Community Health Needs Assessment Completed, Community Needs Identified

With robust community engagement, through surveys, focus groups, and interviews, offered in multiple languages, and public data analysis, Tufts Medical Center completed its Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) in the summer of 2022. This comprehensive report highlights the most pressing health and social needs of the communities we serve and provides valuable insights for the hospital on what efforts are needed to help improve the overall health of the community.

The 2022 CHNA elevated three key priorities for our communities:

- Behavioral health,
- Financial security and mobility,
- Access to care and services

In the Fall of 2022, Tufts MC issued a Request for Proposals (RFP), seeking community-based organizations, in collaboration or individually, to partner with us to tackle these challenging community issues.

After a competitive RFP and selection process, 20 proposals were chosen. We are excited that six of those organizations will be working with multiple community partners to address key priority areas in a more holistic manner. Funded programs will support and lift up many of our most vulnerable community members throughout Boston, with an emphasis on Chinatown, Dorchester, South Boston and the South End.

One such example of the work our community-based organizations will undertake is the South Boston Neighborhood House, which will work with a robust coalition of 30 organizations in South Boston, known as the South Boston Association of Nonprofits (SNAP), to provide post-traumatic healing groups for children of addicted parents and healing groups for adult participants affected by trauma. In addition, the Center for Teen Empowerment will use the funding to develop Friday Forums, where they plan to teach youth how to budget, save, and manage their finances responsibly.

To access the full CHNA report, please visit our [website](#). Additionally, to learn more about the grantees and their community projects, please follow [this link](#).