

Massachusetts Community Health and Healthy Aging Funds - Funding Announcement

Healthy Aging Fund

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Introduction

Hello everyone, and good morning. On behalf of Health Resources in Action, welcome. And thank you all for joining today's webinar to hear about a new funding opportunity for promoting healthy aging in Massachusetts, made possible by the Massachusetts State Department of Public Health and the Executive Office of Elder Affairs. My name is Nineequa Blanding and I am honored to join you today as Health Resources in Action's Vice President and Director of the Community Health & Healthy Aging Funds. In this role I have the pleasure of working with my colleague Jennifer Lee, Managing Director who also serves as the Program Officer for the Healthy Aging Fund. Together, Jennifer and I will lead today's session to share more details on the funding opportunity.

Objectives

For today's webinar, there are three main objectives. We want to share further details so that everyone understands the funding opportunity, including due dates and available technical assistance to support applications for partners as they develop their proposals. We also want to build a shared understanding of the major priorities for the Healthy Aging Fund and their importance for advancing population health, which include health equity and policy, systems, and environmental change approaches. In order to advance population health for everyone across Massachusetts, we believe that it is important to lead with a health equity lens to guide our collective work to shift policies and systems-level practices that may serve as barriers to advancing health for all. And lastly, we want to hear from you. We feel that this is important to both inform and strengthen our collective work throughout this webinar. We will ask you to share through polls your organization's existing work and interest in the funding opportunity. As well as technical assistance needs related to advancing population health in Massachusetts. We recognize that there is no blueprint for operationalizing the efforts to achieve our vision for creating conditions in which everyone has the opportunity to feasibly attain their best health, and for this reason we see this as a learning journey. We want to learn from you and create a space to allow for others to develop a shared understanding of all the partners involved in this work.

Poll Questions

With that, we will begin with our first series of polling questions to give us a sense of who is participating today.

Poll Question 1

Okay so here's the first question: *Which type of organization do you represent?* There are a few answers below; they include: community/grassroots organization, nonprofit, government/municipality, academia, healthcare (hospital, health center, long-term care facility), elder service organization, and planning agency. Please take a moment to respond to this question. A few more seconds for everyone to respond. Okay great, so here are the results. Nearly 50% of you represent nonprofits and we have a great spread of community and grassroots organizations, academia, healthcare, government and municipalities, as well as other service organizations and coalitions. Thank you.

Poll Question 2

We have another question that we would like to pose to you: *Which EOHHS or Executive Office of Health and Human Services geographic regions does your organization support?* Please choose one of the responses below or multiple if you're serving multiple areas. The responses include: Boston, Western, Metro West, Southeast, Northeast, and Central. Okay great. Wow this is a really lovely spread across the state. Thank you all for taking the time to complete these polls. I believe we have one more question.

Poll Question 3

How many paid employees are in your organization? The options include: 1-25, 26-50, 51-100, 101-250, 250+. Okay this is great. There is a wide variety of the size of organizations that are participating in today's session. Thank you all for taking the time to answer these questions. It gives us a better sense of who is joining us today and we will move forward with the remainder of the presentation.

Agenda

So for today's session, the agenda is as follows. We will spend a total of about 1 hour together and during the first half of the presentation we will share the background and rationale for further context regarding the Healthy Aging Fund. During the second half of the session, my colleague Jennifer Lee will review the approach along with our vision for the grant making process, and we will end with next steps for how to engage with us, because we would like to engage with you.

Housekeeping Notes

Before we proceed there are few housekeeping notes to bring to your attention. If you have any logistical questions related to this webinar, please enter them into the chat box. If you have

any content-related questions, please share them with us by typing your questions into the question box. We want to hear from you, and we want to be sure we are available to answer any questions you may have. So please do feel free to raise questions that are relative to today's webinar. For the content-related questions, all answers raised will be available on the frequently asked questions page on our website later this month. We want to be sure we are very thoughtful in collating all of the questions across the sessions and sharing them back with you for others to see as well. The webinar recording, slides, and transcript will also be shared by email, and will be available publicly on our website. And in our efforts to ensure that we are making this webinar accessible we will communicate all details on all of the sides.

