2020 NIF COVID-19 Emergency Relief Grants
Total Funds Awarded: $125,000

City of Boston Resiliency Fund
Project: The Boston Resiliency Fund, part of the Boston Charitable Trust, was established by the City to raise money to provide essential services to residents of the City of Boston impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The focus of the fund is to provide food to Boston children and seniors, purchase technology for BPS students and support medical and other first responders. The BC donation was targeted to support organizations distributing food and other essential items to families in need in Allston and Brighton neighborhoods.
Award: $25,000
Status: Complete

BC Dining Service
Project: Funds to purchase products and prepare “complete” frozen meals (protein, starch, vegetable) to continue food distribution to the YMCA system, the Brazilian Worker Center Food Pantry, St. Anthony’s Church Food Pantry, the Boston Public Health
Commission Shelter System and the West End House. $25,000 to purchase high-demand grocery items such as bread, shelf-stable milk, yogurt, cheese, rice beans, and canned meat/chicken/protein for distribution to families in need at the sites mentioned above. Award: $50,000
Status: Complete
BC Purchasing Department

Project: Fund for bulk purchase of 161,000 diapers (805 cases) of various sizes from infant to toddlers. In addition to food, the most requested item from the community to service providers was diapers. The bid, prepared and expedited by BC Purchasing, allowed the University to get the most competitive pricing to maximize the amount of diapers purchased. Due to the large volume, the diapers were stored at BC's warehouse and were transported to the BC Neighborhood Center (BCNC) where they were distributed weekly by staff from the Office of Governmental & Community Affairs (OGCA) and the BCNC to the Allston Brighton Diaper Pantry, the Charles River Community Health Center, The Martha Eliot Health Center, the Brazilian Worker Center and the West End House (upon request).

Award: $25,000
Status: Complete
Office of Community and Government Affairs
Project: Funds to purchase 500, $50 Stop & Shop grocery gift cards to be given out by BC to supplement the efforts of local food pantry programs operating at St. Anthony’s Church and the Brazilian Worker Center in Allston. The gift cards were purchased though Stop & Shop’s Cash for Causes program and all 501(c)3 organizations receive a 5% discount to make the purchase go further. In addition, Stop & Shop generously donated $2500 in additional gift cards to support the University's efforts.
Award: $25,000
Status: Complete

Gift cards to St. Anthony’s Church Food Pantry, Allston

100 Frozen Turkeys at St. Anthony’s Church

Brazilian Worker Center Food Pantry
See below for additional photos:

Meals, yogurt, bread and diapers to West End House, Allston
Wednesday delivery of frozen meals – Brazilian Worker Center

Delivering pulled pork trays at the Commonwealth Kitchen for Boston Public Health Commission Shelters
BC delivered meals and bread to the Commonwealth Kitchen, Dorchester

Diapers stacked at the BC warehouse