



# Boston EMA Ryan White Planning Council

Brian Holliday , Planning Council Chair • Kathy Litu ri,  
Planning Council Chair elect • 11.12.2020

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## Moment of silence

At this moment, let's take a **moment of silence** in remembrance of those who came before us, those who are present, and those who will come after us.

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# Introductions

## Phone

- Please state your name for the record

## Computer/online

- No need to state, we have you on record
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# ***PC GROUND RULES***

Be on time	No Side Conversations
Silence cell phones	Presenters represent agencies no personal attacks
Participate	<i><b>Don't ask questions that accuse or assume where someone is coming from. Stick to asking questions regarding information.</b></i>
Be respectful	Respect the option for presenters to come back with additional information or answers.
<i><b>Agree to disagree</b></i>	Send questions with more detailed explanations to the Executive Committee or PCS
Ask questions	Whenever possible, enjoy yourself
Speak up so everyone can hear you	<i><b>Don't assume everything is public knowledge</b></i>
Raise your hand and wait to be acknowledged by the Chair	Step up, step back
Don't interrupt	

# Virtual Meeting Ground Rules

- Be on time and prepared
- Use headphones
- Silence Means Agreement
- Avoid using speakerphone
- Avoid multi-tasking
- Mute yourself unless speaking
- No inappropriate conversations in private chat
- Do not put this conference call on “Hold”
- Identify yourself
- Speak slowly and clearly
- No one-on-one side conversations
- Use chat box to communicate with moderators and ask questions to presenters

# Overview – Today's Meeting

- Approve October minutes | Subcommittee Reports
- FAQ & Knowledge check– Refresh from October
- CARES Act Funding Update– *Katie Keating, Alexandra Zhang, RWSD*
- Introduction to Minority AIDS Initiative – *Masill Miranda, Marcos Palmarin*
- Introduction to Part A funded Service Categories – *Tatiana Ramos, Patrick Baum*
- December Prep – overview of the Funding Streams Expo
- Agency Announcements
- Evaluation, other announcements, wrap up

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# Approving meeting minutes

October 8, 2020

Steps in approving minutes:

1. Review minutes
2. Make a first and second motion to approve minutes
3. Vote (Zoom poll)

**All in Favor:** Yes, I approve the minutes

**Opposed:** No, I do not approve the minutes

**Abstention:** Decline to vote

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# Subcommittee Reports

- Needs, Resources and Allocations (NRAC)– Harry Shanmugum
- Membership and Nominations (MNC) – Robert Giannasca
- Service, Priorities and Evaluation (SPEC) – Michael Swaney
- Consumer Committee - Tim Young
- Executive Committee – Brian Holliday



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# Knowledge Check

## *October review*

Liz Rios, PCS Manager

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# Ryan White Part A COVID-19/CARES Act Funding

RYAN WHITE SERVICES DIVISION, INFECTIOUS DISEASE BUREAU  
BOSTON PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION

11/12/2020



# Presentation Objectives

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- ❖ Provide an overview of the CARES Act funding
- ❖ Understand how CARES Act funding has been applied/invested to the Boston EMA
- ❖ Learn how Boston EMA clients have been served with CARES Act funding



# CARES Act Funding: An Overview

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- ❖ Health Resources Service Administration, or HRSA, awarded a total of **\$26,770,126** in funding for Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part A Recipients.
- ❖ The Boston Eligible Metropolitan Area (EMA) received **\$907,251** of Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part A COVID-19 CARES Act supplemental funding.
- ❖ **One-time** funding to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19 for service period of 1-year from **April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021**. Can bill for approved COVID costs starting January, 2020.
- ❖ Ryan White Policies and Cost Principles and Boston EMA Standards of Service **apply to this** funding.

# CARES Act Funding: The Boston EMA Process

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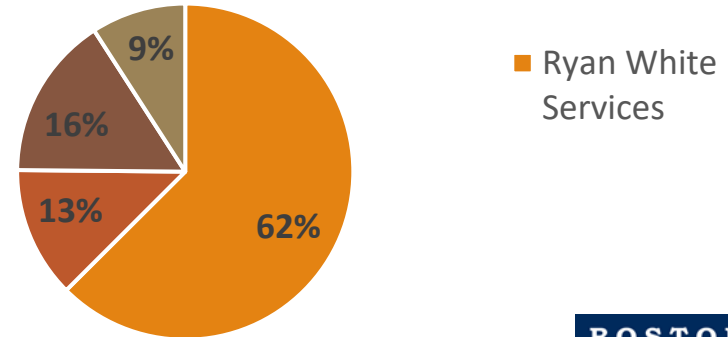
- ❖ RWSD assessed Ryan White Part A subrecipients need for COVID CARES Act funding to help them ensure continuity of current services and meet increased demands for new services (food, housing) within the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- ❖ Boston EMA agencies developed CARES Act proposals for funding for services and other costs associated with telehealth and staff/client safety.



