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Boston Children's Collaboration for Community Health

**Funding Opportunity Information Session:
Community Food Access
December 18, 2024**



Welcome!

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Virtual Housekeeping

- Introduce yourself and your organization in the chat box
- Type your questions in the chat or use the “raise your hand” function
- This session is being recorded
- Resources from today’s session will be sent out afterwards and posted on [the application portal](#)

Agenda

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Community Mission

Boston Children's Hospital's community mission is to improve the health and well-being of children and families in our local community.

The [Office of Community Health](#) brings together hospital and community resources to address health disparities, improve health outcomes, promote health equity, and enhance the quality of life for children and families.



Overview of Franciscan Children's clinical and educational programs

Mental Health

Leading provider of inpatient, outpatient, and school-based behavioral health

Medical

Only pediatric rehabilitation hospital in Massachusetts

Dental / Surgical

Leading provider of pediatric dental surgery in MA

Kennedy Day School

Special education school for medically complex kids ages 3-22

Franciscan Children's Affiliation

- In July 2023, Boston Children's finalized an institutional affiliation with Franciscan Children's to enhance the system of behavioral health care and improve care for children with complex rehab needs
- The partnership includes creating a state-of-the-art new building for children's mental health and rehab needs on Franciscan's Brighton campus
- As a result of this opportunity, there is a new funding opportunity for community organizations



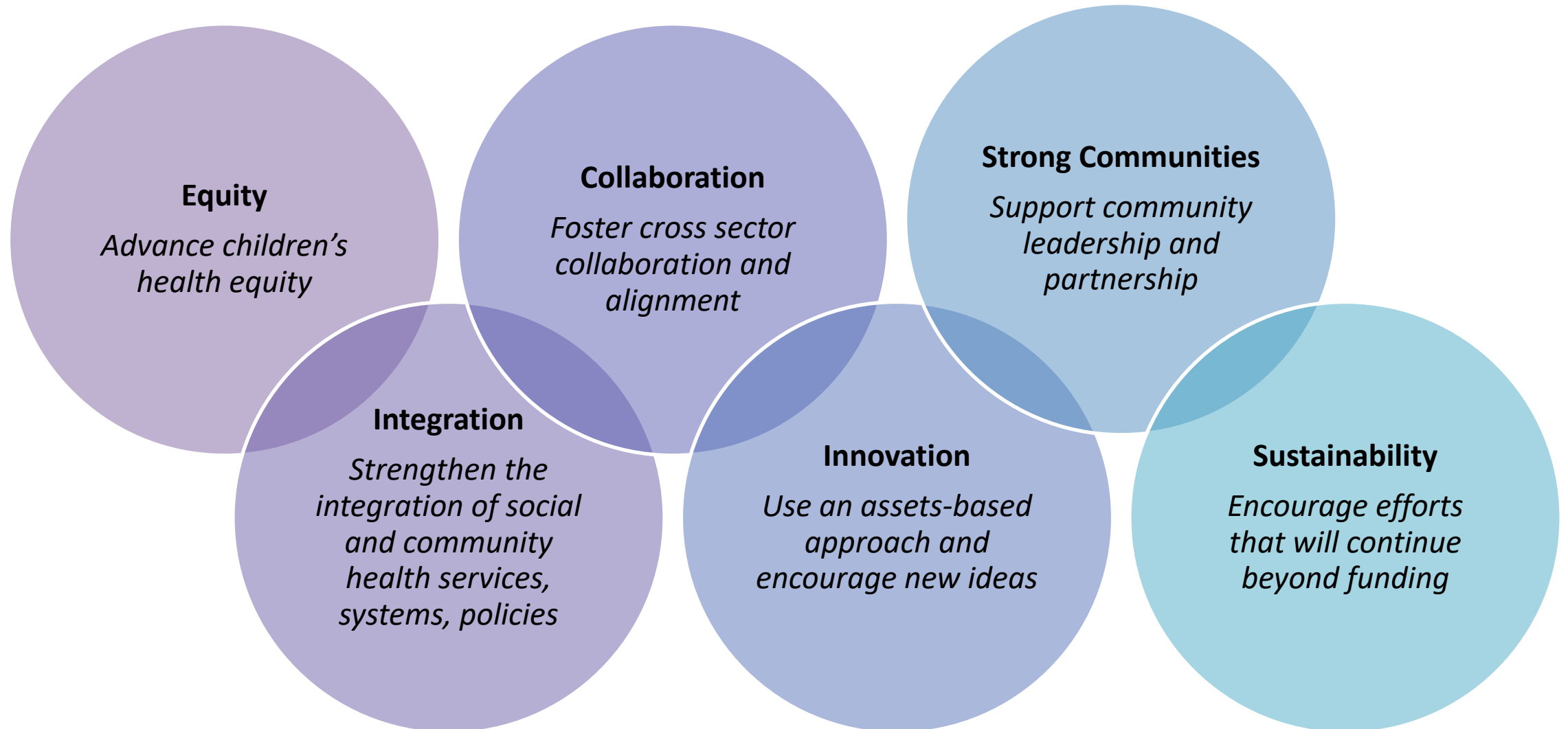
Determination of Need Community Health Initiatives

