



## Grant Information Session

The Boston  
Foundation 

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# Agenda

Our role in Greater Boston

Our Grant Making

- Impact Areas & Crosscutting Strategies
- Open Door Grants

“Office Hours”

# Our Primary Roles in Greater Boston

- Making grants and other investments in Greater Boston's nonprofits
- Increasing impact through civic leadership
- Partnering with donors and other funders for high-impact philanthropy

# Impact Areas & Crosscutting Strategies



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Education

Health &  
Wellness

Jobs & Economic  
Development

Neighborhoods  
& Housing

Arts &  
Culture



Crosscutting Strategies: **Nonprofit Effectiveness** and **Grassroots**



# Education

- Early Childhood
- Structural Reform
- Postsecondary Completion





# Health & Wellness

- School-Based Youth Physical Activity
- Early Childhood Obesity Prevention
- Health and Social Environment



# Jobs & Economic Development

- Workforce  
Development
- Inner City  
Entrepreneurship
- Innovation Economy





# Neighborhoods & Housing

- Housing
- Neighborhoods



# Arts & Culture

- Performing Arts
- Infrastructure & Systems
- Public Art



# Grassroots

- Activate Grassroots Leaders
- Seed Grassroots Ideas
- Deepen Grassroots Connections





# Nonprofit Effectiveness

- Leadership
- Capacity
- Resources

# Open Door Grants





# Open Door Grants

- Open process
- Supports expressed community needs and ideas
- Quarterly deadlines

## Structure

- General Operating Support or Project Support
- Single year support (limit of two consecutive years)
- \$10,000-50,000 range

# Open Door Grants

- Single-stage, combined application
- Funding: approx. \$2 million per year
- Eligibility
- Commitment to feedback

