



BOSTON COLLEGE COMMUNITY BENEFITS REPORT 2017-2019

COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF BOSTON



Submitted to Boston Redevelopment Authority

SUMMARY

Boston College has a proud history and special relationship with Boston, enriching and contributing to the City's vibrancy through its academic, cultural and recreational resources, community partnerships and volunteer and service learning programs. The University's contributions to the city, reflect its mission as an institution of higher learning and its Jesuit tradition of forming students to be men and women in service to others.

In August of 2014, the University entered in to a Cooperation Agreement with the City of Boston that included a commitment to public benefits to be implemented over the duration of the ten-year Institutional Master Plan approved in 2009. This following report highlights the University's ongoing progress in implementing a number of the community benefits listed in the Cooperation Agreement.

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT FUND

In conjunction with the City and the Boston College Allston Brighton Community Task Force (Task Force), the University established the Neighborhood Improvement Fund (NIF) in the amount of \$2,564,000 with the goal of providing grants to finance projects that enhance the public realm when public sources of funding may be inadequate or unavailable. The NIF established two categories: small grants (\$10,000 to \$25,000) and large grants (over \$25,000 up to \$100,000).

In 2015, Boston College awarded \$446,138 in NIF grants to six (6) Allston-Brighton organizations and their fiscal agents listed below, funding community projects that support youth, veterans, small businesses, public safety, recreational open space and bicycle transportation. All projects have been completed.

- Allston Brighton Veterans/Brighton Marine Health Center/City of Boston Veteran's Services Department-\$90,000
- Boston Police Department-District 14-\$40,00
- Boston Bikes/Hubway/Boston Transportation Department-\$95,600
- Brighton Main Streets-\$100,000
- Friends of Chestnut Hill Reservation/Department of Conservation & Recreation-\$25,000
- Friends of McKinney Park/Boston Parks & Recreation Department-\$95,538

In 2017, Boston College awarded \$325,798 in NIF Grants to five (5) Allston-Brighton organizations and their fiscal agents listed below, funding community projects that support youth, veterans, parks and open space, local business/main street district and public art. All projects have been completed, with the exception of the Jackson Mann Community School & Council's playground project. All grant funds were returned to Boston College due to the slated closure of the Jackson Mann Complex in 2021.

- Allston Village Main Streets-\$36,000
- Artists for Humanity-\$30,798
- Department of Conservation & Recreation-\$59,000
- Jackson Mann Community School & Council-\$100,000
- VFW Post 669/The Fund for Parks & Recreation-\$100,000

In 2019, Boston College awarded, \$1,104,095 in NIF Grants to seven (7) Allston-Brighton organization and their fiscal agents listed below, funding community projects that support youth, seniors, parks and recreation, education, community gardens, open space, public art & light installations, bicycle transportation, and local businesses/main street districts.

- Allston Brighton CDC/Department of Public Works-\$20,000
- Allston Village Main Streets-\$60,000
- Artists for Humanity-\$42,846
- Boston Parks & Recreation/The Fund for Parks & Recreation-\$750,000
- Boston Transportation Department/Bluebikes-\$106,250
- Brighton Gateway Committee/Brighton Marine Health Center-\$100,000
- Gardner Pilot Academy/Boston Educational Development Foundation-\$24,999

To date, \$787,969 remains in the NIF grant fund for future distribution.

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Boston College annually awards fifteen (15) full-tuition scholarships to qualified Boston residents (with a priority to Allston-Brighton residents). If no Allston or Brighton students qualify, the scholarships are awarded to students who meet the requirements and reside in other neighborhoods of Boston. Recipients must be admitted as full-time undergraduates to the Boston College first-year class through the standard admission process, must be a resident of Boston and must be from families demonstrating need in excess of \$15,000 pursuant to institutional financial aid criteria. Students must also maintain good academic standing for the scholarship to renew.

Academic Year 2016-2017

Recipients by neighborhood: Allston-0, Brighton-5, Charlestown-1, Dorchester-3, East Boston-3, Roslindale-2, South End-1

2016 Tuition: \$50,480

Total Aid Awarded to First-Year Students: \$757,200

Total Aid Awarded for Academic Year: \$2,757,818

Academic Year 2017-2018

Recipients by neighborhood: Allston-3, Brighton-3, Dorchester-3, East Boston-2, Hyde Park-3, South Boston-1

2017 Tuition: \$52,500

Total Aid Awarded to First-Year Students: \$787,500

Total Aid Awarded for Academic Year: \$2,901,108

Academic Year 2018-2019

Recipients by neighborhood: Allston-1, Brighton-3, Charlestown-1, Dorchester-4, East Boston-1, Hyde Park-3, Roxbury-1, West Fens-1

Tuition: \$54,600

Total Aid Awarded to First-Year Students: \$819,000

Total Aid Awarded for Academic Year: \$3,000,840

WOODS COLLEGE OF ADVANCING STUDIES (WCAS) BOSTON SCHOLARSHIP

The Woods College of Advancing Studies annually awards up to a maximum of five tuition-only undergraduate scholarships per year to residents of Boston (with a priority to Allston-Brighton residents). The scholarship is administered by the Woods College of Advancing Studies in collaboration with the Office of Governmental & Community Affairs. Recipients of the scholarship must meet the requirements for admission to the WCAS and have demonstrated financial need. WCAS Boston Scholarship recipients may enroll in a degree or non-degree program. Non-degree students are awarded the scholarship on a case by case basis and at the sole discretion of Boston College. Recipients must maintain good academic standing as defined by the WCAS for the scholarship to renew.

