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Boston Leads All Cities in NIH Research Grants

Nonprofit Institutions in City received \$1.6B in fiscal 2007

Boston received \$1.6B in National Institutes of Health (NIH) research grants in FY07 which marked the 14th consecutive year the city topped all cities in the United States. Boston's share of total funding nationally was 7.7% according to a recent report by the Boston Redevelopment Authority's Research Division. That share equaled its share in FY06 and increased by 7.0% over its FY05 level. Boston has maintained its leadership in NIH funds even while other cities have become increasingly competitive in seeking these grants and total NIH funding levels have decreased.

The National Institutes of Health is the primary agency in the United States responsible for biomedical and health-related research with total funding nationally of about \$21B.

Boston's success in securing NIH research funding is a testament to the quality of its "world-renowned" tax-exempt hospitals, universities and research institutions. These institutions are given credit in the BRA's report for providing "a crucial underpinning to the economy of Boston and the entire region." The importance of the Longwood Medical Area (LMA) to Boston's economy is evident by the fact that collectively institutions in this area received \$943M in NIH grants in FY07.

With \$1.6B in NIH funding, Boston topped New York City, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Seattle. In fact, Boston's lead over New York City has increased from \$14M in FY02 to \$315M in FY07. If the LMA were a city, it would have ranked third in FY07.

Boston's hospitals received more than 60% of the City's NIH funding in FY07. The top seven hospitals by grant amount are shown below.

FY07 NIH Grants to Boston Hospitals	
In millions	
Hospital/Medical Center	Grant
Massachusetts General	\$303.3
Brigham and Women's	\$259.7
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute	\$132.8
Beth Israel Deaconess	\$113.5
Boston Children's	\$100.7
Boston Medical Center	\$34.7
New England Medical Center	\$33.0

Boston's colleges and universities accounted for over \$515M or almost one-third of the 2007 NIH funding. The top two schools were Harvard Medical School (\$172.1M) and BU Medical School (\$119.9M).

To read the full two-page BRA report, go to:
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