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Boston Children's Collaboration for Community Health

**Funding Opportunity Information Session:
Promoting Mental Health Through Intentional Youth Engagement
December 19, 2024**



Welcome!

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Virtual Housekeeping

- Introduce yourself and your organization in the chat box
- Type your questions into the chat
- 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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Boston Children's 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.



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



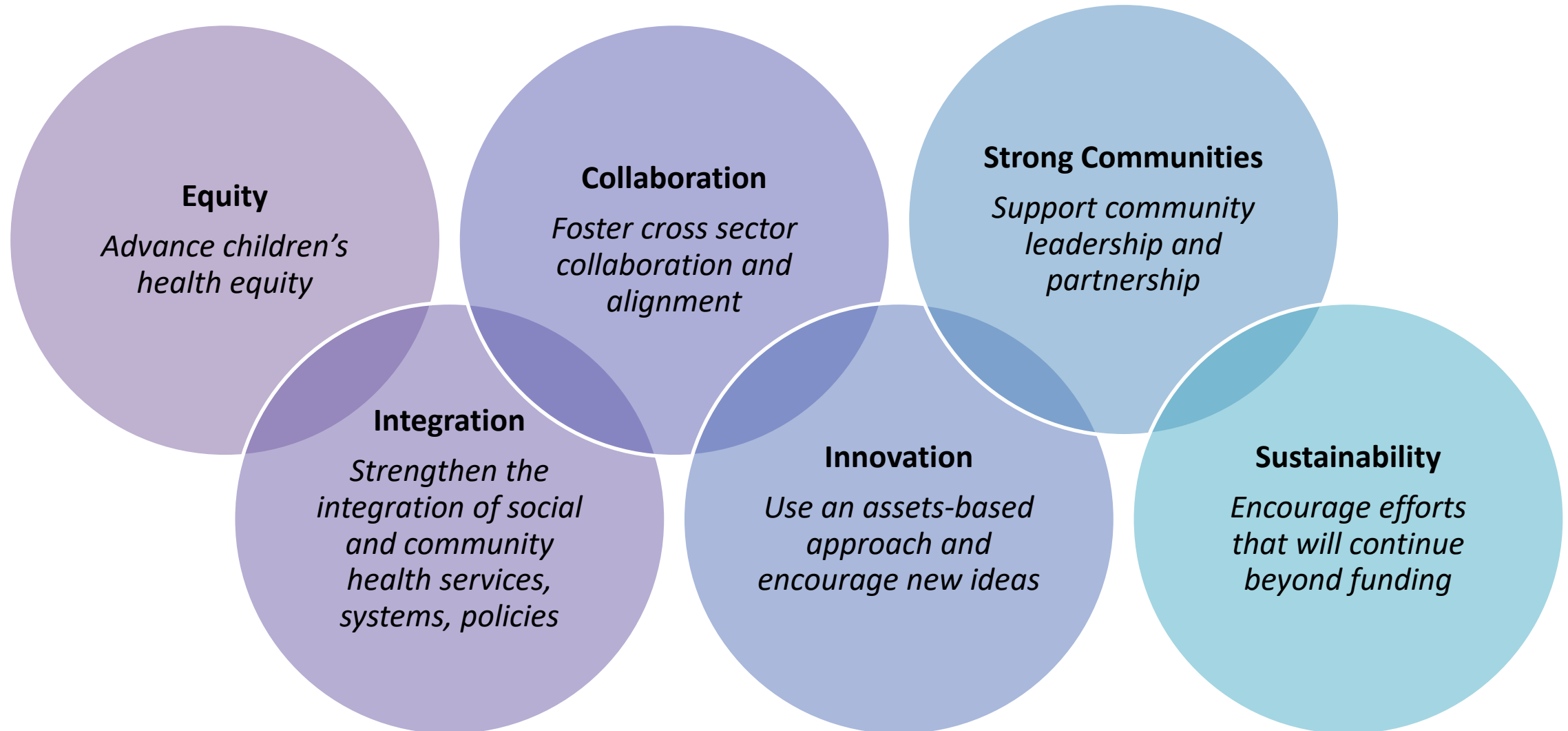
Determination of Need Community Health Initiatives

- 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:

**Promoting Mental Health
Through Intentional
Youth Engagement**

Due February 7, 2025 by 5pm

Initiative Overview

Goal: Improve the mental health of Boston youth **ages 11-24** through positive social connections

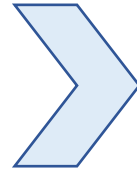
Grant funding will support a **partnership** whose efforts are focused on identifying hard-to-engage youth and connecting them to programs/services

Priority populations:

- Youth in foster care
- Court-involved youth
- LGBTQ+ youth
- Immigrant youth
- Neurodivergent youth

Initiative Overview

What partnership will help you intentionally reach and meaningfully engage these youth in your community?