Academic Year 2015-2016

Recipients by neighborhood: Brighton-3, Allston-1, Dorchester-1

Total Aid Awarded for All Students: \$34,264

Academic Year 2016-2017

Recipients by neighborhood: Brighton-4, Allston-0, Dorchester-1

Total Aid Awarded for All Students: \$41,660

Academic Year 2017-2018

Recipients by neighborhood: Brighton-5, Allston-0, Dorchester-1

Total Aid Awarded for All Students: \$40,412

Academic Year 2018-2019

Recipients by neighborhood: Brighton-4, Allston-0, Dorchester-2, Roslindale-1, South Boston-1

Total Aid Awarded for All Students: \$77,422

BOSTON COLLEGE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER (BCNC)

Located in the neighborhood at 480 Washington Street in Brighton, the Boston College Neighborhood Center's mission is to connect Boston College resources to community needs. In conjunction with various departments, faculty, staff and students, the BCNC coordinates and offers tutoring, mentoring and student volunteer service programs, free conversational English classes, community fund grants and employment workshops.

The employment workshops, conducted by BC hiring managers and focused on helping neighborhood residents navigate the job search process at Boston College or in higher education generally, have been popular with local residents. Following the workshops, a number of attendees have successfully found full-time and part-time employment at the University. Workshops topics range from how to conduct a higher education job search, how to get a job in the Boston College "Temp Pool", interview preparation for BC dining positions, drafting attention-getting resumes and cover letters, as well as advice on utilizing LinkedIn and other social media in a job search.

BOSTON COLLEGE COMMUNITY FUND

Created in 1995, by Boston College and late Mayor Thomas Menino, the fund's mission is to provide grants to Allston-Brighton community groups and non-profit organizations that will enhance the community through civic engagement, beautification initiatives, youth enrichment and educational programs. A fund committee, responsible for grant review and approval, is composed of community residents and representatives from Boston College and the City of Boston. The Office of Governmental & Community Affairs and the Boston College Neighborhood Center support the outreach and administration of the fund. Two grant cycles are offered in the fall and spring of each year and eligible organizations are invited to apply for \$3,000 project grants.

Below are the rounds that have occurred and the grantees funded following the last community benefits update.

Fall 2016-\$3,000 Project Grants

Total Grant Award: \$35,865

Thirteen (13) funded organizations: Allston Board of Trade, Allston Brighton Youth Hockey Association, Brighton Board of Trade, Charles River Community Health, Commonwealth Tenants Association, Family Nurturing Center of Massachusetts, Allston-Brighton Little League, Friends of the Honan Allston Branch Library, Inc., Gardner Pilot Academy, Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, Saint Joseph Preparatory High School, Unbound Visual Arts, Inc. and West End House, Inc.

Spring 2017-\$3,000 Project Grants

Total Grant Award: \$35,115

Fourteen (14) funded organizations: Allston Brighton Substance Abuse Task Force, Boston Police Department, Brighton Main Streets, Charles River Conservancy, The Civic Conversations Project, Franciscan Children's, Friends of the Faneuil Library Branch of the Boston Public Library (FoFL), Horace Mann School for Deaf, Jackson Mann Community Center After School Program & Preschool Program, Oak Square YMCA, Presentation School Foundation (PSF) Community Center, Tenacity, Inc., West End House Camp, Inc. and West End House Girls Camp.

Fall 2017-\$3,000 Project Grants

Total Grant Award: \$32,530

Fourteen (14) funded organizations: Allston Brighton Little League, Allston Brighton Youth Hockey Association, Brighton Board of Trade, Chandler Pond Preservation Society, Charles River Community Health, City Connects at The Jackson Mann School, Faneuil Tenant Organization, Friends of Jewish

Community Housing for The Elderly, Inc., Road to the Right Track, The Boston Minstrels, The Steppingstone Foundation, The Veronica B. Smith Multi Service Senior Center, Inc., The Women's Table Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston and West End House, Inc.

Spring 2018-\$3,000 Project Grants

Total Grant Award: \$33,737

Thirteen (13) funded organizations: ABCD (Action for Boston Community Development) Allston-Brighton Neighborhood Opportunity Center, Allston Brighton Substance Abuse Task Force, Brazilian Women's Group, Brighton Main Streets, CommonWheels Bicycle Collective, The Fishing Academy, Inc., Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church Open Door Soup Kitchen, Irish International Immigrant Center, Oak Square YMCA, Painting with Pride & Purpose, St. Columbkille Partnership School, West End House Girls Camp and West End House Camp, Inc.