- Massachusetts is one of 35 states with a Determination of Need Community Health Initiative program, regulated by the MA Department of Public Health
- The State requires 5% of capital project costs to be allocated to community health initiatives
- Required community engagement process
- Opportunity to build and expand community partnerships



Architectural rendering of the proposed Franciscan Children's Campus Modernization Project

Core Principles



Request for Proposals: Community Food Access

Deadline: Friday, February 7, 2025 by 5pm

Initiative Overview

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- Provide nutrition education, classes and workshops in community settings.
- Increase community-led advocacy, organizing, and/or civic engagement on food and climate issues.
- Support local farmers markets, mobile markets, and initiatives/partnerships that provide fresh farmed food to children, youth, and families.

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Project Examples

1. Increasing opportunities for children, youth, and families to grow food in underserved neighborhoods.
2. Increasing farmed fresh foods that meet cultural, dietary, and religious needs at food pantries, food banks, meal sites, and other community settings.
3. Maximizing enrollment and addressing stigma around accessing public food benefits and pantries.
4. Developing multilingual and multicultural nutrition education/cooking classes and workshops in community settings.
5. Instituting child, youth, and family-friendly programming at farmers markets.
6. Promoting organizational nutrition and food procurement standards to align with good food procurement practices.

Grants Overview

- Four-year grants: June 1, 2025 – May 31, 2029
- Can apply for \$25,000 to \$50,000 per year (\$100,000 to \$200,000 total)
- Total funding available: \$1,680,000
 - Anticipate funding up to 12 organizations
 - Competitive process
 - Selection committee comprised of Boston Children's staff as well as external and community representatives

Eligibility

Eligible Institutions:

- 501(c)3 tax-exempt organizations or with a tax-exempt fiscal sponsor
- Priority for family-centered and/or community-led projects

Ineligible:

- Private foundations
- Practices or entities owned by Boston Children's may serve as collaborators but cannot receive funds

If you serve other neighborhoods/cities, you can still apply but your application will be considered within the context of the applications received from our priority neighborhoods.

Priority will be given to organizations serving the following Boston neighborhoods:

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| • Allston | • Jamaica Plain |
| • Brighton | • Mattapan |
| • Dorchester | • Mission Hill |
| • East Boston | • Roxbury |
| • Hyde Park | |

Selection Criteria

1. Track record of meaningful food access work and engagement with the community
2. Alignment with the initiative's strategy and priority populations
3. Clear and comprehensive description of the project and the need, including equity focus
4. Family-centered and/or community-led project
5. How the project proposes to engage with children, youth, families, and the community
6. Potential for positive impact on food access for children, youth, families, and the community
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Submission Process

