



BOSTON COLLEGE COMMUNITY BENEFITS REPORT 2015 & 2016

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 to support youth, veterans, small businesses, public safety, recreational open space and bicycle transportation.

- 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, Inc.-\$100,000
- Friends of Chestnut Hill Reservation/Department of Conservation & Recreation-\$25,000
- Friends of McKinney Park/Boston Parks & Recreation Department-\$95,538

Following a review of recommended projects put forth by the Task Force to Boston College and the City, the Boston Redevelopment Authority approved

the grants at a meeting on September 17, 2015. Father Leahy and Mayor Walsh presented checks to the recipients at a grant ceremony on January 15, 2016 at Boston College. The 2016 NIF grant applications were released on June 3, 2016 and applications are due to the Boston College Neighborhood Center by 5 p.m. on August 10, 2016.

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Boston College annually awards fifteen (15) full-tuition scholarships to qualified Boston residents (with a priority to Allston-Brighton residents). Recipients must be admitted as full-time undergraduates to the Boston College first-year class through the standard admission process, must have resided in Boston continuously for four years at a minimum prior to matriculation and must be from families demonstrating need in excess of \$15,000 pursuant to uniform financial aid criteria. Students must also maintain good academic standing for the scholarship to renew.

Academic Year 2014-2015

Recipients by neighborhood: Allston-3, Brighton-3, Back Bay-1, Dorchester-5, Hyde Park -3

Total Aid Awarded to First-Year Students: \$699,575

Total Aid Awarded for Academic Year: \$2,119,539

Academic Year 2015-2016

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

Total Aid Awarded to First-Year Students: \$728,100

Total Aid Awarded for Academic Year: \$2,402,730

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 2014-2015

Recipients by neighborhood: Brighton-4, Dorchester-1
Total Aid Awarded for All Students: \$20,560

Academic Year 2015-2016

Recipients by neighborhood: Brighton-3, Allston-1, Dorchester-1
Total Aid Awarded for All Students: \$34,264

BOSTON COLLEGE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER (BCNC)

In August of 2013, the Boston College Neighborhood Center relocated from 425 Washington Street to 480 Washington Street in Brighton. The new location provides enhanced and accessible space for community programming and meetings, as well a parking. Since the move, the BCNC in conjunction with the BC Human Resources Department, hosted five (5) on-site informational workshops focused on finding employment at Boston College and in higher education generally.

Workshops were held on November 14, 2013, May6, 2014, October 29, 2014, May 13, 2015, and May 25, 2016. Topics ranged from how to conduct a higher education job search, to how to get a job in the Boston College “Temp Pool” to drafting attention-getting resumes and cover letters, as well as advice on utilizing LinkedIn and other social media in a job search. On average 6 to 8 Boston residents, many from Allston-Brighton, attended the workshops. As a direct result of this outreach, four residents found jobs in the BC Temp Pool and two residents (one from Brighton) were hired for full-time, benefits eligible positions at the University.

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, as well as a \$25,000 beautification grant offered on a biennial basis.

Fall 2014-\$3,000 Project Grants

Total Grant Award: \$33,921

Twelve (12) funded organizations: Allston Board of Trade, Brighton Board of Trade, Allston Brighton Little League, Jewish Community Housing for the Elderly, Franciscan Hospital for Children, Boston Police Department, The Charles River Conservancy, The Literacy Connection-Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston, The Boston Minstrels, Horace Mann School for the Deaf-Basketball Program, Scan Works at Horace Mann School for the Deaf and West End Boys & Girls Club.

Spring 2015-\$3,000 Project Grants

Total Grant Award: \$34,095

Thirteen (13) funded organizations: Addiction Treatment Center of New England, Action for Boston Community Development, Inc. (ABCD), Granada House, The Fishing Academy, Inc., West End House Girls Camp, Allston-Brighton Substance Abuse Task Force, Boston Police Activities League (PAL), Boston Arts & Tourism, West End House Camp, Read Boston, Jackson/Mann Community Center After School Program & Pre-School Program, Oak Square YMCA and Allston Village Main Streets.

Fall 2015-\$3,000 Project Grants

Total Grant Award: \$39,837

Fourteen (14) funded organizations: Allston Board of Trade, Brighton Board of Trade, Allston Brighton Little League, Allston Brighton Youth Hockey, Boston Police Department, Brazilian Women's Group, Charles River Conservancy, Family Nurturing Center of MA-Allston Brighton Diaper Pantry, Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church-Open Door Soup Kitchen, Mary Lyon K-8 School, Road to the Right Track, The Literacy Connection-Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston, West End Boys & Girls Club and the Winship School Parent Council.

\$25,000 Beautification Grant

The \$25,000 beautification grant was not awarded in 2015. The committee did not receive any applications that met the eligibility and funding criteria, so the grant was held over.

Spring 2016-\$3,000 Project Grants

Total Grant Award: \$35,950

Thirteen (13) funded organizations: Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD), Allston Brighton Substance Abuse Task Force, The Boston Minstrels, Boston Police Activities League (PAL), Brighton Allston Improvement Association (BAIA), Common Wheels Bicycle Collective, Crittenton Women's Union, The Fishing Academy, Inc., Franciscan Children's Hospital, Oak Square YMCA, ReadBoston, West End House Camp, Inc. and the West End House Girls Camp.

ANNUAL JOB FAIRS/COMMUNITY HIRING EVENT

Boston College conducts community job fairs or hiring events generally twice a year focused on employment opportunities in Dining Services, Custodial Services, Building Trades, Public Safety & Security and the Temp Pool.

A community hiring event was held on December 3, 2014 resulting in two hires in the Temp Pool. Similar community hiring events were held on July 8, 2015, December 2, 2015 and January 21, 2016 resulting in a total of 24 Boston resident hires. Of the 24 Boston residents, 7 reside in Brighton. An additional job fair is planned for July of 2016.

CONSTRUCTION EMPLOYMENT

The University is currently in discussion with the Building Pathways Program to identify eligible Allston-Brighton candidates for their upcoming training program. 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 2150 Commonwealth Avenue Residence Hall and 2000 Commonwealth Avenue Residence Hall projects are consistent with reporting from other Boston projects during what has been an extremely active city-wide construction cycle. BC Results: Residents-20-25%, Minorities-30-37% and Women: 3-4%.

NEIGHBORHOOD EMPLOYMENT

During the 2015-2016 academic year, Boston College employed 358 residents from the neighborhoods of Allston and Brighton. Boston College employed 664 residents from other neighborhoods in the City of Boston.

“WALK TO WORK” MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Representatives from the President's Office, Financial VP & Treasurer's Office, VP for Governmental Relations & Community Affairs and the General Counsel are currently working on the details related to the announcement and implementation of this program.

FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Representatives from the Office of Governmental & Community Affairs met with Department of Neighborhood Development to request assistance in identifying providers offering established first-time home buyer education programs. The University plans to work with these organizations to find qualified Allston or Brighton residents who have successfully completed the home-buyer program and have met the saving threshold of \$5,000 toward a home purchase.

ST. COLUMBKILLE PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL

Starting 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. The University is 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) in 2015 and 2016 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 offered to a diverse group of 50 to 60 students from three Boston Public High Schools: Brighton High School, West Roxbury Academy and the Urban Science Academy. 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 up to 25 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. Students 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. In the summer of 2015, BC employed 19 students and expended approximately \$41,700 in student salaries for a seven (7) week program. Summer of 2016, BC will employ 20 students and expend approximately \$39,600 for a six (6) week program.

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 by almost 50% from 23 in academic year 2015-2015 to 12 in academic year 2015-2106.