Rational and Background

We will now review the rationale and background for the Healthy Aging Fund.

This grant-making opportunity to deploy resources via the Community Health & Healthy Aging Funds are made possible by way of a partnership between the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the Executive Office of Elder Affairs, and Health Resources in Action. DPH, also known as the Department of Public Health, is a department that serves the entire Commonwealth under the leadership of Commissioner Dr. Monica Bharel. The Executive Office of Elder Affairs promotes the independence, empowerment, and wellbeing for older adults and individuals with disabilities and their caregivers - under the leadership of Secretary Elizabeth Chan - and provides guidance and direction for the Healthy Aging Fund.

In January 2017, DPH completed a landmark revision of the Determination of Need regulation which led to the creation of the Community Health & Healthy Aging Funds. Health Resources in Action serves as the fiscal agent responsible for facilitating and implementing both funds. At HRiA, we are a Massachusetts-based nonprofit and public health institute and work under the leadership of President Steve Ridini at the intersection of policy, research, and practice to advance our mission towards catalyzing social change where social connections and equitable resources foster healthy people and healthy communities. We are very grateful for the partnership.

Determination of Need (DoN) Program

A few details about the Determination of Need program itself and the Healthy Aging Fund. The Determination of Need program is the result of healthcare institutions and long-term care facilities who identify a need to expand or improve their services to support the individuals they are serving. A percentage of the total expenditure of these expansion projects are then invested into Community Health Initiative funding. So here you see that there is a visual display of how these percentages of the expenditures are allocated.

You may recall we have two funds: the Community Health Fund and the Healthy Aging Fund. And it's important to highlight here that the box in yellow represents the percentage of DoN expenditures from long-term care facilities, which enables us to establish the Healthy Aging Fund.

Funds and Funding Opportunities

In terms of our structure, as I noted, there are two funds and three funding opportunities. And one fund is termed Community Health Fund and one is termed the Healthy Aging Fund. In 2019 we are fortunate that two statewide advisory committees were established. For the Healthy Aging Fund this group came together through a competitive process led by the Department of Public Health and met for over a year to establish a vision for the fund's resources, and this vision is noted as: *The goal is to contribute to equitable systems across sectors affecting community-level physical environments and social and economic conditions ultimately leading to a better quality of life and health outcomes for older adults as they age in Massachusetts.*

So the Healthy Aging Fund is designed to support prevention efforts to enable older adults of all abilities, races, ethnicities, and sexual orientations, regardless of their economic status, to remain active, independent, safe, and involved and fully engaged in their community. To work towards realizing this vision, the Healthy Aging Fund will invest in strategies that focus on multi-sector collaborations in which my colleague Jen Lee will share more details later in this webinar.

Advisory Committee

As I mentioned we are fortunate to have a full team of advisory committee members who met over the course of the year to establish a vision and to help guide the Healthy Aging Fund. I would like to acknowledge these individuals and thank all of you for your time if you are participating today. I would like to publicly name just all of the members who have been involved in this work.

Kathy Burnes, Elizabeth Dugan, Susan Gittelman, Phillip Gonzalez, Laura Kittross, Wendy Landman, Paddy Moore, Maura Moxley, Adriane Queiroz, Leah Serafin, Emily Shea, David Stevens, Dillon Sussman, and Martha Velez.

Thank you for your time and your guidance, and all of the support you have provided to establish this fund.

Goal of the Fund

So the goal of the fund as I have mentioned previously is to advance population health and to support older adults as they age. We know from research and from narratives regarding lived experience that 80% of what influences our life expectancy and our ability to thrive and live healthy lives actually happens outside of healthcare.