# CARES Act Funding: Boston EMA Investments

- ❖ **26 agencies** CARES Act funded agencies across the Boston EMA. Required to submit reports on a monthly basis.
- ❖ CARES Act funding supports investments across (see handout):
  - ❖ **Ryan White Services:** Food Bank/home delivered meals, housing assistance, medical transportation, legal services, psychosocial support, emergency financial assistance.
  - ❖ **COVID response and prevention:** PPE, cleaning supplies, signage and educational materials.
  - ❖ **Telehealth infrastructure:** Technology, subscriptions and licenses, cellphone services.

**Boston EMA  
CARES Act Funding (%)**



# CARES Act Funding: Boston EMA Clients Served

❖ COVID-19 Data Report Overview: April – September 2020\*

<b>Total Number of Reporting Agencies*</b>	26
<b>Number of RW clients tested for COVID-19</b>	174
<b>Up-to-Date Number of Served Clients</b>	1908
<b>Services with Numbers of Clients &gt;100</b>	<b>#</b>
Non-Medical Management Case Management	694
Medical Case Management	472
Emergency Financial Assistance	220
Food Bank/home delivered meals	128
Psychosocial Support	126
Health Education/Risk Reduction	107

\* Approximate data



# CARES Act Funding: Agency Highlights

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- ❖ Collaboration between Boston EMA providers during the COVID-19 period has increased.
  - ❖ Several agencies have worked together to increase access to meal programs and increase referrals to food access organizations.
  - ❖ In response to the end of the Massachusetts Eviction Moratorium, various Boston EMA agencies came together to promote housing stability and legal services to support PLWH tenants who may be facing imminent eviction from their housing.





# CARES Act Funding: Agency Highlights Continued

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- ❖ Boston EMA providers have incorporated many changes to facilitate service delivery during the COVID-19 emergency.
  - ❖ Agencies have increased client access to phones and tablets to facilitate their access to telehealth services and other virtual appointments.
  - ❖ Agencies have taken steps to amend and expedite eligibility certification given social distancing requirements.
- ❖ The EMA's Case Management Training program has transitioned and re-designed their training format to a virtual model to be more accessible to case managers across the EMA.



# Questions/Discussion

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# Thank you!

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# Introduction to Minority AIDS Initiative Funding


Masill Miranda, PCS  
Marcos Palmarin, Ryan White Services Division

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# Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI)

Masill Miranda (PCS); Marcos Palmarin (RWSD) |  
November 12, 2020



# OVERVIEW

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We will review MAI's

- Purpose & goal
- Planning Council's role
- Funding trends
- Subrecipients receiving MAI funding
- Projects





Maxine Waters (D) CA

# PURPOSE

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## Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI)

- Program began in 1998
- Response to the high impact of HIV on racial & ethnic minorities
- Purpose is to strengthen the capacity of organizations and create more access for services in communities of color

