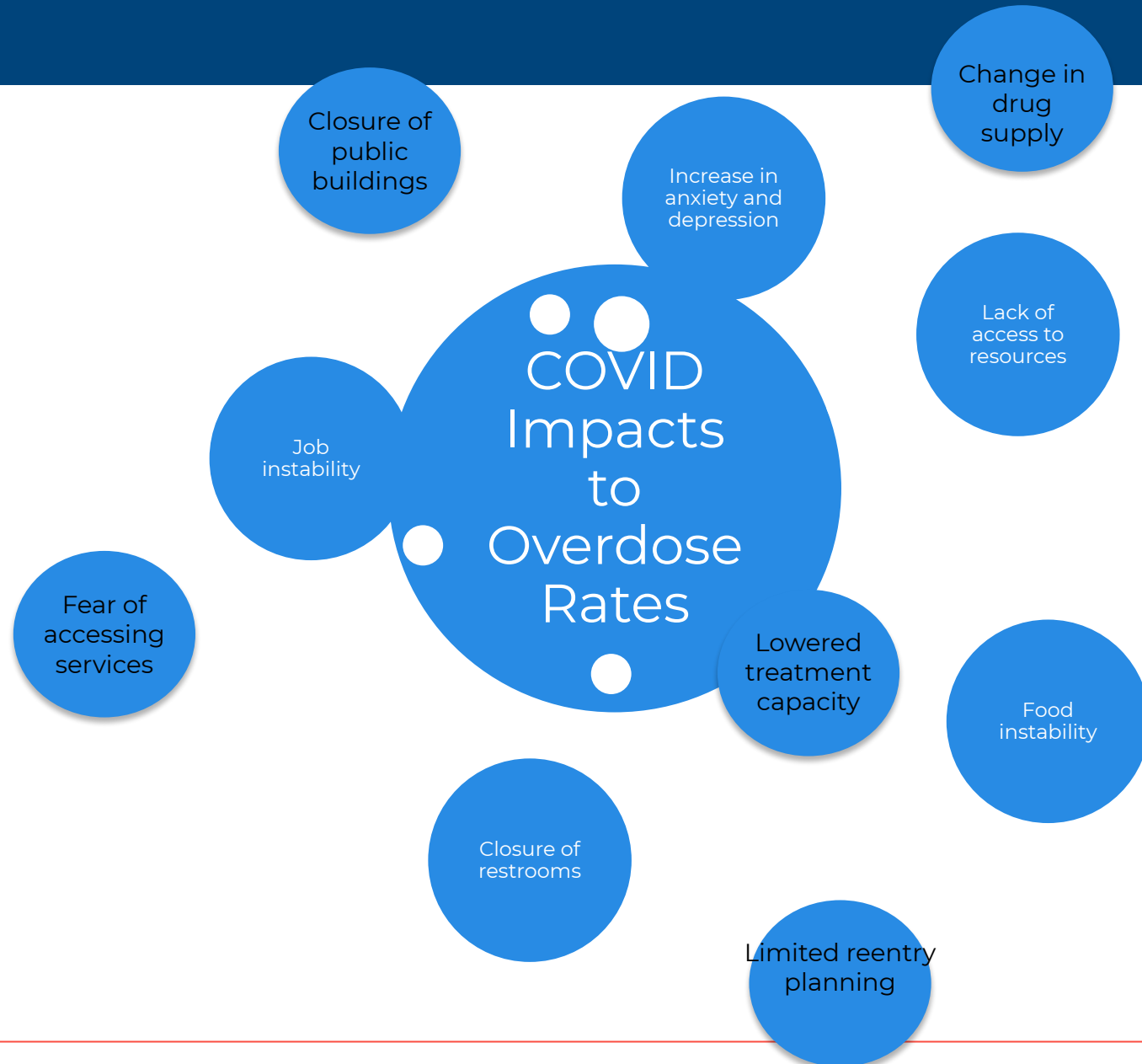


# Current Reality



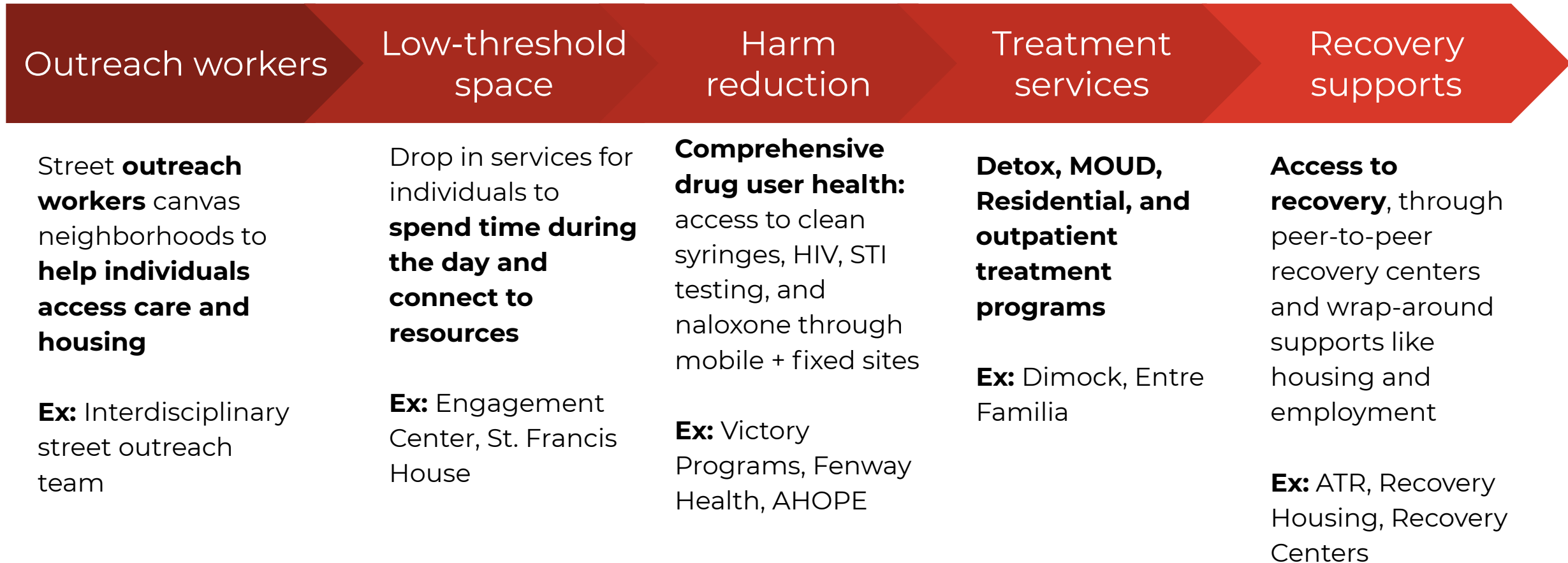
- **In 2020, the United States had the highest rates of overdose deaths seeing over 93,000 confirmed deaths.**
- **For 2020, there were 2,035 confirmed opioid-related overdose deaths for the state, and 245 for the City.**
- ***Fentanyl* remains a key factor in opioid-related overdose deaths.**
- **Emerging trends among those newly diagnosed also include an increase in methamphetamine use.**
- **There is an uptick of HIV infections in the City of Boston in persons who inject drugs (PWID) who are experiencing or have experienced recent homelessness.**

- **The co-occurring opioid epidemic and COVID-19 pandemic caused a disruption to healthcare, social services, and the public health and justice systems, which has had a devastating impact on Boston's most vulnerable residents.**
- **The rate of overdose death increased by 70% among Black non-Hispanic men**



