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# **Innovative Stable Housing Initiative (ISHI)**

# Upstream Fund

**Organizing for Policy and Systems Change in Housing:** What focus area(s) are you requesting funding for (see pg. 2)? How does your organizing effort align with ISHI goals, vision and values? What challenges do you anticipate and how might you address these? (750 words or less)

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**Equity:** Is the collaboration led by and represented by members of the community? How does your work reflect the experiences and expertise of those most challenged by housing instability in Boston? What is your model for organizing or community engagement? How does your organizing effort serve ISHI priority neighborhoods? (1,000 words or less)

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**Phase of Your Effort:** Are you seeking funding for planning for emerging processes or for implementing more advanced stage policy change over a two-year funding period? How will this funding help your partnership accomplish its next phase of work? (300 words or less)

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**Collaboration & Movement Building:** Who are your partners and how will you work together? Do they represent multi-sector organizations and individuals with diverse perspectives and experiences? How does your proposal engage a broader audience? Where appropriate, how will you create opportunities for collaboration outside of grassroots organizing and across sectors (i.e. with for-profit businesses or developers)? (1,000 words or less)

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**Success & Outcomes:** What do you hope to accomplish in year one? How do you define and evaluate success? What do you see as important evaluation measures for this initiative? (500 words or less)

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