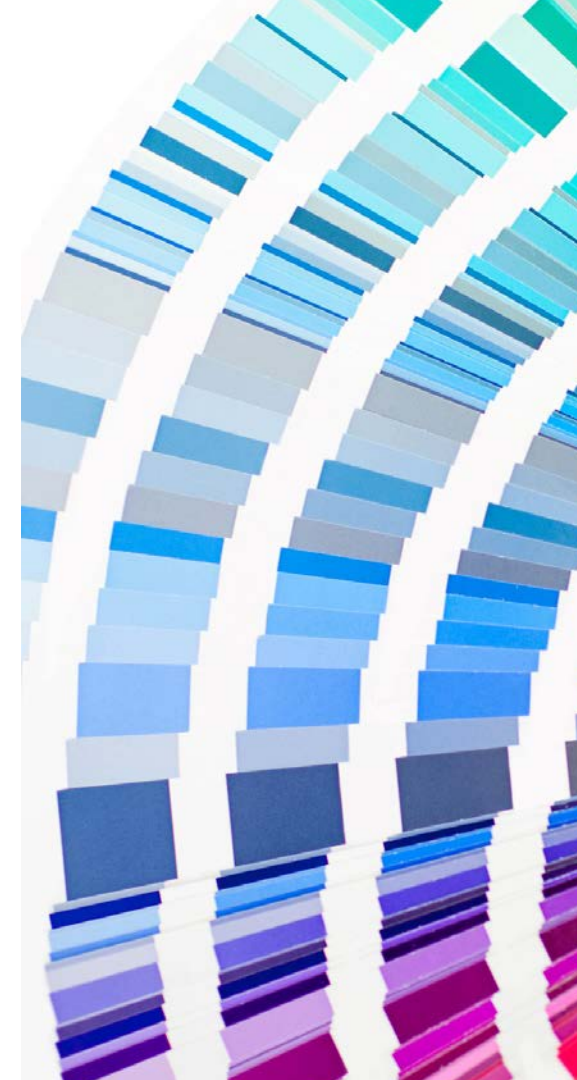


# GOAL

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## Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI)

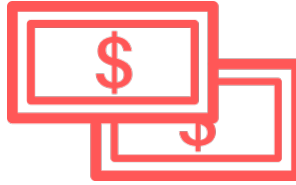
A targeted initiative aimed at reducing the disproportionate impact of HIV/AIDS on racial and ethnic minority populations by increasing access to HIV prevention, care, and treatment services







HRSA distributes MAI  
along with RW Part A



RW Part A



Minority AIDS Initiative  
(MAI)

Separate pot of money

# Planning Council's role

## Learn

Various presentations are provided at Council & NRAC

## Recommend

NRAC will create a funding recommendation for MAI separately from Part A general

## Prioritize

NRAC will execute a Priority Setting exercise with MAI service categories only

## Vote

NRAC's recommendation is brought to the Council for a final vote

**\*\*\*\*\* Decisions need to be data driven**

# FY20 MAI AGENCIES

## Agencies

- Catholic Charities of Boston
- Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers
- Codman Square Health Center
- East Boston Neighborhood Center
- Multicultural AIDS Coalition
- Fenway Health Center
- Whittier Street Health Center
- Harbor Health Services
- Upham's Corner Health Center

## Stats

- 868 POC served from FY17 to FY20
- 13 Different Service Models
- 87.16% Reported to be virally suppressed, or undetectable

# SERVICE MODEL

## Transition from in -person to Telehealth

- Agencies have moved to a telehealth environment results in all kinds of different service delivery models to prevent the spread of COVID -19.
- One unique approach towards addressing isolation as a result of quarantining or high acuity clients
- Agencies have adopted laptop loaner programs to address access to various life saving benefit programs and maintaining appointments.

