



**BOSTON COLLEGE
COMMUNITY BENEFITS REPORT
2020-2023**

**COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH
THE CITY OF BOSTON**



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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 into 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. To date, \$2,275,856 in funding has been disbursed to Allston-Brighton organizations and their public agency partners for various projects that enhance and benefit the Allston-Brighton community.

2020 NIF COVID-19 Emergency Relief Grants

In partnership with the City of Boston and the Boston College Task Force, Boston College distributed \$125,000 in emergency NIF grants to aid the City of Boston and local non-profit organizations in COVID-19 pandemic relief efforts. Please see linked [2020 NIF COVID-19 Emergency Relief Grant](#) report.

- **\$25,000—Donation to the City of Boston Resiliency Fund.** The Boston Resiliency Fund, part of the Boston Charitable Trust, was established by the City to raise money to provide essential services to residents of the City of Boston impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The focus of the fund is to provide food to Boston children and seniors, purchase technology for BPS students and support medical and other first responders. The BC donation was targeted to support organizations distributing food and other essential items to families in need in Allston and Brighton neighborhoods.
- **\$50,000—Funds to BC Dining Service \$25,000 to purchase products and prepare "complete" frozen meals** (protein, starch, vegetable) to continue food distribution to the YMCA system, the

Brazilian Worker Center Food Pantry, St. Anthony's Church Food Pantry, the Boston Public Health Commission Shelter System and the West End House. **\$25,000 to purchase high-demand grocery items** such as bread, shelf-stable milk, yogurt, cheese, rice beans, and canned meat/chicken/protein for distribution to families in need at the sites mentioned above.

- **\$25,000—Funds to BC Purchasing Department for bulk purchase of 161,000 diapers (805 cases)** of various sizes from infant to toddlers. In addition to food, the most requested item from the community to service providers was diapers. The bid, prepared and expedited by BC Purchasing, allowed the University to get the most competitive pricing to maximize the amount of diapers purchased. Due to the large volume, the diapers were stored at BC's warehouse and were transported to the BC Neighborhood Center (BCNC) where they were distributed weekly by staff from the Office of Governmental & Community Affairs (OGCA) and the BCNC to the Allston Brighton Diaper Pantry, the Charles River Community Health Center, The Martha Eliot Health Center, the Brazilian Worker Center and the West End House (upon request).
- **\$25,000—Funds to OGCA to purchase 500, \$50 Stop & Shop grocery gift cards** to be given out by BC to supplement the efforts of local food pantry programs operating at St. Anthony's Church and the Brazilian Worker Center in Allston. The gift cards were purchased through Stop & Shop's Cash for Causes program and all 501(c)3 organizations receive a 5% discount to make the purchase go further. In addition, Stop & Shop generously donated \$2500 in additional gift cards to support the University's efforts.

In 2023, Boston College awarded \$274,825 in NIF Grants to two (2) Allston-Brighton organizations and their fiscal agents listed below for parks and open space improvements, bicycle transportation and public art. Please see linked [2023 NIF grant report](#).

- Allston Brighton CDC & Artists for Humanity-\$24,825
Design and installation of three artistic bicycle racks in Allston
- Friends of Chandler Pond & Boston Parks & Recreation
Department-\$250,000
Shoreline restoration of Chandler Pond including removal of invasive plants, planting of biodiverse native vegetative buffers and the creation of new accessible access points around the pond.

BOSTON COLLEGE COMMUNITY FUND

Created in 1995, by Boston College and the city of Boston, 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.

Spring 2020-\$3,000 Project Grants

Total Grant Award: \$36,400

Eighteen (18) funded organizations:

- Allston Brighton Community Development Corporation
- ABCD Allston-Brighton Neighborhood Opportunity Center
- Allston Brighton Food Pantry % Brighton Allston Congregational Church
- Allston Village Main Streets
- Boston Police Department/Road to the Right Track
- Brazilian Women's Group
- Brighton Allston Improvement Association
- Brighton Main Streets
- Charles River Community Health
- DEAF, Inc.
- Family Nurturing Center of Massachusetts & Allston-Brighton Family Support Network
- Franciscan Children's
- Gardner Pilot Academy
- Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, Open Door Soup Kitchen and Grocery Bag Program
- Jackson Mann School
- Oak Square YMCA
- Presentation School Foundation, Inc.
- West End House, Inc.

