

# MIT in Cambridge

## Impact Report



Office of Government  
& Community Relations

# About our Office

---

OGCR serves as MIT's liaison to the City of Cambridge and Commonwealth of Massachusetts and coordinates various outreach efforts that benefit the local community.

Examples of these efforts include:

- Participating in public policy dialogue
- Supporting nonprofit organizations
- Engaging K-12 Cambridge students
- Growing the Job Connector by MIT, which is a free workforce development hub for Cambridge residents



# About the Report

---

MIT cares deeply about its neighbors and strives to provide meaningful support to the surrounding community of Cambridge.

The *MIT in Cambridge Impact Report* is published every-other-year by the Office of Government and Community Relations and features a sampling of MIT's activities and programs in our host City.

Learn more about MIT's engagement and collaboration with Cambridge:

[ogcr.mit.edu](https://ogcr.mit.edu)

  @mitogcr

# Report Contents

---

President Sally Kornbluth

---

The Climate Project at MIT

---

Campus Decarbonization

---

**Cambridge Nonprofits**

---

**K-12 Academic Enrichment**

---

Museums and Public Art

---

Economic Development

---

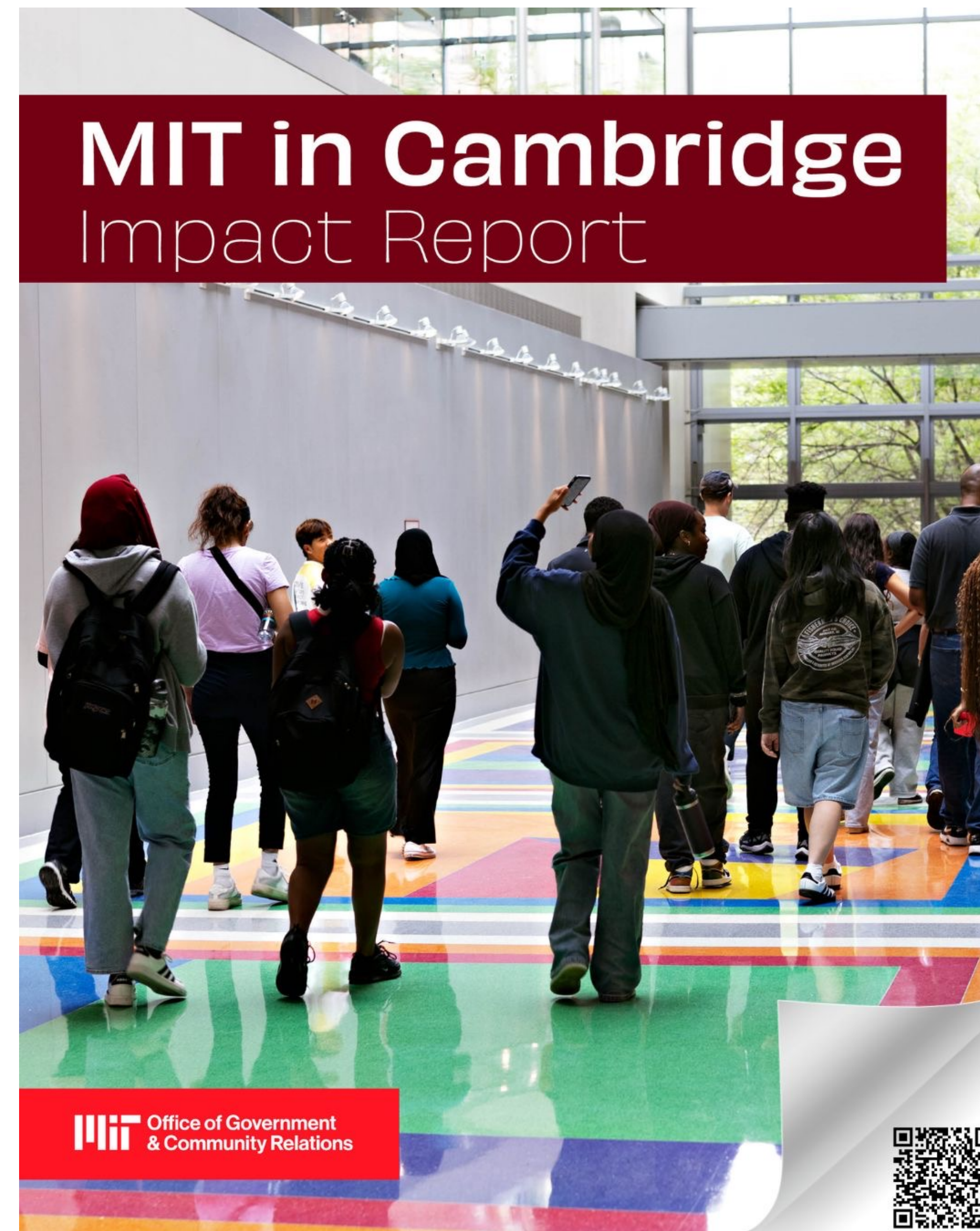
Community Events

---

The Job Connector by MIT

---

**Meet our Office**



# Cambridge Nonprofits

MIT supports more than **180 local nonprofits**, primarily in Cambridge, through a variety of approaches: including direct financial support, the use of Institute facilities, volunteerism, serving on boards and committees, sharing expertise, and employee donation and collection drives.



MIT has hosted the CASPAR emergency services center on its campus for **over forty years**. Students, staff, and faculty frequently volunteer at the shelter. The Institute has sponsored CASPAR's annual fundraising gala for decades.



Since 1968, the MIT Community Service Fund (CSF) has provided financial resources to support local nonprofits with MIT ties, as well as MIT students, staff, and faculty volunteers engaged in public service initiatives.