How will you be successful in engaging these youth when other efforts have not worked?



What services can you provide to the youth and how will that help foster a sense of belonging and promote mental health and well-being?

Partnership

Lead
Applicant

Youth-serving organization (not a public agency) that works with Boston youth (ages 11-24) year-round or throughout the school year

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Community
Partner

Community-based organization, community health center, public agency (e.g., Boston Public Schools, Boston Housing Authority, Department of Youth Services)

Project Examples

1. A **youth development organization** partnering with its local **housing development** to identify youth that may not be engaged in other community activities and families who have not participated in community events
2. A youth **arts program** partnering with a specific **school** to identify youth who are not engaged in any extracurricular activities
3. A youth **mentoring program** partnering with a **public agency** that works with court-involved youth and their families to provide wraparound services and support
4. A **faith-based organization** partnering with a **welcome center** that serves newly arrived immigrant families to get youth connected to programs/services and embedded in their community
5. An **LGBTQ+ youth organization** partnering with a **foster care organization** to provide identity-affirming academic and social support services
6. A **neurodiversity support group** partnering with a **neighborhood coalition** to activate community spaces for inclusive programming

Grants Overview

- Three-year grants: June 1, 2025 – May 31, 2028
- Can apply for \$50,000 to \$100,000 per year (\$150,000 to \$300,000 total)
- Total funding available: \$1,200,000
 - Anticipate funding up to 6 partnerships
 - Competitive process
 - Selection committee comprised of Boston Children's staff as well as external and community representatives

Prioritized Applicants

Projects engaging the following youth populations from our priority neighborhoods:

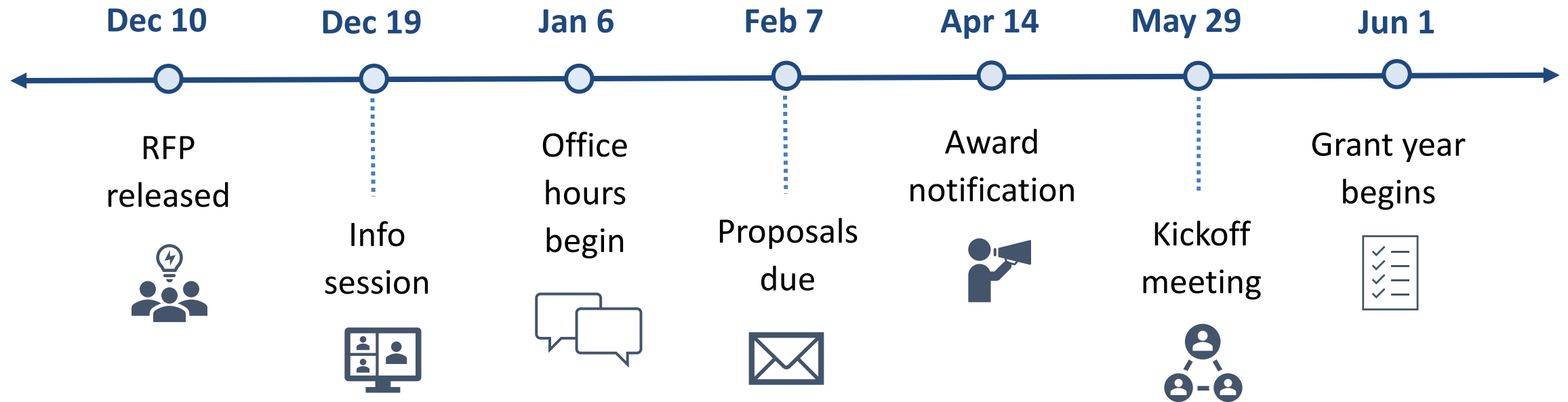
- Youth in foster care
- Court-involved youth
- LGBTQ+ youth
- Immigrant youth
- Neurodivergent youth
- Allston
- Brighton
- Dorchester
- East Boston
- Hyde Park
- Jamaica Plain
- Mattapan
- Mission Hill
- Roxbury

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.

