

#### **AGENDA**



- 1. Why We're Doing This
- 2. What We're Looking For
- 3. How to Submit a Proposal
- 4. How Proposals Will Be Evaluated
- 5. Q&A Session

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

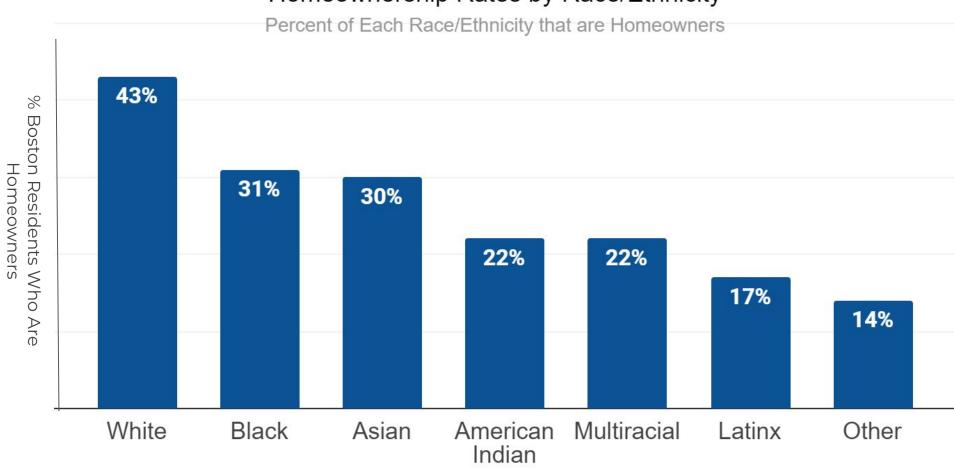


- 1. Who are you?
- 2. What brings you here today?
- 3. What are you looking to get out of today?

### RATES OF HOMEOWNERSHIP IN BOSTON BY RACE



#### Homeownership Rates by Race/Ethnicity



Source: American Community Survey 2017-2021 5-Year Estimates, Tables B25003B-I

#### **2021 LIVING AND LEARNING DEBT SURVEY**





# STUDENT DEBT LANDSCAPE IMPACTS HOME OWNERSHIP IN BOSTON

Learn about findings from the 2021 Living and Learning Debt Survey.

Last updated: May 10, 2022



https://www.boston.gov/news/student-debt-landscape-impacts-home-ownership-boston

## THE CENTRAL QUESTION



How might we develop a new model of affordable homeownership that allows aspiring homeowners to start building equity through renting an affordable unit that they can eventually purchase?



#### **OBJECTIVE**



Develop affordable rental-to-homeownership housing units and/or pilot the use of new financing tools that create clear pathways for low and/or moderate income Boston renters to start building equity in year one and transition to affordable homeownership in Boston within a defined and reasonable time frame (e.g. 5 years)

Successful proposals will be eligible for MOH funding based on demonstrated need and availability of funds

#### **ELEMENTS OF SUCCESSFUL MODELS**



- Mechanism for savings through on-time rent payments
- Financial planning and credit building support
- Homeownership counseling
- Assurance of an affordable transition to homeownership

## **DEFINING "AFFORDABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP"**



## Mortgage payments (including PITI) don't exceed 45% of income

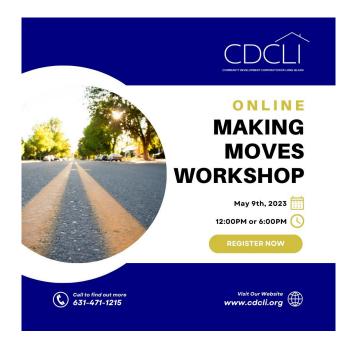
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2 persons	\$56,100	\$89,750
3 persons	\$63,100	\$100,950
4 persons	\$70,100	\$112,150
5 persons	\$75,750	\$121,150
6 persons	\$81,350	\$130,100

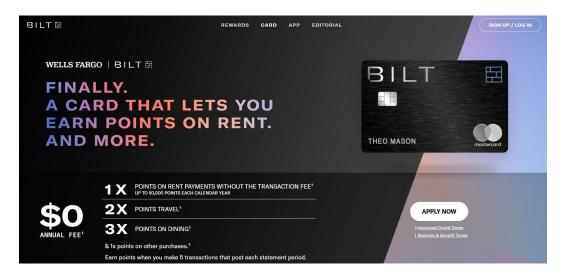
For a family of four, this equates to a maximum monthly housing payment of between \$2,629 - \$4,206, depending on AMI tier.