# SERVICE MODEL CONT...

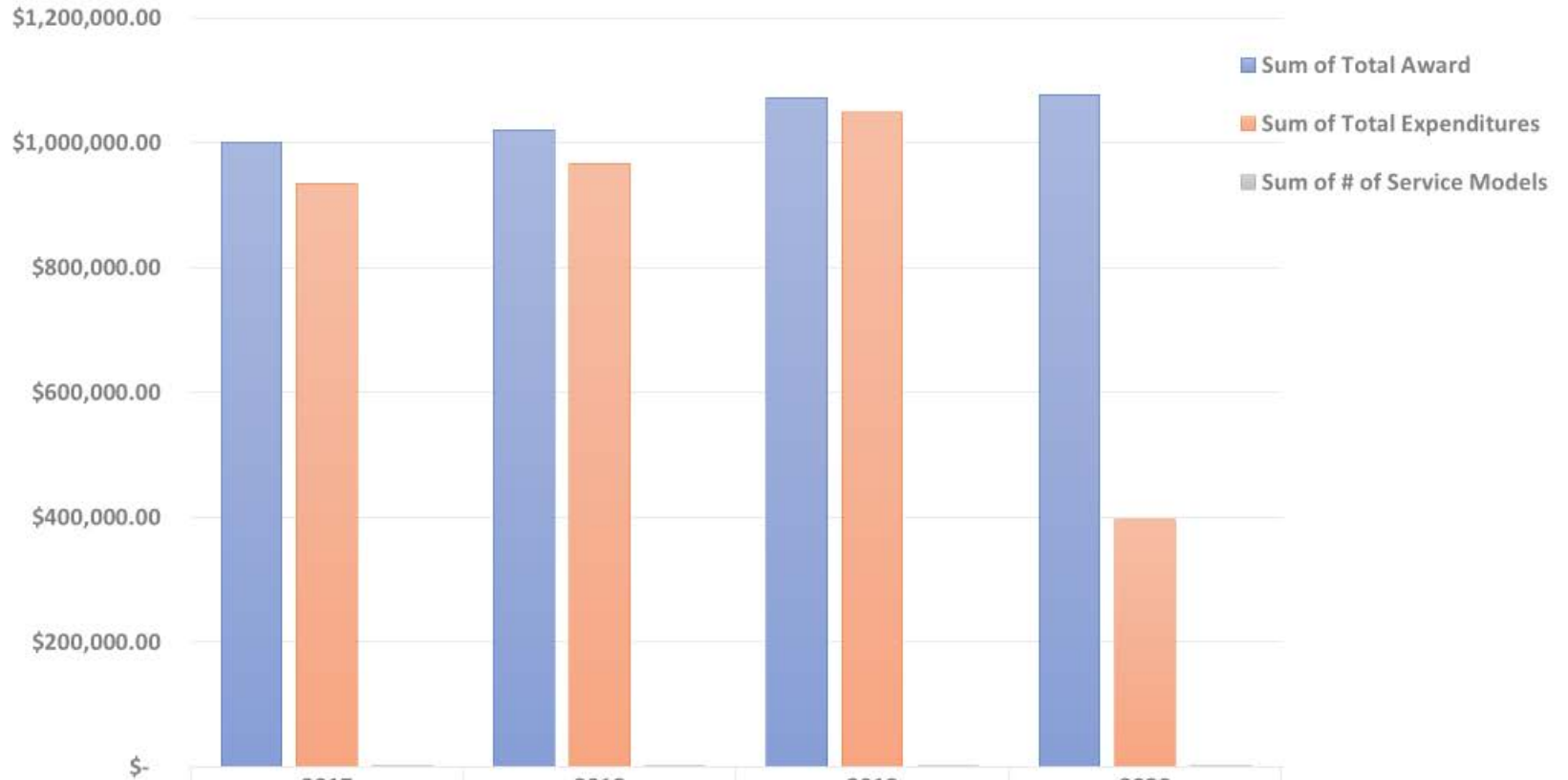
## Interagency Collaboration

- Partners In Health – Contract Tracing Initiatives
- ACO – Cell Phone Program
- COVID -19 Mobile Sites targeting communities of Color

## Linguistic Services

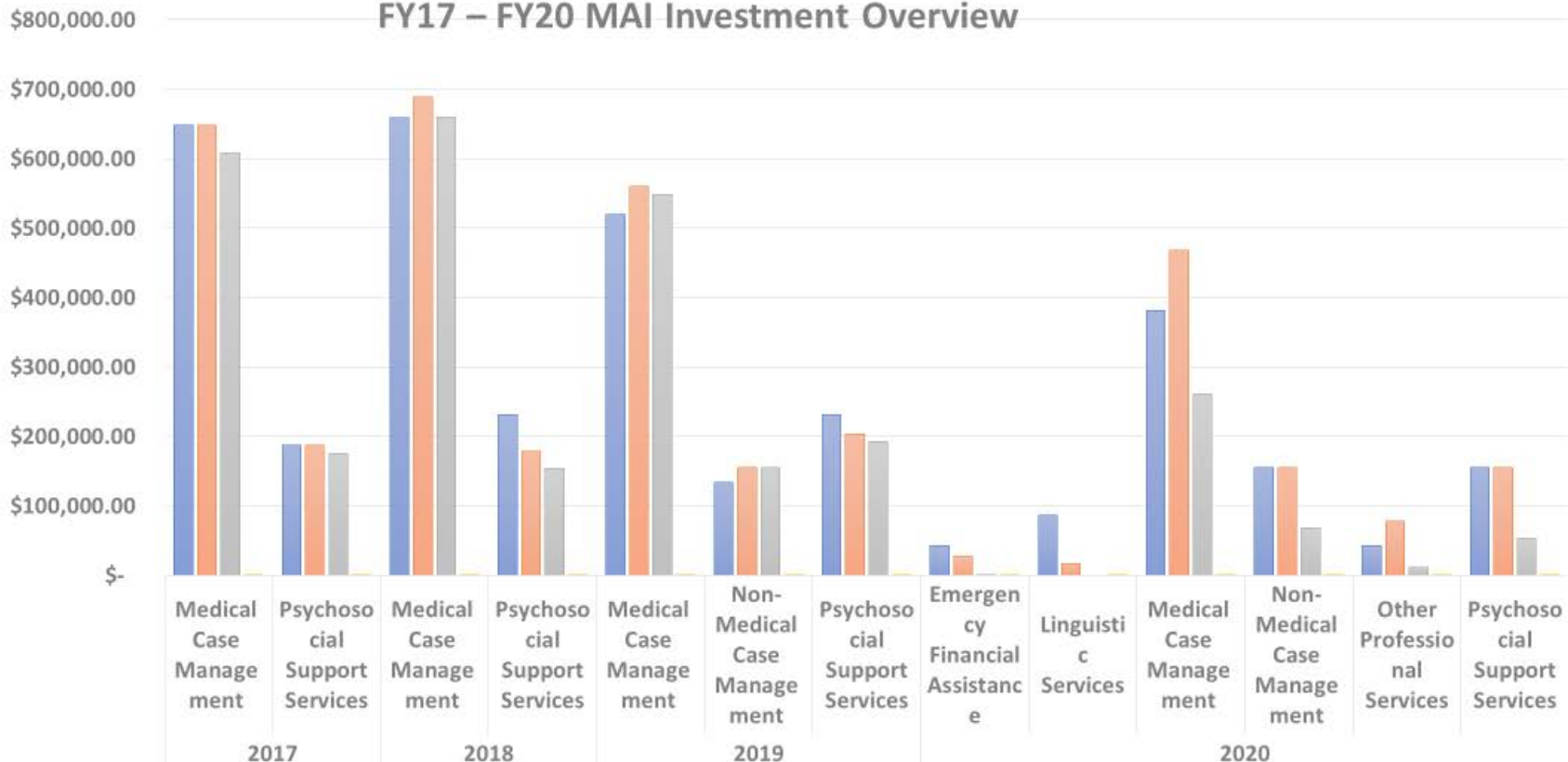
- Supporting non -native English -speaking clients with interpretation and translation services.

