VISON FOR BOSTON'S ARPA FEDERAL FUNDS

The target: For these funds: Boston's hardest hit communities.

3 Focus Areas:
- Health
- Wealth
- Jobs

Closing the racial wealth gap:
- Homeownership
- Small businesses

Closing the digital wealth gap:
- Access to internet
- Digital literacy

Current Reality of Access to Internet & Career Training in Boston

12% of Boston households lack internet!

8 out of 10 jobs require digital skills!

People need connectivity & IT devices!

Funding Overview & Timeline:

The American Rescue Fund: $558 million

The funding must be used by Dec. 2024...

We want to make transformative investments!

We have a dedicated taskforce for this!

New initiatives in the Department of Innovation & Technology

$15 million in digital resources during the pandemic!

New digital equity fund: $500,000 to 19 orgs to help with training, tools, access, etc.

Emergency broadband benefit: Apply online to service FCC!

Let's Go Better Listening Session Wednesday September 1, 2021