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Brooklyn Communities Collaborative receives \$300,000 grant to foster healthier and more economically sound communities

The General Operating Support grant will provide broad-based funding for health equity focused initiatives in Brooklyn

Brooklyn, NY – Today Brooklyn Communities Collaborative (BCC) – a non-profit focused on strengthening health and wealth in Brooklyn – announces that it has been awarded a general operating grant of \$300,000 from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF), an organization committed to improving health and health equity in the United States.

The General Operating Support award offers flexible support to organizations to support operations including annual operating expenditures, reserves, technology improvements, organizational capacity, and projects.

“We are thrilled to have this support from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation,” said **Shari Suchoff, Executive Director of BCC**. “These funds will support core BCC priorities including our healthy housing, Brooklyn Health Enterprise Hub, and Strong Communities Fund initiatives. This grant allows us to continue to develop programs and invest in the health and economic wellbeing of Brooklyn communities.”

BCC’s innovative approach to addressing health inequities relies on three interrelated priority initiatives: Healthy Housing, a public-private effort to expand housing stability; the Brooklyn Health Enterprise Hub focusing on economic development, from job opportunities to increased investment in local minority and women-owned businesses; and the Strong Communities Fund, which builds the capacity of community-based organizations (CBOs) on the ground to improve community members' access to direct services affecting their health and wellbeing.

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

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. Visit [www. https://brooklyncommunities.org/](https://brooklyncommunities.org/) for more information.



About the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) is committed to improving health and health equity in the United States. In partnership with others, we are working to develop a Culture of Health rooted in equity that provides every individual with a fair and just opportunity to thrive, no matter who they are, where they live, or how much money they have.

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