FY17 - FY20: Overview of MAI Spending



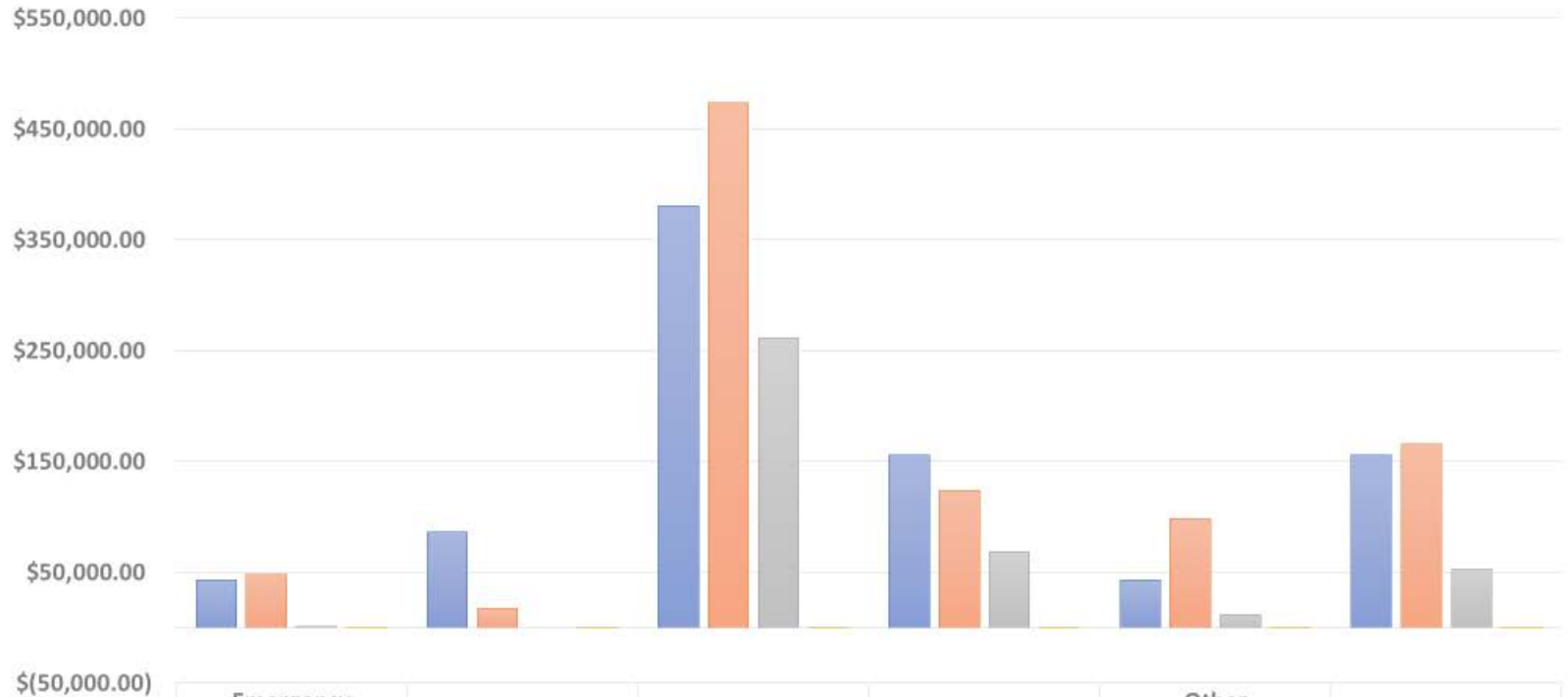
Sum of Total Award	\$1,000,465.00	\$1,020,308.00	\$1,071,995.00	\$1,076,721.00
Sum of Total Expenditures	\$935,218.00	\$966,726.00	\$1,048,611.00	\$396,015.00
Sum of # of Service Models	5	4	7	13

