VISION for BOSTON'S ARPA FEDERAL FUNDS

**3 FOCUS AREAS:**
- HEALTH
- WEALTH
- JOBS

**AN EQUITABLE RECOVERY FOR ALL OF BOSTON'S RESIDENTS**

**CURRENT REALITY**
- IN 2020: the US had 93,000 OVERTDOSE DEATHS
- 2,035 of these were in MA & 245 in Boston
- THESE NUMBERS DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECT BLACK & BROWN MEN
- 70% OF ALL DEATHS!

**SUBSTANCE ABUSE & RECOVERY**
- WE ALSO SEE A RISE IN METH USE, HIV INFECTIONS, & HOMELESSNESS
- THIS HAS A HUGE IMPACT ON MENTAL HEALTH!

**EXISTING PROGRAMS**
- STREET OUTREACH WORKERS
- HARM REDUCTION CAPABILITIES
- RECOVERY SUPPORT...

**GAPS in CARE**
- CARE REQUIREMENTS ARE EVOLVING...
- WE HAVE TO SOLVE FOR GAPS IN REAL-TIME.

**FUNDING OVERVIEW & TIMELINE:**
- THE AMERICAN RESCUE FUND: $538 MILLION
- MUST BE USED BY DEC. 2024...

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**OUR FEEDBACK WILL INFORM HOW THESE FUNDS ARE APPLIED!**

**LET'S GO BETTER LISTENING SESSION**
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2021**

**THINK BIG WITH US!**