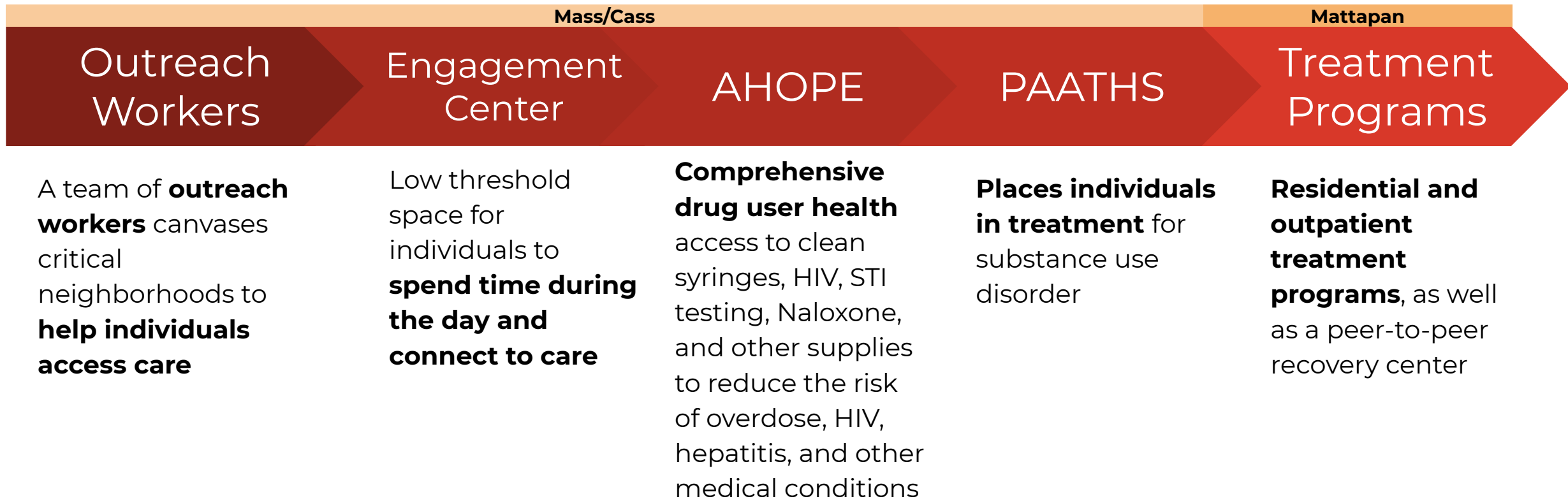
- **Our mission is to advance equitable and comprehensive substance use recovery by increasing access to care and filling critical gaps.**
- **Recovery Services offers comprehensive programming and resources aimed at preventing substance use and supporting the treatment and recovery for individuals, families and communities impacted by substance use disorders.**
- **We work across City departments and with community partners to create a coordinated citywide recovery strategy and reduce stigma.**

# Boston provides a continuum of care, from harm reduction to recovery supports



## Overdose Prevention & Narcan Distribution

# We offer a continuum of care, from harm reduction to recovery supports:



## Overdose Prevention & Narcan Distribution

"If you or someone you know has a problem with drugs or alcohol in the city of Boston, call 311... We are here to help. Don't suffer alone."  
- Mayor Martin J. Walsh

### 311 for Recovery Services



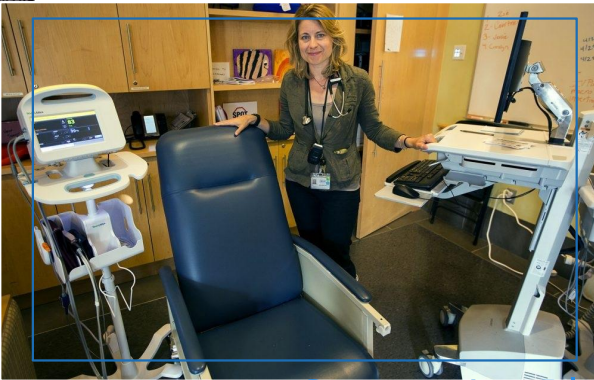
### Community Syringe Redemption Program (CSRP)



