



February 4, 2013

**2013 Occupy Boston Radio Budget Proposal
Submitted to Occupy Boston General Assembly**

Proposal: Occupy Boston Radio (OBR), a working group, proposes that Occupy Boston provide \$2549.70 in funding to OBR. This will cover our most essential operating costs (rent and our radio stream), and allow us “breathing room” to seek further funding for other operating costs, and to continue working on a plan for long-term financial stability.

Background

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 and occupynewsradio.org).

The following table constitutes our funding request for February 2013:

Item	Monthly Cost	6 Month Total
Rent	\$400.00	\$2400.00
Streaming Server	24.95	149.70
Total		\$2549.70

\$2625.

It should be noted that these are OBR’s **basic** costs, money needed to keep our station on the air. We have additional costs, such as paying for enhanced blog features that allow us to provide archived programming on line. We also have incidental costs from time to time. Our operations could be enhanced if we upgraded to a better streaming server (costing about twice as much), added a phone line, and purchased some equipment upgrades. OBR has raised money for such things by means of fundraising events and community and online outreach. The money we received through our previous GA proposal (March 2012) represented less than 1/3 of our total budget, last year. We intend to continue and expand such independent fundraising efforts. When Occupy Boston’s fiscal sponsor arrangement goes through, we intend to seek foundation and large donor support, as well.

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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