The Health Tree: Connecting Health Outcomes to Root Causes

And so we would like to provide a visual that will help us to further describe the foundation that guides this work. So what do we mean when we talk about advancing population health? We would like to think of this in the context of a tree. When you see a tree, your eyes might be drawn to what we can visually see: the leaves, the branches, the trunks. Often our eyes are immediately drawn to the leaves and the flowers, and we might gauge the health of the tree this way. This is the same idea when we think about our health and the health of our community.

So imagine the leaves of the trees representing negative health outcomes or poor health outcomes in communities. The leaves within represent injury, obesity, heart disease, depression, behavioral problems, asthma, stroke, hypertension, diabetes, and even cancer. And please note that this is just an example of negative health outcomes that we see in communities. It's not meant to be an exhaustive list. But what is driving these health outcomes that we see?

The next structure that we would point our attention to is the branches. In this context the branches would be individual behaviors that influence one's risk for developing these health outcomes. These behaviors include lack of exercise, substance use, diet, stress, accessibility to social connections, and smoking. All these things play a role in one's ability or is a modifiable risk factor for many of these health outcomes. But this is only half of the story. There is still the trees and the trunks left.

There are still other structures that influence the health of the leaves. In this context we see the trunk as a representation of what we would term the social determinants of health, which are factors that influence one's ability to thrive. These include employment, housing, the social environment, racism, violence and trauma, access to high-quality education, and many factors within the built environment that can increase or decrease one's risk for developing the health outcomes denoted on the leaves. And we are still left with the roots.

We see the roots as structural and institutional practices that influence how resources are distributed across the built environment and we recognize, based on research and a number of

others in the field, that there are barriers that can occur at the systems level that will lead to increasing one's risk, increasing communities' risks for developing these poor health outcomes. These include racism, classism, prejudice, sexism, all these "isms" can be reflected in policies that lead to inequitable access for certain communities.

Defining Disparities versus Inequities

And so this brings us to an important point, making a distinction between differences that we see on a population health level.

Disparities are defined as *differences between individuals or population groups*. And we see this as distinctly different from inequity, which are *differences between groups that are unnecessary and avoidable*.

So as I previously mentioned, inequitable distribution of resources that lead to poor health outcomes would be considered inequity. Differences that are unnecessary and avoidable, and are unfair and unjust.

Defining Health Equity

What are we working towards? We are working towards health equity and Dr. Camara Jones made a statement at a recent presentation that has continued to resonate with me. She noted that health equity is seen as not only the outcome but a process, and so we invite you all to go on a journey with us as we work towards improving conditions so that everyone has a fair and just opportunity to be as healthy as possible. And we believe to achieve this we must remove obstacles to health such as poverty, discrimination, and deep power imbalances and their consequences, including lack of access to good jobs with fair pay, quality education and housing, safe environments, and health care. All of these factors play a role in one's ability to live their healthiest lives.

We think Martin Luther King Jr. noted it best with his statement to the Human Rights Commission in the 1960s when he stated: *"of all the forms of inequality, injustice in health is the most shocking and most inhuman because it often results in physical death."* And we see this in the data.

Life Expectancy Data

If you can turn your attention to these maps that are displayed here. You see this is New Bedford and we are looking at the life expectancy rates for communities that are just within a short distance of one another in New Bedford. And you see here that there is a difference of life

expectancy of about 11 years in communities very close together. This is an example of how place can drive differences in life expectancy. And this is not unique to New Bedford.

We see this all across the country. In fact we have another example of another city here in Massachusetts. In Pittsfield - two communities again very close in proximity to one another but there is a difference of 12 years in life expectancy.

So our goal is to work collectively. We recognize that none of this work can happen in a silo and we want to bring as many partners together as possible to begin to create conditions that will lead to equitable health for all.

I am now going to turn to my colleague Jennifer Lee who will share more about our approach and our vision for the grantmaking process.

The Grantmaking Approach

Good morning everyone. I am delighted to be with you all this morning and thank you Nineequa. We are thrilled to have the response to this webinar and look forward to providing you in the next few slides a bit more information and background on the guiding frameworks of the Healthy Aging Fund and the types of approaches we are seeking.

