



Massachusetts Department of Public Health  
Office of Preparedness and Emergency Management

**MRC MINI GRANT REPORTING FORM**

For units who received an MRC mini grant in BP4, please complete this form as part of the end of year reporting.

**Project General Information:**

MRC Unit Name:	<b>Brookline MRC</b>
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Name of Project:	<b>Brookline Whole Community Resilience Program</b>
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Date:	<b>July 25, 2016</b>

**Project Description - Please write a brief narrative (1 to 2 paragraphs):**

The Brookline Department of Health MRC (Brookline MRC), in collaboration with various community organizations, is working to develop a whole community resiliency program, focused on the preparedness needs of various vulnerable populations. The Brookline MRC previously developed a resilience program for elders – the Emergency Preparedness (EP) Buddies program. Brookline MRC volunteers make the EP Buddies program possible by meeting with elders in their homes to assist with preparations - including go bags and communication plans - and contact the elders in case of emergency, increasing resiliency and decreasing social isolation.

With the MRC mini grant, we were able to print and distribute brochures describing the EP Buddies Program. Additionally, we developed a presentation – Zika: Be Prepared! – delivered to more than 80 residents of the Brookline Housing Authority. The presentation included a discussion of Zika and other vector-borne illnesses, and introduced community preparedness concepts and the EP Buddies Program to the residents; most of whom are low-income and/or elderly. Attendees received Go Bags with some supplies to get started, including insect repellent, sunscreen, and hand sanitizer.

Of the 80+ residents who attended, approximately one-third expressed interest in the EP Buddies Program, and more than 90% were interested in future presentations regarding steps they can take to become more resilient during and after an emergency.



**Project Details:**

<p><b>Project Rationale:</b> How did you choose this project? (Related to AAR, or other gaps)</p>	<p>Brookline is actively working to promote community resilience, especially within vulnerable populations, and to expand the EP Buddies Program.</p>
<p><b>PHEP Capabilities that your project addressed:</b> <a href="http://www.cdc.gov/phpr/capabilities/">http://www.cdc.gov/phpr/capabilities/</a></p>	<p>Capability #1 - Community Preparedness</p>
<p><b>Objectives that your project addressed.</b></p>	<p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To share EP information &amp; assistance with as many of Brookline’s vulnerable elders as possible</li> <li>• To exploit Zika-related health concerns in order to share EP information with the whole community</li> <li>• To share EP information with the whole community; to assess risks/needs of at-risk populations</li> </ul>
<p><b>Project Planned Activities:</b> What deliverables, products, or outputs were expected? Did you meet those outputs? Where different outputs achieved?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enroll vulnerable elders in the EP Buddies Program: 25+ elders interested in the program</li> <li>• Plan events to share information about emergency preparedness &amp; EP Buddies Program, using Zika to draw participants: 6 events held; 80+ participants (all vulnerable/at risk)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Funding Associated with this project:</b> (Please provide a narrative of the costs incurred with this project).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salary/Wages (program development; preparing and running events): Budget \$1,500; Actual \$1,510</li> <li>• Supplies (insect repellent; sunscreen; hand sanitizer): Budget \$1,560; Actual \$1,557</li> <li>• Print EP Buddy Brochures: Budget \$440; Actual \$438</li> </ul>
<p><b>Other feedback or comments to share about your project?</b></p>	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to help increase resilience in the Brookline community</p>