## FY17 – FY20 MAI Investment Overview



Sum of Planning Council	\$648,136	\$187,545	\$658,929	\$231,598	\$520,015	\$134,197	\$231,598	\$43,283.	\$86,565.	\$380,886	\$155,817	\$43,283.	\$155,817
Sum of BPHC Allocation	\$648,136	\$187,545	\$688,779	\$178,482	\$560,248	\$155,219	\$203,765	\$27,940.	\$17,292.	\$468,111	\$155,817	\$78,284.	\$155,817
Sum of Expenditures to Date	\$609,120	\$176,028	\$659,755	\$153,924	\$548,252	\$155,159	\$192,638	\$1,164.0	\$-	\$261,664	\$68,551.	\$11,670.	\$52,966.
Sum of # of Agencies	3	2	2	2	3	1	3	2	1	3	3	1	3

## FY20 Allocation vs. Spending by Service Category



	Emergency Financial Assistance	Linguistic Services	Medical Case Management	Non-Medical Case Management	Other Professional Services	Psychosocial Support Services
Sum of Planning Council	\$43,283.00	\$86,565.00	\$380,886.00	\$155,817.00	\$43,283.00	\$155,817.00
Sum of After Carry/Sweeps	\$47,940.00	\$17,292.00	\$473,842.00	\$123,752.00	\$98,003.00	\$165,817.00
Sum of Expenditures to Date	\$1,164.00	\$-	\$261,664.00	\$68,551.00	\$11,670.00	\$52,966.00
Sum of # of Agencies	2	1	3	3	1	3



# KEY TAKEAWAYS



- Minority AIDS Initiative Award has increased over the last 3 fiscal years
- Ability to spend full award may be a result of the re-distribution of funds across more service categories and more agencies receiving funding, data suggests.
- COVID -19 has resulted in a slow down of spending.
- The COVID -19 public health emergency has resulted in numerous challenges disproportionality impacting communities of color.
- These challenges resulted in unique changes to service delivery models.

# Conclusion

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## NRAC

Will allocate \$ & prioritize service categories in May 2021

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## Planning Council

Will vote on NRAC's recommendation in June 2021

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## RWSD

Updates on MAI program spending and utilization will be provided quarterly by the RWSD.

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## The goal

Is to improve health outcomes among PLWH of color

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# Ryan White Part A Service Categories

Tatiana Ramos, PCS  
Patrick Baum, SPEC Vice Chair

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# December – Funding Streams Expo!

- Representatives from RW Part A, B, C, D, F | Housing Opportunities for People with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA) | Medicaid | Medicare
- PC members will be in groups, change from breakout rooms to visit each provider
- Groups will have a scenario about a fake client – provider will explain how their resources could assist in that situation
- Summaries of each funding stream will be posted to Basecamp

**Mayor's Office of Health and  
Human Services - Melissa  
Hector**

**MA Department of Public  
Health, Office of HIV/AIDS -  
Barry Callis**

**NH Department of Health  
and Human Services, NH  
Care Program – Cindi Bell**

**MA Office of Medicaid –  
Alison Kirchgasser**

**Boston Public Health  
Commission –Katie Keating**

## **AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

# OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS?

This is your chance to spread the word about community events, research studies, or other resources that are related to the Planning Council's work.

# EVALUATION AND ADJOURN

Please fill out your  
evaluation forms!

**Google Form  
evaluations will be sent  
via email.**