Healthy Aging Vision

So earlier this year the statewide advisory committee, through a comprehensive process, established a vision for the Healthy Aging Fund and the resources that it would allocate across Massachusetts communities. The vision that the committee developed reads as follows: *the Healthy Aging Fund resources will contribute to equitable systems across sectors affecting community level physical environment and social economic conditions ultimately leading to a better quality of life and health outcomes for older adults as they age in Massachusetts.* Overall, the goal of the fund is to support prevention efforts and enable all adults, as Nineequa talked about, regardless of ability, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, religion and economic status to remain active, safe, and involved in their communities. Importantly, we want to stress here that there is alignment with this vision that the committee developed with the Department of Public Health's and Executive Office of Elder Affairs' commitment to advancing health equity and having a positive impact on social conditions.

Healthy Aging Values and Approaches

The advisory committee identified seven agreed-upon values and approaches that would lead this fund. And they are depicted in sort of a matrix of hexagon shapes on this next slide. The

seven values and approaches overall are policies, systems, and environmental strategies, collaboration, transparency, equity, accountability, learning focus, and engagement.

We want to highlight that equity is very much at the core of this matrix, though the surrounding 6 values and approaches very much contribute to enhancing equity and enabling equitable approaches. We also want to highlight that importantly, from this diagram, it is the interconnectedness of these values and approaches that ensure that we can collectively take strides towards fulfilling our vision that we had in the previous slide.

Let us just call out two examples that we can delve deeper into and think about how they really play out for this Healthy Aging Fund. One we want to highlight is learning focus. We see ourselves as learning alongside with all of you as you engage in your journey and your activities through this particular funding opportunity. And as we convene and bring together different organizations to learn more from each other. You all have a wealth of expertise and knowledge in this area and really the learning that will happen between organizations that receive funding will really benefit the collective field.

Another example of a value and approach that we want to highlight is collaboration. The ability to partner with other entities and organizations to reach their goals will be critical in these approaches, and we very much encourage and solicit multi-sector approaches.

Healthy Aging Outcomes

On this next slide the advisory committee developed three outcomes that are guided by the vision and values and approaches that we hope will come to fruition by the collective work of the awardees in partnership with funders. Importantly, these three outcomes really build on each other, ultimately arriving at the final outcome.

So to walk you through each of these outcomes – first, that equitable policies, systems, and environments across systems and domains are responsive to the needs of older adults, their families and caregivers. This leads to the physical, social and economic conditions that exist in the communities where older adults live are improved. And ultimately, and very importantly, that improved policies, systems, and environments lead to equitable opportunities for older adults to age in their communities while attaining the highest quality of life possible.

Policy, Systems, and Environmental (PSE) Change Approaches

Going back to Nineequa's earlier point in that depicted visual of the tree that we filled in over subsequent slides so the leaves, the branches, the trunks, and the roots - and importantly the roots. On this next slide, we want to highlight that this funding opportunity really seeks to elicit

approaches that have the greatest impact on those root causes. And this diagram that you see in the next slide differentiates what we will consider programs approaches vs. PSE approaches and PSE stands for policy, system, and environmental change approaches. With the guidance that we will provide on this webinar that this funding opportunity seeks to be more aligned with those that are on the right-hand side of this diagram. We want to underscore the importance of programs approaches overall. They play an incredibly significant role in the fabric of our communities, but we do want to provide the guidance and encouragement that this funding opportunity really lends itself more so to those that are on the right-hand side of the column so again policy, systems, and environmental approaches. In other words, as opposed to the sort of one-off approaches, those that are more long-term, sustainable, and have the potential to impact populations are really what we're looking for through this particular funding opportunity.

Eight Domains of Age-Friendly Communities

On this next diagram, we depict the eight domains of age-friendly communities as were identified by the Governor's Council to Address Aging in Massachusetts. We really want to recognize the connectivity of all the domains, and to read the domains to you they include: transportation, housing, social participation, communication and information, civic participation and employment, respect and social inclusion, community support and health services, and outdoor spaces and buildings.