Proposals due online by **Friday, February 7th by 5:00 p.m.**

Tips for submission

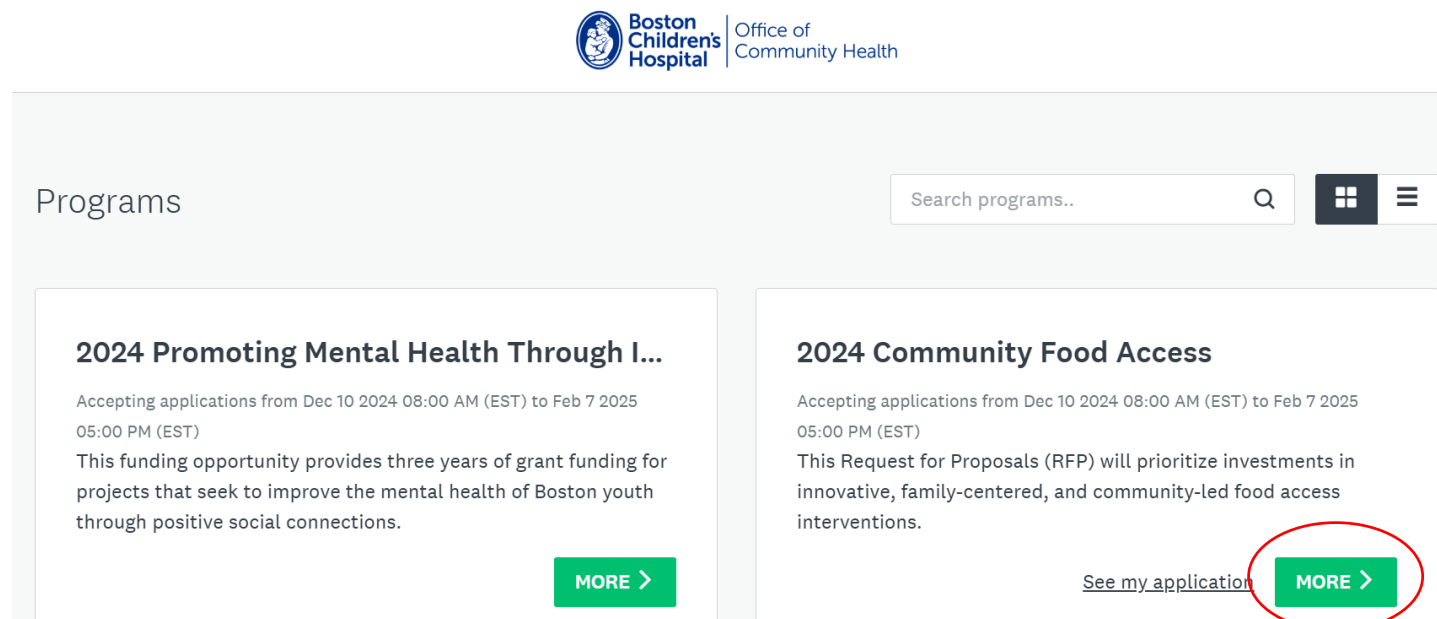
- Collaborators can be added but only the lead user can **Submit**.
- Click **Submit** so that your application is received. You will receive a confirmation email.
- Prepare your responses in a Word document then copy into the online application.
- Your work can be saved as you go.

Application Sections and Required Documents

1. Cover Letter: include amount of funding requested and key contact information
2. Proposal Narrative: 8 questions, 1 optional question
3. Project Budget (template provided)
4. W-9 Tax Form for organization or fiscal sponsor (form provided)
5. One Letter of Support (from someone outside of your organization)

Application Submission

Survey Monkey Apply portal: bostonchildrens.smapply.io



The screenshot shows the 'Programs' section of the Boston Children's Hospital Office of Community Health application portal. At the top, there is a search bar labeled 'Search programs..' and navigation icons. Below the search bar, two program cards are displayed. The first card is titled '2024 Promoting Mental Health Through I...' and describes a funding opportunity for mental health projects. The second card is titled '2024 Community Food Access' and describes a Request for Proposals (RFP) for food access interventions. Both cards have a 'MORE >' button at the bottom right. The '2024 Community Food Access' card also has a 'See my application' link next to its 'MORE >' button, which is circled in red.