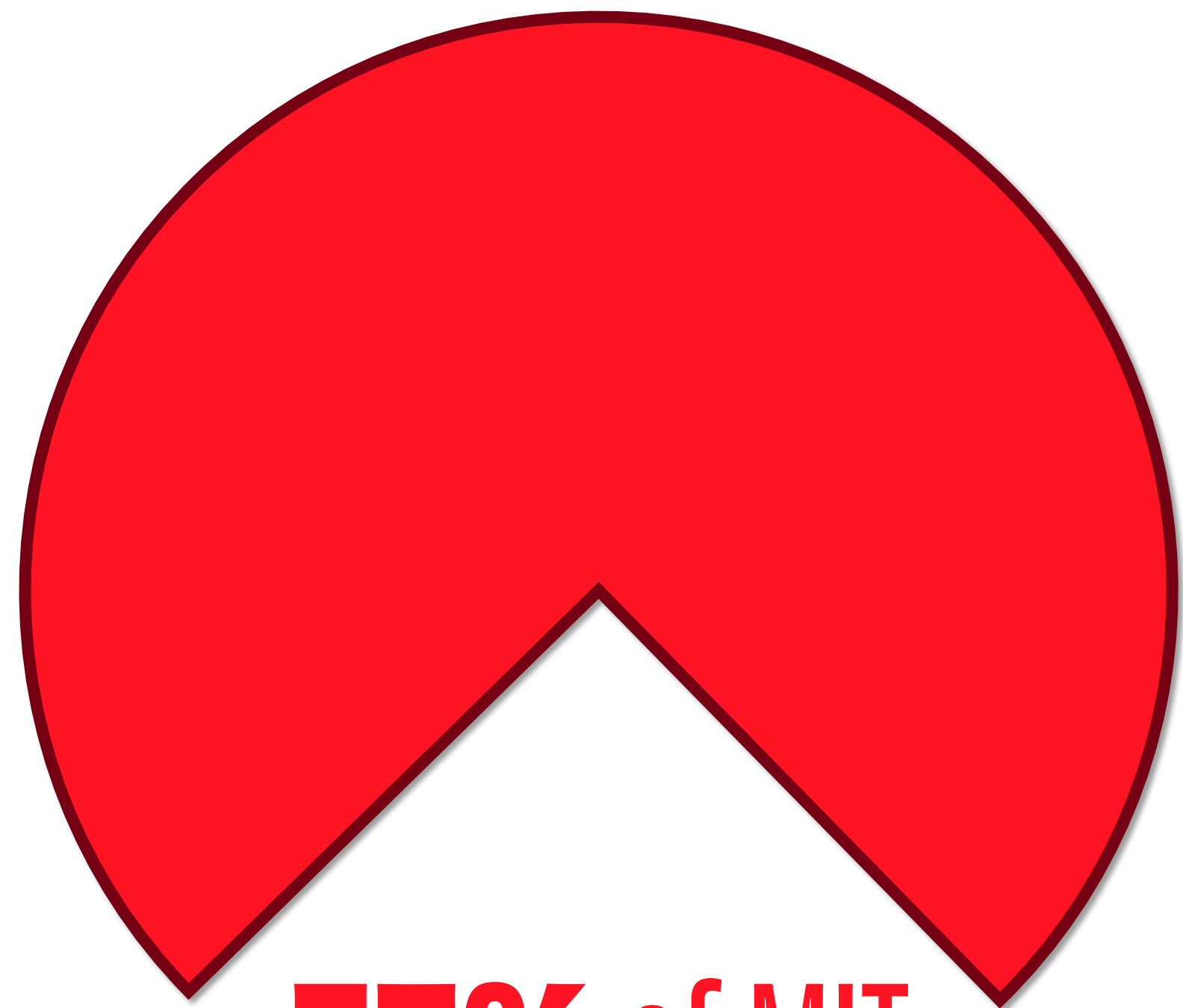
Fully supported by donations from the MIT community, the **CSF distributed \$45,000 to Cambridge nonprofits** where MIT volunteers are at work and nearly **\$29,000 to service projects** led by the MIT community during the 2023-2024 academic year.

Established by MIT in April 2020 as an urgent response to the rapidly unfolding health crisis, the employee-based **Covid-19 Neighborhood Response Fund provided immediate support to six Cambridge organizations.**

Over the past four years, the Neighborhood Response fund **distributed over \$180,000 from over 400 MIT community members** to the six community-based organizations: Cambridge Community Center, CASPAR, East End House, Food for Free, Just-A-Start, and Margaret Fuller House.



# K-12 Academic Enrichment



**75%** of MIT departments participate in K-12 outreach opportunities



## Scholarships

Now in its eighth year, the **MIT Impact Scholarship** program awards ten \$10,000 scholarships annually to college-bound students from Cambridge. The awards are made based on the students' personal impact and are intended to help defray the cost of post-secondary education. **To-date, scholarships in the amount of \$800,000 have been awarded to 80 Cambridge students.**

MIT proudly contributed **\$25,000** towards the **Cambridge Promise Scholarships**, ensuring full funding for Cambridge residents attending Bunker Hill Community College. This initiative aims to confront disparities in educational achievement and defray the escalating costs of higher education.

## City Collaborations

MIT hosts several **Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program (MSYEP)** worksites that provide opportunities for Cambridge high schoolers to gain exposure to future educational and career pathways. **The 2024 summer welcomed 52 Cambridge students at four MSYEP worksites across the Institute.**

Over the past five years, the **Tech Partnership** between MIT OGCR and Cambridge Public School's technology department has resulted in **more than 15 collaborations with MIT departments reaching approximately 1,500 K-12 learners.** Additionally, more than ten professional development opportunities have been jointly curated for educators.



Learn more about what we do and MIT's Impact in Cambridge