We want to share with you the visual of these eight domains, but emphasize that we will provide preference to those ideas in this funding opportunity that are focused on the areas of housing and transportation.

The Grantmaking Process

In this next section, I'm going to walk you through a bit more the details of the grantmaking process including funding amounts, duration that funds are available, eligibility criteria, key timelines and dates, how to apply, and the questions that you will be specifically asked through this inquiry process.

Healthy Aging Fund Investment Process

So just to give you a high-level overview of the major steps that any applicant would engage in, there are overall five steps, broken up into stages.

So we are at the first step in the process now, through this webinar hopefully sharing more information that will help you understand if you're eligible to apply and if there is alignment to a particular idea that you have with the infrastructure of this funding program. There are two

major steps as I mentioned. First is a solicitation of Inquiry of Ideas, which will all be reviewed by an allocation committee through a structured process. A subset of those submitted ideas will then be invited to submit a full proposal which will again be reviewed by a committee. And finally, those organizations identified as grantees will receive their awards.

The allocations committee will be comprised of individuals with subject matter and lived experience to provide into the process of reviewing proposals.

Grant Award Length and Amount

Now in terms of the grant awards and they're length or duration, and the amount of funding that will be available. The Healthy Aging Fund expects to provide multiple awards to organizations and communities across Massachusetts that range in dollar value between \$10,000 and \$100,000 per year for up to five years per award.

We will, as I mentioned in a previous slide, give preference to those ideas that are in the areas of housing and transportation. We will also consider supporting planning and capital investments - those are possible as awards. And finally, we do want to highlight that future rounds of funding will be dependent on the availability of funds in coming years.

Two Tiers of Funding

To delve a little bit deeper into the funding amounts that are available for the Healthy Aging Funds, we have established two tiers of funding that will be available - Tier 1 and Tier 2.

The first tier is dedicated to requests that range from \$10,000 to \$25,000 for a one-year period and are intended to support initial costs - those that in other words help an organization build its infrastructure or accomplish important steps towards advancing what is a broader initiative, again over a 12-month period.

The second-tier is dedicated to requests valued at up to \$100,000. These are intended for organizations or coalitions that wish to develop a new initiative or extend an existing one and can range up to five years in duration.

You will be asked in a cover form, which is one of the major components of a submission for this grant area, to indicate which tier you are applying to and what specific funding amount within that tier's range that you are requesting.

Eligibility

Here we want to talk a bit more about eligibility criteria. Now in alignment with recommendations developed by the Governor's Council to Address Aging in Massachusetts, the Healthy Aging Funds seeks ideas from organizations with a few criteria.

So first we are seeking a submission from organizations that are Massachusetts-based nonprofit 501(c)3 organizations or municipalities. Again, also in alignment with the recommendations from the Governor's Council, for this particular round of funding we are giving preference to organizations that are embedded in communities that are **Gateway cities** or **Rural and** have high rates of health inequities and can demonstrate that. We will also accept applications from other areas with demonstrated need and we are soliciting strategies from communities as defined by geographic or a population-based groups at local, regional or statewide levels.

Funding Opportunity Timeline

So on this next slide, we want to highlight for you some forthcoming key dates and deadlines in the next few months.

So here we all are today on the first funding announcement webinar, where we hope we have provided enough information to help you discern whether this is a funding opportunity that you would like to apply for. Anyone that is interested in submitting what we'll term as an IOI, which stands for Inquiry of Ideas, that's that first step we have, will need to make a submission by **Wednesday September, 18th at 2 pm**. A subset of organizations that are submitting full proposals will need to do so by **Friday, November 22nd**. Those full proposals from that subset of organizations will be due on **January 8th, 2020** and we will provide notification of awards on **February 28th, 2020**.

How to Apply

Now, we'll give you a high-level overview of the major steps in how to apply, and then we'll delve deeper into the components of the key next steps if you're interested in applying.