Boston Children's Hospital | Office of Community Health

Programs

Search programs..

2024 Promoting Mental Health Through I...

Accepting applications from Dec 10 2024 08:00 AM (EST) to Feb 7 2025 05:00 PM (EST)

This funding opportunity provides three years of grant funding for projects that seek to improve the mental health of Boston youth through positive social connections.

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2024 Community Food Access

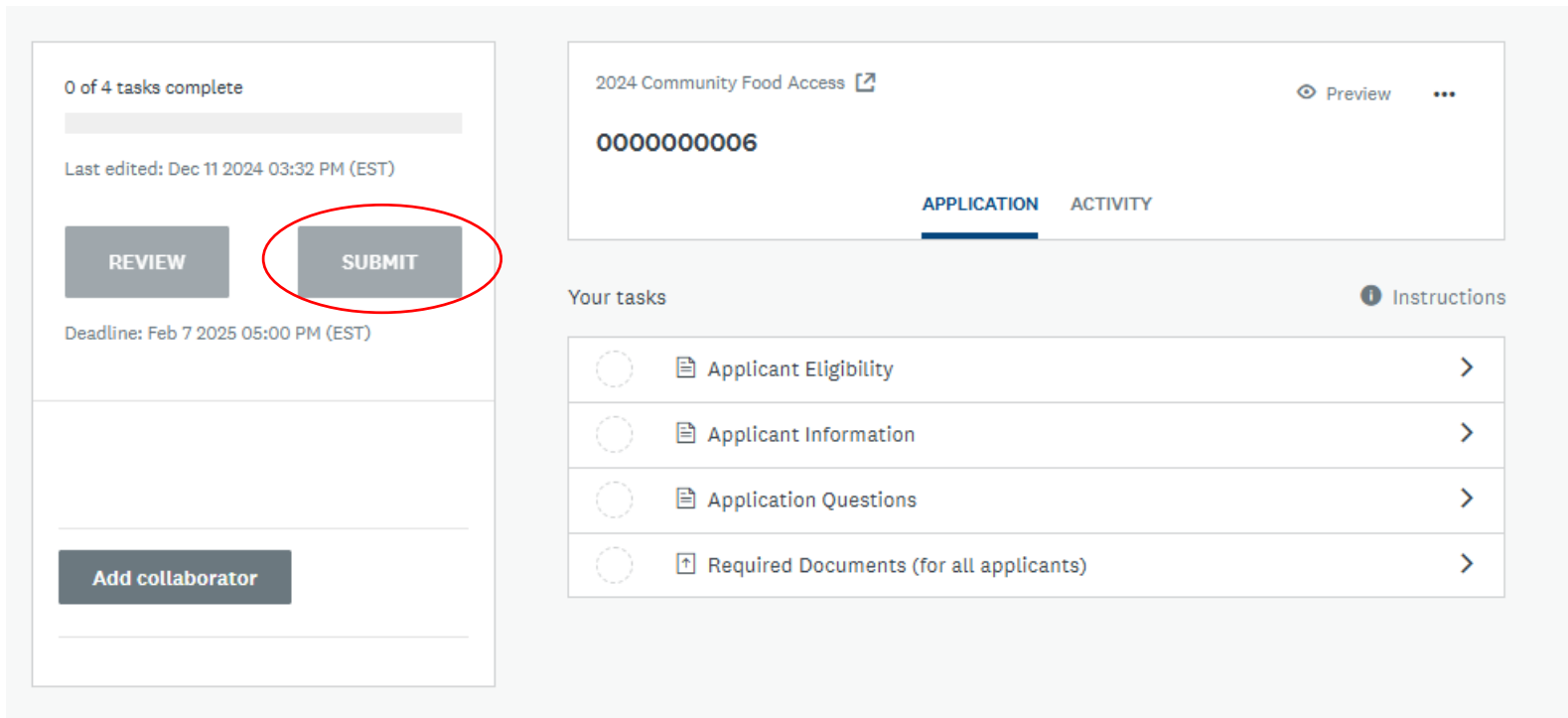
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[See my application](#) **MORE >**