## Reflections on Year 1\*

**441**

**applicants**

**63**

**grantees**

**\$18M**

**in requests**

**\$1.7M**

**in grants**

*\*based on first 3 quarters*

## Reflections on Year 1\*

**14%**

**of applicants funded**

**\$26,746**

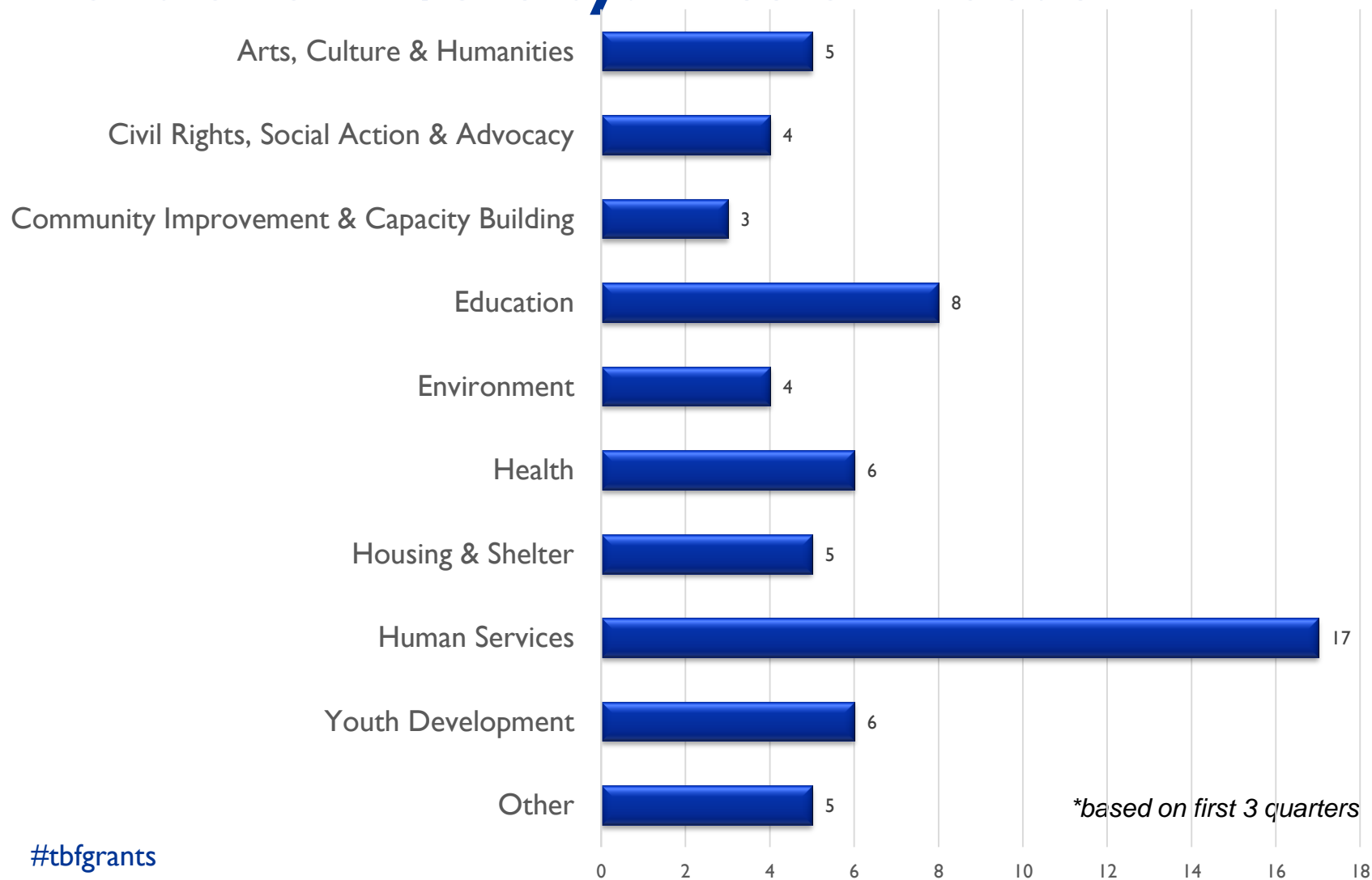
**average grant size**

**7-9 hours**

**average time to complete application**

*\*based on first 3 quarters*

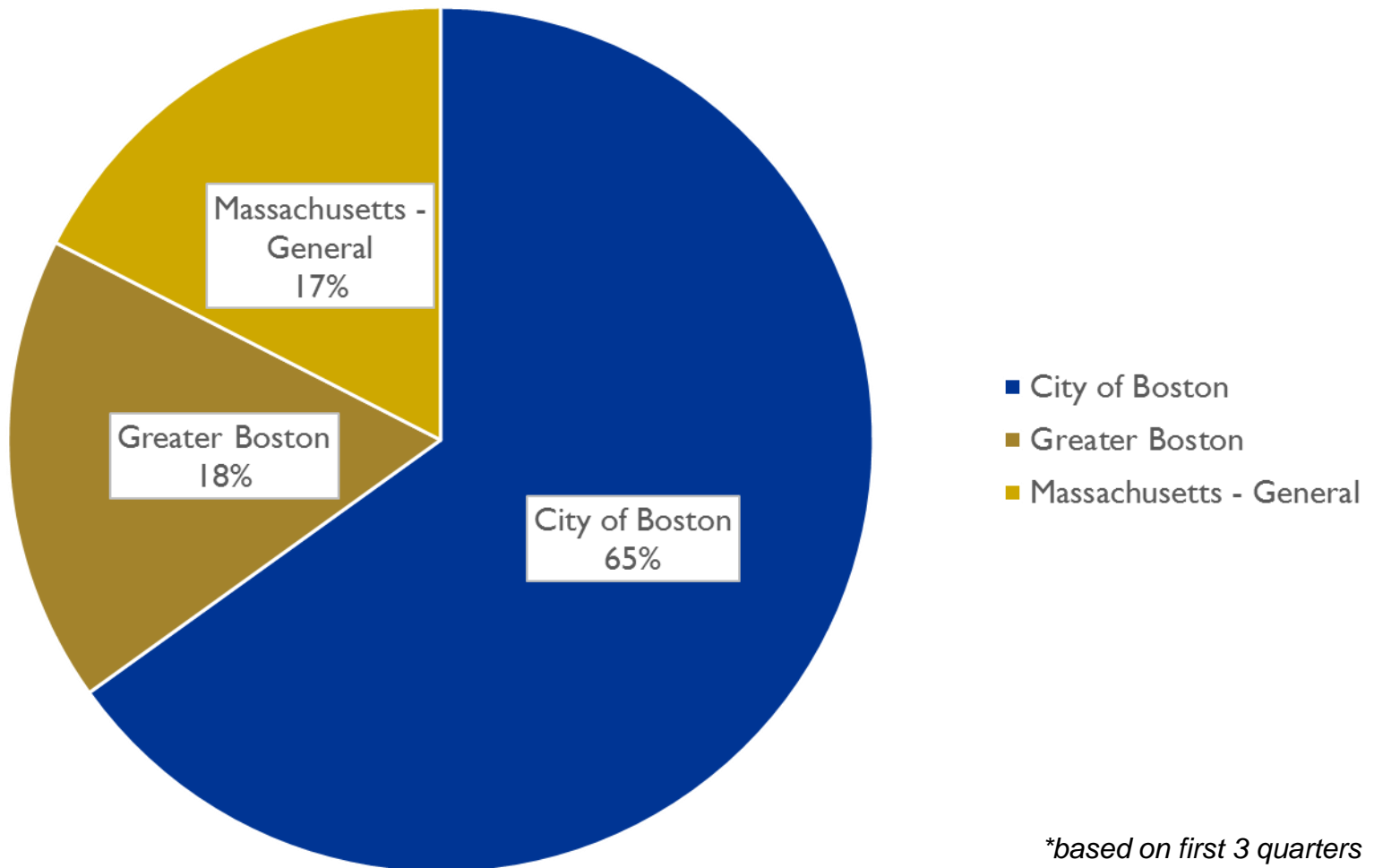