Fall 2018-\$3,000 Project Grants

Total Grant Award: \$29,133

Ten (10) funded organizations: Allston Board of Trade, Allston Brighton Little League, Allston Brighton Youth Hockey Association, Brighton Board of Trade, The Boston Minstrels, Boston Police PAL, Brighton Allston Congregational Church, Charles River Conservancy, The Veronica B. Smith Multi-Service Senior Center, Inc. and Winship School Parent Council (SPC).

Spring 2019-\$3,000 Project Grants

Total Grant Award: \$37,080

Fourteen (14) funded organizations: Allston Brighton Substance Abuse Task Force, Brighton High School, Charles River Community Health, The Fishing Academy, Inc., Franciscan Hospital for Children, Inc. DBA Franciscan Children's, Friends of the Honan-Allston Library, Inc., Granada House, Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church Open Door Soup Kitchen Program, ReadBoston, Mary Lyon Pilot Upper School, Oak Square YMCA, West End House Boys & Girls Club, West End House Camp, Inc. and West End House Girls Camp.

COMMUNITY HIRING EVENTS

Boston College conducts community hiring events twice a year, generally in February and July, focused on employment opportunities in Dining Services, Custodial Services, Building Trades, Public Safety & Security and the Temp Pool. Community hiring events were held in 2017, 2018 and 2019.

CONSTRUCTION EMPLOYMENT

The University is committed to the Boston Resident Jobs Policy and the hiring of union Boston residents, minorities and women on major construction projects. BC, our general contractors and subcontractors have made best faith efforts to meet the ordinance goals of 50% Residents, 25% Minorities and 10% Women. Results for the recently completed Margot Connell Recreation Center are consistent with reporting from other Boston projects during an extremely active city-wide construction cycle. BC Results: Residents-23%, People of Color-28% and Women: 5%.

NEIGHBORHOOD EMPLOYMENT

Boston College employs a large number of full-time and part-time faculty and staff from Boston, in particular from the neighborhoods of Allston and Brighton.

Year	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019
Allston-Brighton	290	298	294
Boston	837	842	810

ST. COLUMBKILLE PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL

In 2006, Boston College formed a unique partnership with St. Columbkille School and the Archdiocese of Boston, to create a school that provides students with a superior Pre-K to 8 education, grounded in Catholic values. Fourteen years later, the University remains committed to the partnership and continues to support the school in various ways: offering free master's degrees for all teachers who are admitted to the Lynch School of Education (generally 4 candidates per year), providing the City Connects Program to coordinate and deliver services to students and parents, providing student athlete volunteers and Read Aloud employee volunteers, academic advice and program support, and financial contributions for facilities and other expenses as needed.

OUTREACH/PROGRAMS/PARTNERSHIPS WITH BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Through the work of the dedicated faculty, staff and students at the Lynch School of Education, the University supported the Boston Public Schools (BPS) via the following programs:

- City Connects-Since 2001, City Connects and the BPS have collaborated to deliver a systematic, high-impact and cost-effective approach to addressing the out-of-school factors that limit a student's ability to learn. City Connects operates programs with a full-time coordinator(s) in 21 Boston Public Schools, including the Jackson/Mann K-8 and the Gardner Pilot Academy in Allston and the Edison K-8 and Winship Elementary School in Brighton. BC raises 60% of all funds for the City Connects coordinators salaries and benefits, as well as operational costs for the program.
- College Bound-A pre-collegiate enrichment program and support program offered to a diverse group of 50 to 60 students in 7th through 12th grade from three Boston Public Middle Schools: Gardner PILOT Academy, Dr. Henderson Inclusion School and the Neighborhood House Charter School. The curriculum focuses on Social Justice and STEM education, encouraging students to become change agents in their schools and local communities.
- Donovan Urban Teaching Scholars Program-An intensive one-year master's degree program in teacher preparation that places up to 30 graduate students in Boston Public Schools. The program is designed specifically to be responsive to the concerns and needs of urban students and families. Pre-practicum and practicum scholars can be found in the Jackson/Mann K-8 and Brighton High School and a number of Donovan alumni are currently teaching in the Boston Public Schools.

MAYOR'S SUMMER EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM-PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL (PIC)

As a participant in and supporter of the PIC program since 1998, Boston College offers employment opportunities for Boston high school students, with a focus on students attending schools located in Brighton such as Brighton High, Boston Green Academy and Another Course to College. Over the six-week paid summer program, student gain valuable job experience and administrative skills working in various offices and departments across campus such as the Office of Governmental & Community Affairs, IT, Accounts Payable, Human Resources, Lynch School of Education, Learning to

Learn, Student Affairs, Bookstore, Office of Parking & Transportation, Connell School of Nursing and Alumni Relations.

Summer	Number of Students	BC Payroll Funding
2017	18	\$39,204
2018	15	\$32,670
2019	13	\$30,888

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Under the direction of the Office of Governmental and Community Affairs, a full-time employee, the Boston College Off-Campus Student Community Liaison, works in conjunction with Office of Student Affairs, the Boston College Police, the Boston Police-District 14, neighbors and other community-based organizations to prevent, respond to and reduce the number of off-campus noise and student behavior complaints in the neighborhoods surrounding Boston College. The model-program has successfully reduced complaints from 31 in academic year 2016-2017 to 20 in academic year 2018-2019.

