

## **OVERVIEW:**

In April 2021, the federal government allocated \$28.6 billion to the Restaurant Revitalization Fund as part of the American Rescue Plan. 473 Boston restaurants received some of these funds, and were collectively granted \$337,683,783.66, about 34% of the total Massachusetts funds. The recipients were largely concentrated in commercial areas (Downtown, Back Bay, Seaport), which collectively received about half of the money that Boston restaurants were granted in total. Boston's most diverse neighborhoods (Dorchester, Roxbury, Mission Hill, Roslindale, Hyde Park, and Mattapan) received a combined total of 5% of Boston's total funds. Within the Fields Corner/Little Saigon area, 7 restaurants received funding, and were collectively granted \$1,649,971.95.

## **BACKGROUND:**

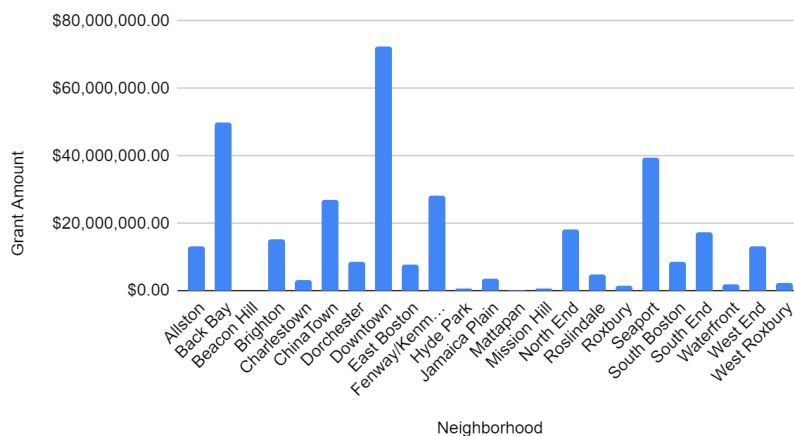
In April 2021, the federal government allocated \$28.6 billion to the Restaurant Revitalization Fund as part of the American Rescue Plan. The Small Business Administration released a list of the restaurants who received money in early July. This list included the restaurants' names, city, address, zip code, and the amount of money they received. We were thus able to determine which restaurants are within the City of Boston, and then which specific neighborhoods they are located in. Once the restaurants were sorted by neighborhood, we were able to add together all amounts of grants and money and found the breakdown within the city.

## **DATA AND ANALYSIS:**

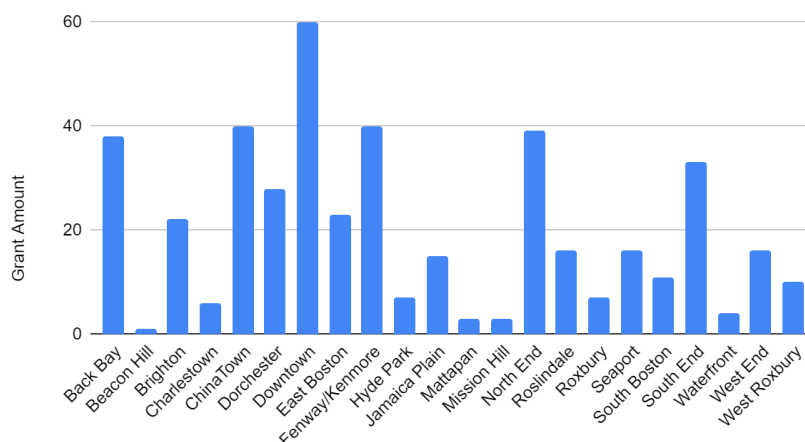
Restaurants in the state of Massachusetts received, in total, \$992,935,884.39, and 2,556 grants were awarded. Boston restaurants received \$337,683,783.66, about 34% of the total MA funds. 473 Boston restaurants received these grants. As seen on the graphs below, Downtown Boston received both the largest amount of grants and the largest amount of money. 60 restaurants received grants, which totaled to \$72,371,564.88. Behind Downtown, Back Bay received the fourth largest amount of grants and the second largest amount of money, with 38 grants and \$49,936,677.99. Seaport received the third largest amount of money, at \$39,279,692.10. All together, Downtown, Back Bay and Seaport, all primarily commercial districts, received \$161,587,934.97. This takes up approximately 48%, almost half, of all Boston funds. The

remaining 20 neighborhoods, the majority of them residential, were left to split the other half. Fenway/Kenmore and Chinatown, both known for being semi-commercial neighborhoods, are tied for the second largest number of grants and recipients of the 4th and 5th largest amount of money. When they were added to the top three, the five neighborhoods collectively received \$216,785,344.97. This totals about 64% of all Boston funds.

Grant Amount vs. Neighborhood



Neighborhood vs. # of Grants



Restaurants in some of Boston's most diverse neighborhoods (Dorchester, Roxbury, Mission Hill, Roslindale, Hyde Park, and Mattapan) received a combined total of \$16,792,829.11. This is about 5% of Boston's total funds. The other residential neighborhoods (including Chinatown and Fenway/Kenmore) were given \$159,918,229.36, about 47% of Boston's total funds.

**Fields Corner:** Within the 02122 zip code, 11 restaurants received funding. These businesses, as listed on the RRF list, are the Phyllis Corporation, Pho Hoa Restaurant Inc., Boston Winery LLC, homestead bakery & cafe LLC, Limerick Co Inc., H & E Hospitality Group, Shea Butter Smoothies, Tam Ho Jai Ganesh Inc, CJ & BT Corporation, and Slicecorp Inc. These names are not necessarily the name of the actual restaurant - at times, a larger parent corporation or individual business owner is listed as the business. Based on Google Maps searching of the address provided on the RRF list, these business names correspond, in the order listed above, to: Venezia Restaurant, Pho Hoa Restaurant, Boston Winery, homestead bakery & cafe, Blend Restaurant, Coco Leaf Bakery, Lamberts Rainbow Market, Hien Vuong Restaurant, Subway, Saigon Chicken House, and Bambu. The 11 restaurants collectively received \$5,248,012.23.

The restaurants located within Fields Corner (not Neponset, which 02122 also encompasses) are Pho Hoa Restaurant, homestead bakery & cafe, Blend Restaurant, Coco Leaf Bakery, Hien Vuong Restaurant, Saigon Chicken House, and Bambu. They collectively received \$1,649,971.95, with Pho Hoa getting the largest amount of money, at \$812,294.00, and Bambu getting the least amount of money, at \$28,590.76.

## **SOURCES**

RRF Recipient List

Complete Data Set and Calculations