Fall 2020-\$3,000 Project Grants

Total Grant Award: \$40,300

Thirteen (13) funded organizations:

- Allston Board of Trade

- Baldwin Early Learning Pilot Academy
- Brazilian Women's Group
- Brighton Board of Trade
- Brighton Main Streets
- Brighton High School
- Edison K8 School Emotional Impairment Reinforcement Fund
- FriendshipWorks
- Gardner Pilot Academy
- Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church/Open Door Soup Kitchen and Grocery Bag Program
- Oak Square YMCA
- St. Columbkille Partnership School
- Winship School Parent Council

Spring 2021-\$3,000 Project Grants

Total Grant Award: \$46,012

Fifteen (15) funded organizations:

- Allston Brighton Community Development Corporation (CDC): Community Library
- Allston Brighton Little League: 2021 Uniform & Equipment Expenses
- Allston Brighton Substance Abuse Task Force: Rebranding Project
- Charles River Community Health: Mom and Baby Program - Safety First
- Charles River Conservancy: Conservancy Volunteers
- Chestnut Hill Reservoir Community Garden: Native Plant Pollinator Garden
- Family Nurturing Center of Massachusetts: Expanding Capacity of the Allston-Brighton Family Support Network
- The Fishing Academy: Camperships
- Jackson Mann School and Council, Inc: Jackson Mann, Community Center's Firmly Rooted Relaunch
- PSF Community Center: Enhancing our Community Rooms to Better Meet the Needs of Allston Brighton Organizations
- Shaloh House School: School Produce Garden
- Unbound Visual Arts: UVA Exhibition Gallery at the Arthaus
- West End House Camp: Project Camperships 2021
- West End House Girls Camp: Support for Underserved Girls from Allston/Brighton to Attend Summer Camp
- West End House, Inc.: West End House Digital Arts Program

Fall 2021-\$3,000 Project Grants

Total Grant Award: \$36,000

Twelve (12) funded organizations:

- Allston Brighton Youth Hockey: 2021-2022 AB Youth Hockey program costs
- Brighton Board Trade: Holiday Lights Program
- ABCD Allston Brighton Neighborhood Opportunity Center: Mobile Food Pantry Sustainability Project
- Boston Police Department: Shop with a Cop
- Saint Joseph's Preparatory High School: Women's Varsity Hockey Program equipment
- Allston Board of Trade: Holiday Lights Program
- Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church
- Open Door Kitchen and St. Bridget's Grocery Bag Program: Repair of open door refrigerator and stove
- The Veronica B. Smith Multi Service Senior Center: Senior Engagement Program
- Winship School Parent Council: Winship School Outdoors Classroom Revitalization and Bicycle Rack Installation Project
- Oak Square YMCA: YMCA Hunger Prevention Program
- The Boston Minstrels: Wireless Microphone Project
- Franciscan Hospital for Children: Adaptive Sports Program at Franciscan Children's

Spring 2022-\$3,000 Project Grants

Total Grant Award: \$36,226

Thirteen (13) funded organizations:

- Allston Village Main Streets: Allston Banner Program
- Brighton Allston Congregational Church: Project Greenhouse & Allston Brighton Food Pantry
- Charles River Conservancy: Conservancy Volunteers Community Volunteer Events
- The Fishing Academy: Hooked on Fishing
- Gardner Pilot Academy: Family Support at GPA: Welcoming Families to Meet Optimal Student Outcomes
- The Granada House: Granada House Healing Garden
- Penniman Community Garden: Penniman Community Garden - Border Creation
- PSF Community Center: Enhancing our Community Rooms to Meet Evolving Needs of Community in Post-COVID Era
- Road to the Right Track: Special Events Program
- Saint Columbkille Partnership School: Loyola Middle School Classroom Technology Upgrade
- Unbound Visual Arts: Arthaus Gallery - Phase 2 Enhancement
- West End House Camp, Inc.: Project Camperships 2022
- West End House Girls Camp: Camper Scholarships

Fall 2022-\$3,000 Project Grants

Total Grant Award: \$38,465

Thirteen (13) funded organizations:

- ABCD Allston Brighton Neighborhood Opportunity Center: December Meals & Toys Program
- Baldwin Early Learning Pilot Academy: Enrichment Activities
- Boston Police Department: Shop with a Cop
- Brazilian Women's Group: Targeting basic needs of Brazilians in Allston/Brighton
- Brighton Allston Improvement Association (BAIA): BAIA Technical Upgrade
- Brighton Board of Trade: Brighton Holiday Lights
- Congregation Kadimah-Toras Moshe: Buildout of Pollinator Garden
- Family Nurturing Center of Massachusetts, Inc.: Direct Aid for Allston-Brighton Families with Young Children
- Franciscan Hospital for Children, Inc.: Adaptive Sports Program
- Friends of 2Life Communities, Inc.: Brighton Community Reading Chair for Intergenerational Connections
- Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, Open Door Soup Kitchen & St. Bridget's Grocery Bag Program: Open Door Equipment Repairs & Maintenance + Food Purchases for Meals Grocery Bags
- Oak Square YMCA: Hunger Prevention Program
- St. Joseph Preparatory High School: Hockey Equipment

