

CITY OF BOSTON

Minor Amendment #1 To Program Year 2019 Action Plan



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The Department of Neighborhood Development (DND) is amending its Program Year 2019 Action Plan, covering the period July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, to add the **Microenterprise Financial Assistance Program (MFAP)**; a new program within the Office of Economic Development. MFAP will foster the development, support and expansion of microenterprise businesses. (<https://www.boston.gov/departments/economic-development>).

A microenterprise is defined as a commercial business with five or fewer employees, with one being the owner of the business. The MFAP meets the national objective of Low/Mod Limited Clientele, Micro-Enterprises (LMCMC) as the financial assistance will benefit micro-enterprise owners who are low/moderate income. The MTAP will assist up to five (5) microenterprises during the program year utilizing up to \$40,000 in total CDBG funds as shown below. The assistance to each microenterprise will not exceed \$15,000 and the terms will be either a grant or a conditional loan.

Programmatic Budget Changes to the Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) budget.

Office of Economic Development	PY19 CDBG Program Budget	Minor Amendment #1	Final PY19 CDBG Budget
Microenterprise Financial Assistance Program (MFAP)	\$0	\$40,000	\$40,000
Neighborhood Business Access Loan Program	\$487,107	(\$40,000)	\$447,107
TOTALS	\$487,107	\$0	\$487,107

PROJECT SUMMARY	
Project Name	Microenterprise Financial Assistance Program (MFAP)
Goals Supported	Address capital gaps for early-stage entrepreneurs
Needs Addressed	Low/Mod Limited Clientele
Funding	\$40,000
Description	This program provides small grants and/or micro-loans to early-stage businesses and entrepreneurs to support their establishment and growth in the City.
Target End Date	6/30/2020
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Five (5) entrepreneurs and/or businesses
Location Description	Citywide
Planned Activities	<p>Microenterprise Financial Assistance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Shall be made available to commercial enterprises with five or fewer employees, one or more of whom owns the enterprise. ● Shall be issued as either i) a business grant or ii) a conditional micro-loan. ● Each instance of Microenterprise Financial Assistance shall not exceed \$15,000.