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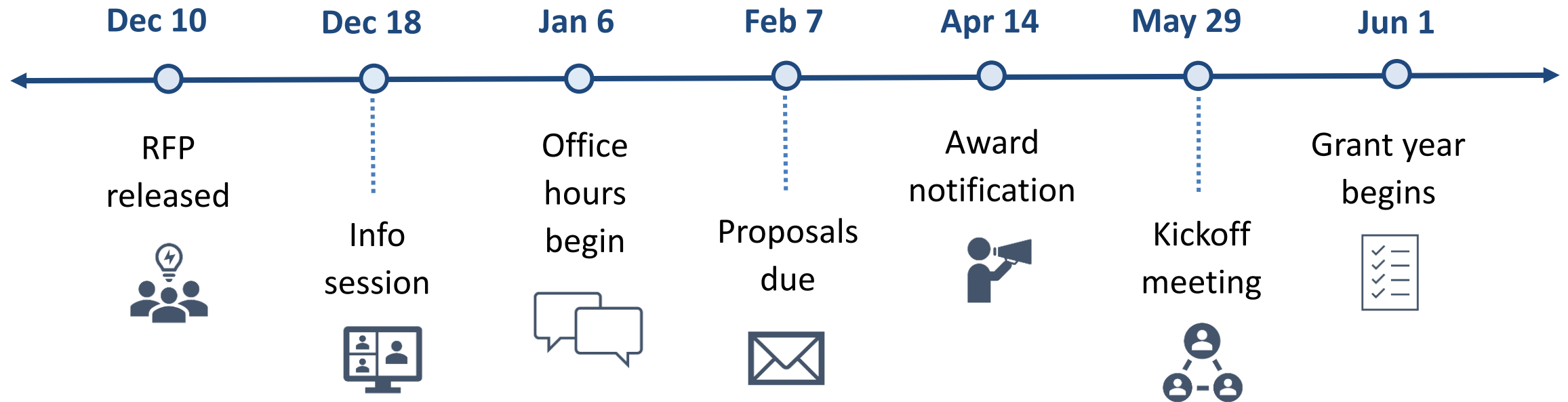
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The screenshot displays the Survey Monkey Apply portal interface for the "2024 Community Food Access" application. On the left sidebar, it shows "0 of 4 tasks complete" with a progress bar, the last edit time "Dec 11 2024 03:32 PM (EST)", and buttons for "REVIEW" and "SUBMIT" (the latter is circled in red). Below these is a "Deadline: Feb 7 2025 05:00 PM (EST)" and an "Add collaborator" button. The main content area features the application title "2024 Community Food Access" with a "Preview" link and a unique ID "0000000006". It includes tabs for "APPLICATION" (selected) and "ACTIVITY". Under the "Your tasks" section, there is a list of four tasks: "Applicant Eligibility", "Applicant Information", "Application Questions", and "Required Documents (for all applicants)", each with a circular progress indicator and a right-pointing arrow. An "Instructions" link is also visible.

Need technical assistance? Email us!
Haley.Piette@childrens.harvard.edu

Application Process Timeline



Applicant Support and Next Steps

- Register for an online account at <https://bostonchildrens.smapply.io/>
 - Recorded session and FAQs to be shared in online portal
- Sign up for office hours with Boston Children's staff
 - 15-minute meetings via Zoom
 - Mondays and Tuesdays from January 6 to February 7
 - Link: <https://calendly.com/haleypiette/food-access-rfp-office-hours>
- Email Haley.Piette@childrens.harvard.edu at any point in the application process

Questions?

Tara Agrawal & Stacy Walker, Initiative Co-Leads



Thank you!

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