#### **SOURCES OF INSPIRATION**











Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS)
PROGRAM



## **GUIDANCE ON THE PROGRAMMATIC SUMMARY**



## The Rent to Own Programmatic Summary should address:

- Objectives of the Proposed Program
- Financial Structure and Mechanisms for Savings/Equity Growth
- Terms of the Option to Purchase
- Financial Counseling Components
- Homeownership and Maintenance Reserve Components
- Ownership Structure and Elements
- Participant Identification Strategy
- Timing of Transition to Homeownership



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#### PLEASE REVIEW OUR POLICIES



#### **HOUSING POLICIES**

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https://www.boston.gov/departments/housing/policies

#### **TIMELINE**

MAY 30, 2023

Request for Proposals Released **AUGUST 4, 2023** 

**Proposals Submitted** 

JUNE 13 & 15, 2023

**Applicant Conferences Held** 

**SEPTEMBER 2023** 

Proposals Selected to Move Forward in Funding Process

#### **SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL**



## **TIPS:**

- -Double check the Application Checklist (Appendix A) to make sure your application is complete
- -Use Google Chrome
- -A Gmail account is required to submit an application

# https://bit.ly/Boston-MoH-RFP



City of Boston Mayor Michelle Wu

## Office of Housing RFP Submission Form

Please use this form to upload RFP submissions for all development-related RFPs issued by the City of Boston's Office of Housing. For a full list of active RFPs, please visit: <a href="https://www.boston.gov/departments/housing/requests-proposals">https://www.boston.gov/departments/housing/requests-proposals</a>.

NOTE: RFP submission requires a G-Suite or Gmail account. If you do not have access to a G-Suite or Gmail account, visit <a href="https://accounts.google.com/signup">https://accounts.google.com/signup</a> to create your own account.

#### MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA



#### **ALL PROJECTS:**

- -Complete Application
- -Site Control
- -Community Support
- -No Displacement
- -Readiness to Proceed

#### PRESERVATION PROJECTS:

- -Tenant Participation
- -Capital Needs Assessment
- -Rehabilitation Strategy

#### SUBSTANTIVE EVALUATION CRITERIA



- Alignment with Objectives
- Strength of the Proposed Program
- Team Qualifications
- Underwriting and Financial Feasibility
- Project Costs and Budget
- Alignment with Equity & Inclusion Goals

## **DOWNLOAD THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**



You must scroll down within the box under the "RFP List" heading!

https://www.boston.gov/departments/housing/requests-proposals

#### **RFP LIST**

#### RENTING TO OWN

PUBLISHED ON: 05/30/2023

DEADLINE: 8/4/2023 4:00:00 PM

Through this request for proposals, the Mayor's Housing Innovation Lab is soliciting proposals from creative teams of developers, lenders and service providers interested in partnering with the City to develop affordable rental-to-homeownership housing units and/or pilot the use of new financing tools that create clear pathways for low and/or moderate income Boston renters to start building wealth in year one and transition to affordable homeownership in Boston within a defined and reasonable time frame (e.g. 5 years). Successful proposals will be eligible for MOH funding based on the demonstrated need for gap financing and availability of funds, and multiple proposals may be selected for funding.

In this RFP, production proposals are defined as newly constructed buildings, adaptive re-use of vacant commercial buildings, and renovation of vacant residential buildings or occupied properties that are not currently subject to any restriction. Preservation proposals are defined as occupied properties that are currently subject to restricted financing, have use restrictions, or receive operating support or project-based rent subsidies.

Programmatic elements of a development project and/or new financing tool are anticipated to include the following components. Please refer to Appendix C for detailed guidance on what to include in the narrative portion of your proposal.

- Mechanism for accumulation of savings and/or financial returns for rent payments: A mechanism that allows for a portion of rent payments to be placed into a savings
  account and/or generate financial returns to support the costs of home purchase and continued maintenance to support long-term, sustainable homeownership
- 2. Financial planning and credit building support: Financial counseling and reporting of on-time monthly payments to credit bureaus

# REQUEST FOR [INNOVATIVE] PROPOSALS

#### Renting to Own

Boston's Newest Model of Affordable Homeownership



CITY OF BOSTON
HOUSING INNOVATION LAB

ISSUE DATE: May 30, 2023
RESPONSE DEADLINE: AUGUST 4, 2023