The first is reviewing the request for an Inquiry of Ideas. Again, that new acronym that we've introduced in this process, the IOI, stands for Inquiry of Ideas. We encourage you to really develop an idea in close partnership with other organizations and partners, and importantly engaging the community in this step. We are going to provide two capacity-building webinars to support these efforts in September, which I will cover in subsequent slides. We encourage you to participate in them and we will be soliciting information for those.

We encourage you to visit our web page and submit your idea through an online portal. There are two major components: the cover form that will ask for high-level information and then questions which we'll walk you through. So those are categorized as background, approach, and resources. We encourage creative and non-traditional submissions. These could include a narrative, a video, or a presentation. We listed here specifications and maximums with each of these. So, for narratives we request five pages maximum, 12-point font, single-spaced, 1/2-inch margins in either Word document or PDF form. In video, we request a 15-minute maximum, and in presentation form, we request a 20-slide maximum.

Idea Assessment Criteria

First before delving into the specific questions that you will be asked, we wanted to give you a sense of the criteria that all submissions will be assessed upon and there are four total - equity, impact, collaboration, and feasibility.

In terms of **equity**, we will be looking for applicants to demonstrate that the idea they are presenting to the committee is addressing, as mentioned before, a particular geography or population that is experiencing inequities. And importantly that those populations are engaged in developing the approach or strategy that will be carried out if you're provided with funding.

In terms of **impact**, we are looking for a demonstration of logic and really thinking about the connection to how your approach would address the root causes that you have identified for your population and how that leads to addressing a social determinant of health, and ultimately reaching improved health outcomes.

In terms of **collaboration**, we mentioned this before with the hexagon shapes that were in a matrix. We are looking for a demonstration of multi-sector partnerships with a diversity of perspectives and experiences to come to the same table and work together.

In terms of **feasibility**, the likelihood of resources supporting success that will be possible through this particular funding partnership.

Inquiry of Idea (IOI) Process

Now we'll walk you through each of the three components of the questions that you will be asked through the Inquiry of Ideas process.

The first section is background. There are three questions listed here.

- Briefly describe your agency, organization, or collaborative.

- Describe the issue you want to address and how it relates to health inequities for older adults in Massachusetts.
- List the data information sources to understand health inequities that exist in your community.

The second section of the questions include the approach and ask you to delve deeper into what your strategy would be. There are four questions total in this approach section.

- Describe your idea for a policy, systems, and environmental change approach that supports age-friendly communities.
- Briefly explain how this idea will address the social determinants of health area or areas and improve a health outcome or health outcomes.
- Define the community that will be impacted or benefited by this idea and approach, and how they will at a minimum be engaged in the proposed work. Priority will be given to areas as we mentioned that come from or are led by populations with lived experience related to the issue being addressed.
- Identify key partners you currently have engaged for implementing your activities, as well as the additional partners you will need to engage to make this process successful.

Finally, the third section of the questions are resources.

- List the approximate size of the financial investment you are seeking from the Healthy Aging Fund to support this work on an annual basis and then number of years for which you are seeking support.
- List any other resources you need to implement your idea such as training, technical assistance, data, and other information.

Next Steps

In this final section of the webinar we are going to walk you through some key next steps, and these include more information on technical assistance that we have already referenced in the webinar, capacity-building opportunities, and other resources.

Poll Questions

At this time, we want to actually take a brief pause and pull up one of our polls.

Poll Question 1

This harkens back to an earlier slide that we shared back in the webinar if you'll recall, the domains that were identified for age-friendly communities and we'd like to ask you to participate in the poll.

The question is: *In which of the eight domains does hat your organization currently work?* There are multiple choices here that include transportation, housing, social participation, communication and information, civic participation and employment, respect and social inclusion, community support and health services, and outdoor spaces in buildings. Multiple choice is certainly possible. This would really help us in knowing what area your organization is currently working in. Another 20 seconds or so. Thank you all for participating. This is wonderful information to collect.

