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2025-2026 Forums, Events, Reports, Briefs, Newsletters, and Editorials

The Boston Foundation played a central role in shaping informed dialogue across Greater Boston—bringing leaders together, advancing timely and independent research, and elevating the region's most urgent challenges. These pages highlight that work through public forums, events, and a range of publications. Support for the Annual Fund for Civic Leadership made this impact possible.

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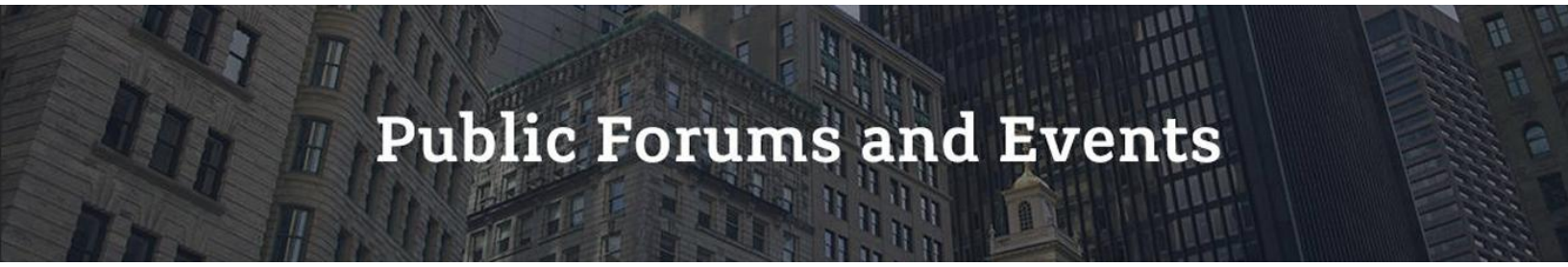

Public Forums and Events

The following events were attended by an estimated 5,500 people.

1. Importance of Investing in Vocational ESOL, September 16, 2025
2. Parents as Civic Leaders: Reimagining Family Engagement in Today's Climate, September 19, 2025
3. Building the Workforce to Power Massachusetts' Climate Future, October 8th, 2025
4. From Classroom to Career: A Forum on Setting a New Vision for High School in Massachusetts, October 15, 2025
5. Promises in Practice: The Momnibus Bill, One Year In, November 6, 2025
6. The Greater Boston Housing Report Card 2025, November 12, 2025
7. A Massachusetts Model for Medicaid Work Requirements, November 20, 2025
8. Food as Medicine, December 12, 2025
9. Community Development and Preserving Naturally-Occurring Affordable Housing, December 17, 2025
10. An Early Look at the MBTA Communities Permitting Pipeline, January 30, 2026
11. Sustained Collaboration in a Changing Sector, February 3, 2026
12. The Call for Capital: How Mission-Driven Financing Supports Our Small Businesses, March 3, 2026
13. One Year In: Massachusetts Nonprofits Charting a Way Forward, March 5, 2026

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14. 9:30 Call on the Road! March 20, 2026
15. Leveraging Mobility in Boston, April 16, 2026
16. Latino Factor: Brazilian Entrepreneurs in Massachusetts, April 23, 2026
17. ADUs Turn One: Regulatory Barriers to production in Massachusetts and Ideas for Further Reform, May 20, 2026
18. An Uncertain Future: How the Immigration Crackdown Threatens the Massachusetts Labor Force, June 4, 2026
19. Strengthening Early Childhood Systems Through Research and Policy, June 12, 2026
20. Equality Fund's 2026 Pride and Grantee Celebration, June 11, 2026
21. Persisting through the Pandemic and Beyond, June 16, 2026
22. Voices from Home: The State of Homeownership in Massachusetts, June 24, 2026

Uniting leaders across philanthropy, nonprofits, business, and government to define and pursue shared goals is the beating heart of what we do. Progress toward equity does not occur in isolation. We convene to brainstorm, to pool resources, to learn, and to celebrate.

Convene with Us

Visit the Events page on our website to learn about upcoming events or read recaps and view videos of past events.

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Reports

1. The Dignity Dividend: Lessons Learned from Guaranteed income Pilots in Massachusetts, July 16, 2025
2. Feeling the Heat: B-Cool Pilot Explores the Efficacy of Heat Emergency Protocols in Boston's Hostspot Neighborhoods, August 18, 2025
3. Residential Segregation in Greater Boston: Shifting Patterns by Race and Income, August 19, 2025
4. Sounding the Alarm: Federal Policy Impacts on the Massachusetts Nonprofit Sector, September 8, 2025
5. Building Stability and Opportunity: Harborlight Homes, November 1, 2025
6. Greater Boston Housing Report Card 2025, November 12, 2025
7. A Massachusetts Model for Medicaid Work Requirements, November 19, 2025
8. A New Path to Homeownership: Early Findings from the ONE+ Mortgage Program, December 4, 2025
9. Forward Together: The 2025 Annual Report, December 17, 2025
10. Here Today, Here Tomorrow: CDC Acquisition of Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing, December 17, 2025
11. An Early Look at the MBTA Communities Permitting Pipeline, January 28, 2026
12. One Year In: Massachusetts Nonprofits Charting a Way Forward, March 5, 2026
13. The TPI Study of the Philanthropic Conversation, April 16, 2026

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14. Understanding the Greater Nubian Education-to-Career Pathway Ecosystem, May 5, 2026

15. The Power of Us: Amplifying AAPI Visibility & Belonging, May 18, 2026

16. ADUs Turn One, May 20, 2026

17. An Uncertain Future: How the Immigration Crackdown Threatens Massachusetts' Labor Force, June 4, 2026

18. Persisting through the Pandemic and Beyond: Trends In College Enrollment, Persistence and Completion Experiences of Boston Public Schools Graduates, June 16, 2026

In an age when information is plentiful but not always reliable, TBF brings scrupulous care to its research projects and partnerships. Knowing that data drives decisions, we strive to measure what we value, with precision and clarity.

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Visit the Reports page on our website to read research – from baseline overviews to deep dives into very specific niches – from our in-house team, Boston Indicators, and partnerships with individual, institutional, and academic researchers across all fields in our equity work.

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Briefs and Newsletters

1. Upzone Update: Next Steps on Single Stair, July 7, 2025
2. From School to the Labor Market: Identifying Workforce Inequities for Black Men, July 11, 2025
3. Meeting the Moment: Federal Housing Policies and Massachusetts, July 29, 2025
4. Meeting the Moment: SNAP Cuts and the Local Fallout, September 2, 2025
5. Fading Beauty: How the One Big Beautiful Bill Could Widen Wealth Inequality, October 9, 2025
6. How many homes are we actually building? Completions are up but permits for future construction are down, October 21, 2025
7. The Surprising Lack of Good Permitting Data and What to Do about It, October 31, 2025
8. The Problem of Rental Deserts in Greater Boston, by the Numbers, December 17, 2025
9. A Modest Zoning Reform That Works—and Should Be Scaled, February 12, 2026
10. Income and wage trends across the decades, March 25, 2026
11. The Meaning of Main Streets, April 3, 2026

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Our work begins and ends with community. Seeking out voices of experience, we ground decisions in trust and stay connected to the realities across Greater Boston. From that foundation, we help every donor and supporter turn intent into impact.

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Subscribe to one or more of our newsletters to learn about research, donor events, nonprofit opportunities, and more.

The Annual Fund for Civic Leadership is the engine behind this work and provides the flexible funding that allows the Boston Foundation to convene, inform, and act across Greater Boston.

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