Spring 2023-\$3,000 Project Grants

Total Grant Award: \$39,914

Fifteen (15) funded organizations:

- Boston Rising Tide: Allston/Brighton Community - Volleyball/Sport Clinic
- Charles River Conservancy, Inc.: Conservancy Volunteer/Community Volunteer Events
- Community Rowing, Inc.: Let's Row Summer Learn-to-Row Camp
- The Corner Art Room: Sound System Solution
- The Fishing Academy: Hooked on Fishing
- Friends of Herter Park: Improved Lighting/Signage/Community Awareness Project 2023
- Friends of the Honan Allston Library: Sewing Machine Maintenance
- Penniman Community Garden: Combat
- Road to the Right Track: Summer Programming & Incentive Program
- Saint Columbkille Partnership School.: Saint Columbkille Athletic Program
- Shaloh House: School Vegetable Garden Educational Programming
- Spark A Life with Art: Spart with Art Community Arts Fest
- Unbound Visual Arts: Technology Enhancements

- West End House Camp, Inc.: Project Camperships 2023
- West End House Girls Camp: Camper Scholarships

Fall 2023-\$3,000 Project Grants

Total Grant Award: \$35,114

Twelve (12) funded organizations:

- Action for Boston Community Development: Holiday Meals and Toy Program
- Allston/Brighton Chamber of Commerce: 2023 Holiday Lights
- Allston Brighton Youth Hockey Association: 2023-2024 Program Costs
- Allston Village Main Streets: Allston Holiday Lights Program
- Baldwin Early Learning Pilot Academy: First Grade Swim Lessons
- Boston Police Department: Shop with a Cop
- Brighton High School: Providing Community Supports through Work Based Learning
- Family Nurturing Center of Massachusetts, Inc.: Allston-Brighton Diaper Pantry
- Faneuil Tenants Organization: The Togetherness Project
- Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church: Open Door Freezer Replacement
- Presentation School Foundation, Inc.: PSF Community Center - Improving Safety & Food Accessibility
- Winship School Parent Council (SPC): Winship School Outdoor Beautification Project

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 2019-2020

Recipients by neighborhood: Allston-2, Brighton-1, Dorchester-6, East Boston-1, Hyde Park-3, West Roxbury-2

2019-20 Tuition: \$56,780

Total Aid Awarded to First-Year Students: \$851,700

Total Aid Awarded for Academic Year: \$3,253,318

Academic Year 2020-2021

Recipients by neighborhood: Brighton-6, Dorchester-4, Roxbury-1, Boston-1, South End-3

2019-20 Tuition: \$59,050

Total Aid Awarded to First-Year Students: \$851,700

Total Aid Awarded for Academic Year: \$3,339,477

Academic Year 2021-2022

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

2019-20 Tuition: \$60,530

Total Aid Awarded to First-Year Students: \$907,950

Total Aid Awarded for Academic Year: \$3,483,198

Academic Year 2022-2023

Recipients by neighborhood: Brighton-3, Boston(Chinatown)-2, Hyde Park-3, Roslindale-2, Roxbury-5

2019-20 Tuition: \$62,950

Total Aid Awarded to First-Year Students: \$939,682

Total Aid Awarded for Academic Year: \$3,737,514

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 2019-2020

Recipients by neighborhood: Brighton-3, Allston-0, Roxbury-3

Total aid awarded for all students: \$16,020

Academic Year 2020-2021

Recipients by neighborhood: Brighton-0, Allston-0, Roxbury-2, Mattapan-1

Total aid awarded for all students: \$52,390

Academic Year 2021-2022

Recipients by neighborhood: Brighton-0, Allston-0, Roxbury-1, Mattapan-1
Total aid awarded for all students: \$17,536

Academic Year 2022-2023

Recipients by neighborhood: Brighton-1, Allston-0, Mattapan-1
Total aid awarded for all students: \$6,840

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. A full-time director and part-time assistant director work with various University departments, faculty, staff and students to coordinate and operate the following programs on a yearly basis: a no-cost community tutoring program, free conversational ESOL classes, sponsorship of the BC Strong Women Strong Girls student mentoring chapter, coordination of the volunteer Literacy Partnership Program, as well as administration of the Community Fund Grants. Please see linked BCNC newsletters highlighting the ongoing work of the office during 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023.