# Portfolio Diversity: Mission Focus\*



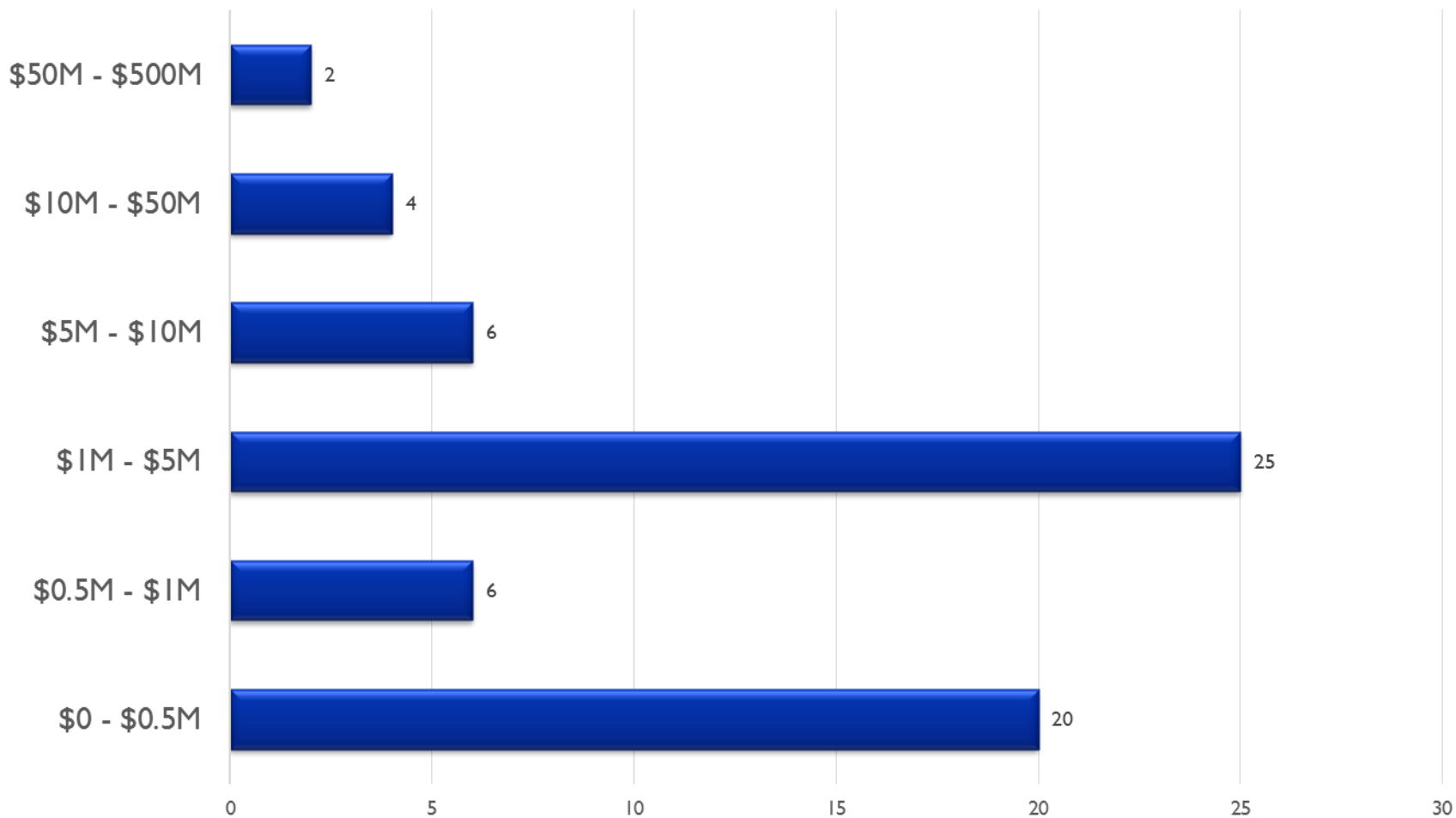
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# Portfolio Diversity: Geography Served\*



# Portfolio Diversity: Organization Budgets\*



# Beyond the Grant Feedback

- Networking sessions in partnership with Massachusetts Nonprofit Network
- Capacity-building offerings through Nonprofit Effectiveness Strategy

# Questions?



# Thank You!

(Office Hours)