Selection Criteria

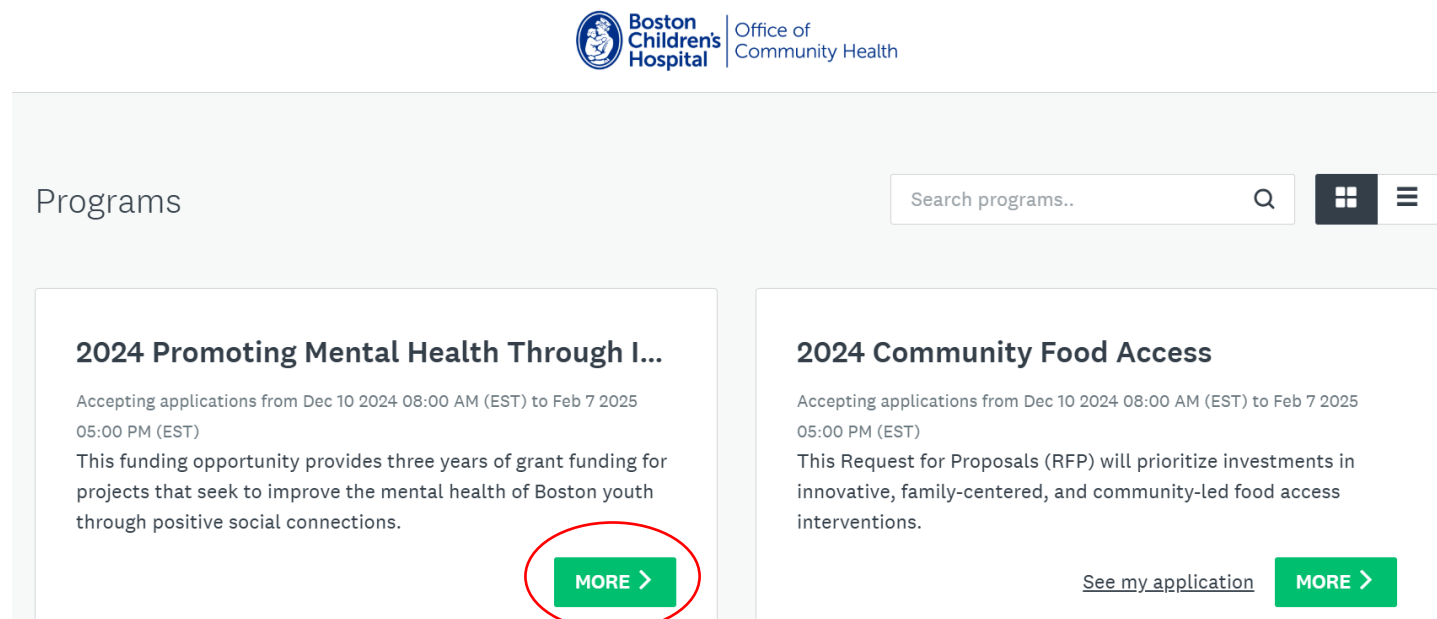
1. Track record of meaningful youth engagement and connection to community
2. Strong partnership with clearly defined roles and evidence of (or potential for) successful collaboration
3. Alignment with initiative's strategy and priority populations
4. Clear, comprehensive description of project and how it will engage new youth
5. Potential for positive impact on youth mental health and well-being
6. Outcome metrics that are relevant, measurable, achievable
7. Sufficient staff capacity to successfully implement and evaluate project
8. Budget that accurately reflects level of project effort

Application Process Timeline



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 a navigation menu with a grid icon and a hamburger menu icon. Below the search bar, there are two program cards. The first card is titled '2024 Promoting Mental Health Through I...' and describes a funding opportunity for projects that seek to improve the mental health of Boston youth through positive social connections. It includes a 'MORE >' button, which is circled in red. The second card is titled '2024 Community Food Access' and describes a Request for Proposals (RFP) that will prioritize investments in innovative, family-centered, and community-led food access interventions. It includes a 'See my application' link and a 'MORE >' button.