Okay so wonderful results here. It seems like a clear winner is community support and health services at 77%, but not surprisingly your organizations are working in a wealth of other areas. Really great spread. Transportation, housing, social participation, communication, information, patient unemployment, outdoor spaces, and respect, inclusion. Wonderful, so this is great and not surprisingly you're all are very busy with the work you are doing.

In the next steps we might actually pull up another poll to talk to you about the capacity building opportunities that we have available.

Capacity Building and Technical Assistance

So let me first go through this chart in terms of what you can anticipate and what we're making available. At a high level in terms of capacity-building we will be working to host two webinars in September. The dates are listed here on the slide. The first one will be on September 4th, a Wednesday, from 11 to 12:30 pm. The second will be on Thursday, September 12th from 10:30 to Noon. We see these capacity-building topics as hopefully being informed from the feedback that you've given us in terms of the areas you'd appreciate for support and help in.

Poll Question 2

And to that effect we are going to pull up another poll so we've listed here a few possible areas that might lend themselves to capacity-building topics and we ask you to participate in this next and final poll.

The question raised is: *In which topic areas would you like more support?* Again, multiple choice is certainly welcome. The areas we've listed to you are: health equity, policy, systems, and environmental approaches, and that's the PSE approach that we showed you, the third option is idea formation and communicating your big idea, the fourth is engaging community, the fifth is collaboration and collective impact, the sixth is using data to collect your story, the seventh is evaluation and eighth is the Eight Domains of Age-Friendly Communities. There is also another category in which we welcome for you

to select and tell us what topic you are looking for. But if you can please spend a minute to answer this question that would be hugely appreciated. Another 30 seconds or so.

Okay the results are coming up. And again, a healthy array of responses with some leading contenders: idea formation and communicating your big idea as well as using data to tell your story tied at 49%, but also a healthy response to all of the other areas as well which we could delve deeper in following this webinar. So wonderful, this is hugely informative and will certainly help to inform how we shape the capacity building webinars coming up in September. Please do save those days.

Capacity Building and Technical Assistance

On the technical assistance side of the work we will be providing, we want to highlight that we have established a very specific email address HealthyAgingFund@hria.org for you to send any of your questions to from here on out. We will also be establishing a frequently asked questions or FAQ page on our webpage which we will highlight for you and is very soon forthcoming. And you're welcome to sign up for what we call technical assistance sessions to discuss anything that is very pertinent or specific to your particular organization. We offer 15-minute phone sessions that you can also sign up for on the website.

Website

Here's a sneak peek of the forthcoming website which will house all the resources that we will have available following this webinar for you to determine how to apply for this particular funding opportunity. We're looking forward to sharing that with you shortly.

Closing

This has been a really exciting and busy week, because we've released the availability of these funds and there is a third and final webinar that will cover the funding opportunity available through the Community Health Improvement Planning process also known as CHIP, which Nineequa covered in some of her earlier. So that is tomorrow from Noon to 1. There is still an opportunity to register if you haven't yet and you are interested. We welcome you to do so by following that URL.

I want to cycle back to the timeline one more time to share these key dates again. The next being if you're interested in submitting an IOI, again Inquiry of Ideas, to please do so by September 18th at 2 p.m. In subsequent months you'll be notified if you are invited to submit a full proposal. Finally, we want to share with you again these specific email addresses that we've set up, HealthyAgingFund@hria.org, but also to share with you all of the members of the broader team that's working on this effort. So here listed across the first row are Nineequa,

Kevin who serves as the Program Officer for the Community Health Funds at HRiA, and myself. And then our partners at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Ben Wood and Liz Maffei. Their contact information is here.

And I think that concludes our official content for the webinar. We want to close by saying thank you to all of you for participating in this session and for your interest in these funds. As an important reminder we will shortly be sending out all the materials from this webinar which include a copy of the slides, a recording of the webinar, and a transcript of what we covered. That will all be embedded within the website along with a host of other resources and materials and we will also be sending you notification of when that website is available.

On behalf of our colleagues here, thank you all for joining and we hope you have a great day.