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Mr. Nicholas Ariniello
Commissioner, Assessing Department
City of Boston
1 City Hall Square, Room 301
Boston, MA 02201

Dear Commissioner Ariniello:

The Museum of Science takes our responsibility to the city of Boston and its citizens seriously. As you will find in our attached FY23 Community Benefits Report for the payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) program, **the Museum of Science contributed \$1,895,799 in cash and in-kind services and served more than 77,275 Boston residents.**

These contributions occurred in such areas as providing free and reduced admissions for Boston students and residents; hosting free professional development programs for Boston teachers; and providing free virtual synchronous science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) learning to Boston classrooms. The Museum undertakes and funds these programs as essential elements to our core mission. We are pleased to serve as a resource to Boston students, teachers, and families. We believe that our efforts to improve and invest in the Boston community as outlined in our community impact recap, exceeds the amount requested under PILOT.

While we appreciate the careful thought that goes into developing guidelines for nonprofit institutions under the PILOT program in the city of Boston, **no other nonprofit science center in the United States makes any payments to any governmental body related to its nonprofit operations. Most of our fellow institutions receive some form of local, county, or state government financial support for their day-to-day operation.** On average, government support for those institutions represents one-third of their annual operating budget.

We greatly appreciate our long-standing partnership with the city of Boston and look forward to our continued work together. If you need additional information or have any questions, please contact Lisa Levine Urovitch, Government Relations Director, at lurovitch@mos.org or (617) 589-4473.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tim Ritchie".

Tim Ritchie
President
Museum of Science

COMMUNITY BENEFITS RECAP

Please note that the deadline for Community Benefits is April 3, 2023. There are also two additional data points we would like to collect this year (see footnotes for more info).

Once completed, please rename the document to reflect the name of your organization. Email an excel and PDF version to PILOTprogram@boston.gov.

INSTITUTION NAME:

Museum of Science

FINANCIAL YEAR:

FY2022

Program Name	Brief Program Description	Amount (\$)	Cash, In-Kind, or Both ¹	1-time or Ongoing ²	Who is Served ³	Program Initiator ⁴	City-wide or Neighborhoods Served ⁵	Community Benefit Category ⁶	Partners
Community Access Program	Funded Admissions for Group Visits of an out-of-school-time nature, including Youth Programs, Community Centers, Schools, Social Services Providers, Colleges and Universities, Cultural Organizations, and Hospitals	\$86,300	In-Kind	Ongoing	3,452 youth via Community Organizations	Museum of Science	City-wide	Cultural	Community-based organizations including Boston schools, youth programs, community centers, social service providers, colleges and universities, hospitals, and cultural organizations
Miscellaneous School Visits	Funded Admissions for School-Day visits of public and private schools, and special education collaboratives with high financial need	\$113,810	In-Kind	Ongoing	11,381 Boston K-12 students	Museum of Science	City-wide	Educational and Cultural	Boston schools
Miscellaneous Community Group Visits	Funded Admissions for non-school hour visits for community groups with high financial need	\$27,350	In-Kind	Ongoing	1,094 youth and family visits via Community Groups	Museum of Science	City-wide	Educational and Cultural	Community-based organizations
EBT/WIC/Health Connector Admissions	Free Admission for residents across the country with EBT/WIC/HCCCC for up to 4 people	\$734,700	In-Kind	Ongoing	29,388 Individuals, Families	Museum of Science	City-wide	Cultural	DTA, WIC, Community-based organizations
Wonderfund Family Admissions	Free admission for every foster care family in Massachusetts	\$8,334	In-Kind	Ongoing	Boston foster families (246 adult, 48 child 2 senior)	Museum of Science, Wonderfund	City-wide	Cultural	MA Dept of Children and Families, Wonderfund of MA
Active Duty Military Admissions	Free admission for active duty military (for up to 4 people)	\$66,725	In-Kind	Ongoing	2,669 Individuals and Families	Museum of Science	City-wide	Cultural	
Library Admissions	Free Museum admissions with library passes available at local library branches	\$415,678	In-Kind	Ongoing	14,492 Individuals and Families (13,574 adults, 826 child, 92 senior)	Museum of Science	City-wide	Cultural	Boston Public Library and individual library branches
Themed Weekends	Weekends at the Museum that center around a STEM theme or celebration where we provide free entry for community groups or individuals	\$500	In-Kind	Ongoing	20 Individuals and Families served via community groups	Museum of Science	City-wide	Cultural	Community-based organizations
High School Science Series	Engages a diverse group of high school students and teachers with practicing scientists, science and technology experts, graduate students, and peers through participation in a keynote panel presentation educator guide with pre/post activities. Three programs focused on climate change from multiple perspectives with virtual speakers.	\$22,403	Both	Ongoing	59 Boston youth in Grades 9-12	Museum of Science	City-wide	Educational	Boston schools

