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2013-2014 Occupy Boston Radio Budget Proposal  
Submitted to Occupy Boston General Assembly

Occupy Boston Radio (OBR) is striving to produce quality programming related to Occupy Boston, the Occupy Movement, and related topics of interest and importance to the 99%. We seek to include all voices by adhering to the following principles:

- having open access to our schedule for new shows;
- hosting shows that invite interviewees and guests; and
- operating the station with direct democratic principles.

OBR has been broadcasting online since late 2011. We have broadcast approximately 14 regular weekly shows for all or part of that time, plus a number of specials. We also syndicate the progressive news show *Democracy Now!* and the environmental issues show *Radio Ecoshock*.

We have been an outlet for Occupy Boston news to the public and other Occupies for over a year. This has included broadcasting a calendar of events, as well as specific requests from other Working Groups and event organizers to spread the word.

We maintain a station blog, and several individual show blogs, and many of our shows are archived online and available as podcasts or for download. A major goal of OBR for the coming year is to increase the number of shows available in these modes, or syndicated on other Occupy movement or allied stations and sites (such as [occupymediapodcast.com](http://occupymediapodcast.com) and [occupynewsradio.org](http://occupynewsradio.org)).

The following table constitutes our funding request for February 2013-January 2014:

Item	Monthly Cost	Yearly Total
Rent	\$400	\$4800
Streaming Server	50	600
Phone	10	120
Blogs	10	120
Total		\$5640

It should be noted that these are OBR's basic costs, money needed to keep our station on the air. As a group, we have decided to raise money on our own for additional costs to these, such as additional microphones, mixers, and other station equipment. We will do so through fundraising events (such as we had in 2012) as well as community and online outreach.

Thanks to the corporate consolidation of the mainstream media, Internet-based outlets for unencumbered news and information are emerging across communities near and far. Small independent stations and networks give the voiceless and the disenfranchised a mic to the world. In supporting the efforts of Occupy Boston Radio you strengthen the fight for free media. Thank you for your consideration.

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