### Engagement Center



### Drug Checking



### Supportive Place for Observation and Treatment (SPOT)

# Transformative investments



Recovery campus (Shattuck)



State investment in low-threshold housing

\$19 million over 5 years

Community Syringe Redemption Program (CSRP)



\$900,000 annual operations for 3 sites



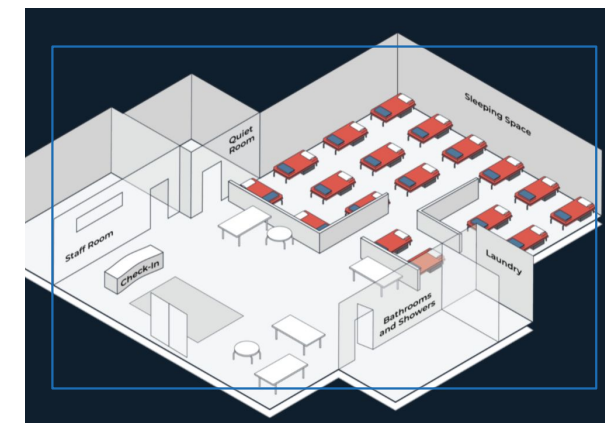
\$250,000 one-time  
\$386,500 annual ops

Care in Reach van

Engagement Center



\$10 million to build  
\$2 million to operate annually



Overnight respite

\$4 million annual operations



# Current Gaps in Care

# Gaps in the Continuum of Care



## Prevention

- Youth
- Families
- Communities
- Systems (ex: Schools)

## Intervention & Treatment

- Overnight Care
- Crisis Management
- Harm Reduction Access
- Drop-in Spaces
- Co-Occurring Disorder Treatment

## Wrap-around Supports

- Workforce Development
- Employment Opportunities
- Housing Opportunities
- Recovery Supports
- Discharge Planning



# Discussion

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- **What gaps do you see in Boston's continuum of care?**
- **How would you recommend filling these gaps?**
- **Which initiatives would you recommend the City of Boston prioritizes for ARPA funding?**
- **How should the City of Boston address equity gaps in our continuum of care?**

- **Listening Session (45 min)**
  - **15 mins: Prevention**
  - **15 mins: Intervention (Harm Reduction + Treatment)**
  - **15 mins: Recovery Supports (Housing + Employment)**

*Notes on joining break-out rooms:*

- We will open the breakout rooms.
- On a computer? Click “Join”
- On a phone? You’ll enter automatically. \*6 to mute/unmute.

- **Then: Share-out from each group**



# What We Heard

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# Conclusion - Next Steps



- **Fill out our survey:** [bit.ly/gobetterbos](https://bit.ly/gobetterbos)
- **Spread the word** about the other #LetsGoBetter meetings ----->
  - Other meetings on homeownership, small businesses, internet access, career training and childcare.
- You can also **email us** any follow up questions at [recover@boston.gov](mailto:recover@boston.gov)

## BOSTON, LET'S GO BETTER!

Help inform how the City of Boston invests \$400m in one-time federal funds to jumpstart Boston's equitable recovery.

To participate, you can fill out our survey, join us for a community meeting (schedule below), call **311** or visit [boston.gov/recover](https://boston.gov/recover) to learn more.

**Initial Community Meetings**  
5:30-7:30pm

**August 26**  
Affordable Homeownership

**August 31 (3pm)**  
Supporting Small Businesses

**September 1 (12pm)**  
Substance Use Disorders

**September 1**  
Access to Internet & Career Training

**September 8**  
Career Training for Quality Jobs  
(i.e. green jobs, life sciences)

**September 14 (3pm)**  
Supporting Small Businesses

**September 15**  
Quality Jobs & Childcare

**September 16**  
Affordable Homeownership

**October**  
Additional community meetings



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