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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

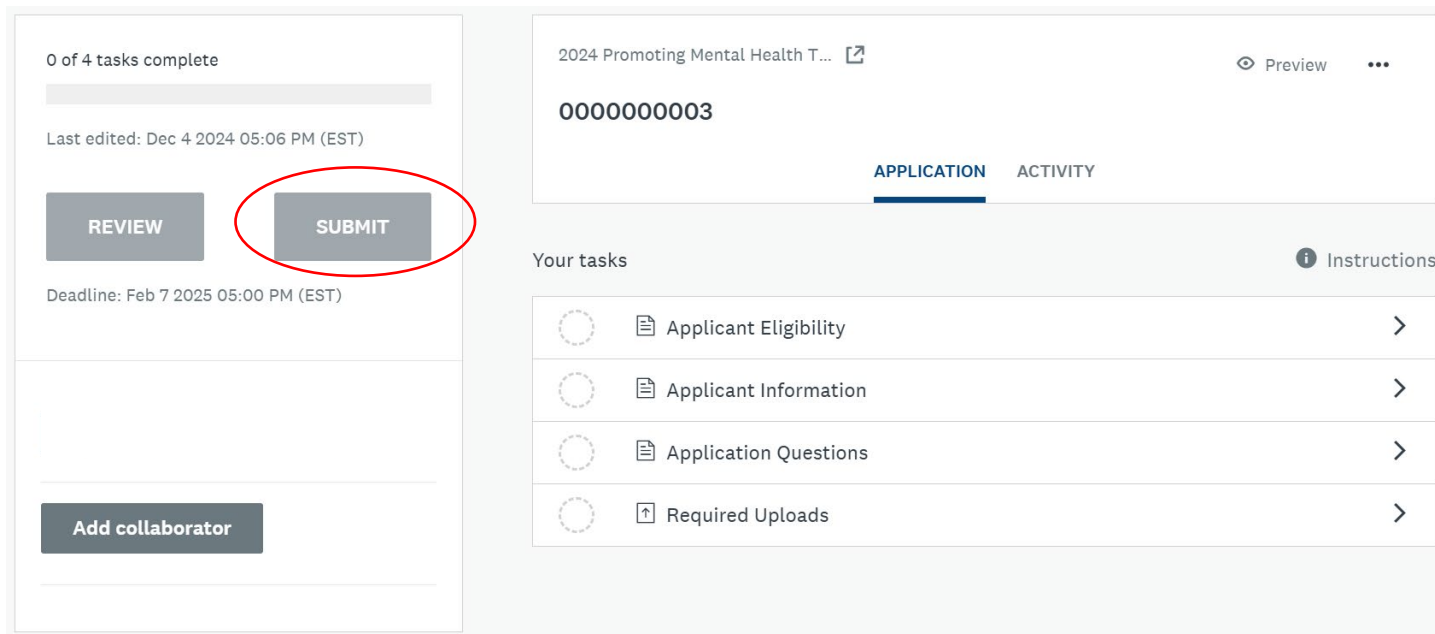
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[See my application](#) **MORE >**

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The screenshot shows the Survey Monkey Apply portal interface. On the left sidebar, there is a progress bar indicating '0 of 4 tasks complete'. Below the progress bar, it says 'Last edited: Dec 4 2024 05:06 PM (EST)'. There are two buttons: 'REVIEW' and 'SUBMIT', with the 'SUBMIT' button circled in red. Below these buttons, it says 'Deadline: Feb 7 2025 05:00 PM (EST)'. At the bottom of the sidebar is an 'Add collaborator' button. The main content area shows the title '2024 Promoting Mental Health T...' with a 'Preview' link and a three-dot menu. Below the title is the application ID '0000000003'. There are two tabs: 'APPLICATION' (selected) and 'ACTIVITY'. Below the tabs is a section titled 'Your tasks' with an 'Instructions' link. The tasks list includes: 'Applicant Eligibility', 'Applicant Information', 'Application Questions', and 'Required Uploads', each with a circular progress indicator and a right arrow.

Need technical assistance? Email us!

Haley.Piette@childrens.harvard.edu

Applicant Support

- Sign up for office hours with Boston Children's staff
 - 15-minute meetings via Zoom
 - Mondays 2-3pm and Tuesdays 9-10am from January 6 to February 4
 - Link: <https://calendly.com/haleypiette/youth-mh-rfp-office-hours>
- Email Haley.Piette@childrens.harvard.edu at any point in the application process
- Check [online portal](#) for info session slides/recording and a FAQ document that is updated weekly



Questions?

Stacy Walker & Marisa Otis, Initiative Co-Leads



Thank you!

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