



Brooklyn Communities Collaborative Awarded \$300,000 Grant To Strengthen Healthcare Development Efforts

Grant from the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation will support a more equitable workforce and enterprise ecosystem through the Brooklyn Health Enterprise Hub

Brooklyn, NY (January 20, 2022) – Today, [Brooklyn Communities Collaborative](https://brooklyncommunities.org/) (BCC) – a non-profit focused on strengthening health, leadership, and economic mobility in Brooklyn – announced that they have been awarded a \$300,000 grant from [The Mother Cabrini Health Foundation](https://mothercabrini.org/) (MCHF), a private, nonprofit organization committed to improving the health and well-being of New Yorkers.

“We are honored to receive this grant from MCHF – a forward-looking organization that’s committed to bolstering the economic and health outcomes of vulnerable communities in New York,” **said Shari Suchoff, BCC Executive Director.** “With MCHF’s continued support, the Brooklyn Health Enterprise Hub will train and support economic democracy fellows and affordable housing property managers, and grow Brooklyn businesses through research-driven development opportunities. Each of these efforts will lead to a healthier and more economically sound borough.”

The grant marks the second year in a row MCHF has supported BCC. In 2021, MCHF’s grant was critical to launching BCC’s Brooklyn Health Enterprise Hub – a borough-wide enterprise initiative dedicated to addressing weaknesses in Brooklyn’s health care supply chain and workforce. Specifically, The Hub was created to help hospitals localize and diversify their spending and grow the local healthcare workforce.

“After nearly two years of recovery from a pandemic that has hit vulnerable populations the hardest, we must continue to address the challenges communities across New York State are facing: food and housing insecurity, lack of access to basic healthcare including vaccines, lack of equity within the healthcare professions, and racial and economic healthcare disparities made worse during COVID-19. We must continue to support the full range of services that make for healthy people and communities,” **said Msgr. Gregory Mustaciuolo, Chief Executive Officer of the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation.**

This year, BCC will leverage the \$300,000 grant to expedite the Brooklyn Health Enterprise Hub by developing local capacity to meet health services procurement needs among businesses that are owned and staffed by Brooklynites. Additionally, BCC will use the funds to continue identifying and meeting the workforce needs of Brooklyn’s health organizations, resulting in higher-paying jobs and opportunities to build wealth through ownership.

For more information about the BCC, please visit: <https://brooklyncommunities.org/>

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About Brooklyn Communities Collaborative

Brooklyn Communities Collaborative (BCC) is a not-for-profit based in New York that works with local institutions and stakeholders to address longstanding health inequities in the borough. BCC was founded in 2019 with the goal of leveraging the financial power of anchor institutions and community resources to address the economic factors that improve the social determinants of health – whether it's supporting housing stability, advancing economic empowerment, expanding care management services, or strengthening CBOs in the area. BCC builds upon years of collaborative efforts with anchor institutions and community partners in Brooklyn, which have helped connect 80,000 complex-need patients to care management services, produce 30,000 pounds of fresh produce annually, and develop 3,400 units of housing. Visit <https://brooklyncommunities.org/> for more information.

About The Mother Cabrini Health Foundation

The Mother Cabrini Health Foundation is a private, nonprofit organization with the mission to improve the health and well-being of vulnerable New Yorkers, bolster the health outcomes of targeted communities, eliminate barriers to care, and bridge gaps in health services. Named in memory of a tireless advocate for immigrants, children, and the poor, the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation provides flexible support for new and innovative approaches that enhance health and wellness across New York State. For more information, visit <https://www.cabrinihealth.org/>

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