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Fenway High School Program	In the traditional program, Fenway High School students participate in weekly Tuesday visits to the Museum where they volunteer in various departments and have science and/or humanities class in the building. The Museum of Science also supports their annual Senior Science Fair and Junior Review events. This year we were only able to host one all-school virtual event with a planetarium show and Pixar exhibit tour as part of their STEM night.	\$59,729	Both	Ongoing	Grade 11-12 students from Fenway High School	Museum of Science, Fenway High School	City-wide	Educational	Fenway High School
Buddies Exploring Science Together (BEST)	Partnership program between BPS ASD strand classrooms, Boston University Sargent School Occupational Therapy Program, and the Museum of Science where students participate in guided field trips to build their STEM and social skills. This year, we held 8 weeks of virtual programming, complete with behind-the-scenes tours of exhibits and hands-on Try-it Kits mailed to each student	\$11,107	In-Kind	Ongoing	Boston Public School ASD students	Museum of Science, Boston University, Boston Public Schools	City-wide	Educational	Boston Public Schools, Boston University Sargent School Occupational Therapy Program
Traveling Programs / Community Outreach Programs	Live educational outreach, including family programs at Boston Public Library branches, school programs at BPS and other Boston schools, participation at community fairs and festivals, after school workshops at Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston, preschool programs, and Senior Center programming	\$72,965	Cash	Ongoing	2,232 youth served via Community-based organizations, Boston Public Library, Boston Public Schools	Museum of Science	City-wide	Educational and Cultural	Community-Based Organizations, Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston, Boston Public Library, Boston Red Sox
MOS at School	Interactive, synchronous virtual learning experiences for students in classrooms	\$30,506	In-Kind	Ongoing	7,905 BPS and other Boston schools students	Museum of Science	City-wide	Educational	Boston schools
EIE Curriculum	Implementation of EIE curricula in schools and professional development for teachers	\$152,206	Both	Ongoing	3,800 Boston K-8 students and 152 teachers	Museum of Science	City-wide	Educational	Boston schools
EIE Teacher Professional Development	Access to EIE professional development courses for teachers and educators	\$28,000	Both	Ongoing	180 Boston teachers	Museum of Science	City-wide	Educational	Boston schools
EIE Try It! Kits	Distribution of EIE Try It! Kits in communities for take-home STEM kits, ideal for families with elementary learners	\$1,870	In-Kind	Ongoing	118 Boston families	Museum of Science	City-wide	Educational	National Grid, the Greater Boston Food Bank, Catholic Charities of Greater Boston
Cristo Rey	Workstudy internship program serving 3-4 9th-12th grade students. Each intern works 7 hrs/wk in a department such as In-Gallery Learning or Living Collections.	\$31,500	Cash	Ongoing	4 youth from Cristo Rey High School (Grades 9-12)	Museum of Science	City-wide	Educational	Cristo Rey HS
Teacher Enrichment Professional Development	Professional development for teachers that includes workshops and sabbaticals	\$31,566	Both	Ongoing	11 Boston teachers	Museum of Science	City-wide	Educational	Boston schools
Teacher Partner Program	Free exhibit hall admission for Teacher Partners at Public and Private schools across the Commonwealth	\$550	In-Kind	Ongoing	22 Boston teachers	Museum of Science	City-wide	Educational and Cultural	Boston schools