CONSTRUCTION EMPLOYMENT

The University is committed to the Boston Resident Jobs Policy as amended in 2017 and the hiring of union Boston residents, people of color and women on University construction projects over 50,000 square feet. BC, the general contractor and subcontractors will make best faith efforts to meet the plan's employment standards of 51% Boston residents, 40% people of color and 12% women on all eligible projects. No projects meeting the square footage threshold for eligibility and reporting under the plan were constructed between 2020-2023.

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	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
Allston-Brighton	293	316	409	441
Boston-Total	685	777	966	1034

JOB FAIRS-COMMUNITY HIRING EVENTS

Boston College HR conducts community hiring at least twice a year focused on employment opportunities in Dining Services, Custodial Services, Building Trades, Public Safety & Security and the Temp Pool. HR also works with the following community partners located in Boston to post open positions: Boston Career Link, Boston Consortium, ABCD- Mattapan, Dorchester & Roxbury, YMCA Training Programs, Madison Park Technical Vocational School, Community Servings, the Kroc Center Culinary Training Program and Mass Hire-Boston. Please see attached information regarding notices of in-person or virtual hiring events held during 2020-2023.

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. Eighteen years later, the University remains committed to the partnership and supported the school between 2020-2023 by offering free master's degrees for all teachers who are admitted to the Lynch School of Education (generally 4 candidates per year), provided the City Connects Program to coordinate and deliver services to students and parents, provided student athlete volunteers and Read Aloud employee volunteers, served as a host site for the BC-St. Columbkille Race to Educate, provided academic advice and curriculum support, as well as financial contributions for facilities or 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
Started in 2001, City Connects is one of the leading strategies for schools to address many of the out-of-school challenges for children living in poverty. Each student is connected to a tailored set of prevention, enrichment and intervention services that match the child's individual strengths, needs and interests. Working with over 250 Boston-based community organizations, City Connects currently operates and places coordinators in six Boston Public Schools: James Hennigan K-8, John F. Kennedy Elementary, Joseph Lee K-8, Josiah Quincy Elementary, Dudley Street Neighborhood Charter School and Maurice Tobin K-8, serving a total of 2,107 students. BC raises 50% of all funds for the City Connects coordinators salaries and benefits, as well as operational costs, and has raised a total of \$50M to support the

program in BPS schools since 2001. The program also serves 2,245 Boston students attending eight Catholic schools located in the City.

- 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. During 2020-2023, pre-practicum and practicum scholars were placed in the following Boston Public Schools: Thomas Edison K-8, Gardner Pilot Academy, Jackson/Mann K-8, Mary Lyon K-8, Winship Elementary, John D. O'Bryant, Josiah Quincy Upper, JFK Elementary, TechBoston Academy, Boston Latin School, Mather and the Epiphany School. A number of Donovan alumni are currently teaching in the Boston Public Schools.
- Pine Manor Institute for Student Success-The Academy
Established in 2020, the Pine Manor Institute for Student Success created The Academy, a residential cost-free summer enrichment program on BC's campus designed for students in grades 8-12 from underrepresented and underserved communities, as well as first generation students. Students in The Academy also receive tutoring and mentoring services during the school year. Since the start of The Academy in summer of 2021, the program has served 62 Boston students attending 27 Boston-based public, charter and catholic schools. The public, charter and catholic school partners in Brighton include Brighton High, Boston Green Academy and St. Columbkille Partnership School. The college preparatory services previously provided through College Bound have been incorporated into The Academy.

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

As a participant in and supporter of the PIC program since 1998, Boston College has provided summer employment opportunities for 15-20 Boston high school students, with a focus on students from Brighton High and Boston Green Academy. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, BC and the PIC paused the program at Boston College and the University has begun conversations with PIC staff to evaluate the program's return. In the past, students gained valuable job experience and administrative skills working in various offices and departments across campus and were placed in the Office of Governmental & Community Affairs, Accounts Payable, IT, Human Resources, Lynch School of Education, Learning to Learn, Student Affairs, Bookstore, Office of Parking & Transportation, Connell School of Nursing and Alumni Relations.

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 Dean of Students Office, Boston College Police, 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 liaison monitors the off-campus community on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights as well as holidays and other high activity dates, particularly in areas where large numbers of off-campus students reside. Additionally, Boston College pays for Boston police details throughout the fall semester and in the spring semester as needed to assist CAP in responding to neighborhood complaints.

The CAP program successfully responded to and reduced the number of off-campus complaints from 20 in academic year 2020-2021, 29 in academic year 2021-2022 (increased complaints due to COVID-19 policy enforcement) to 14 reports in academic year 2022-2023.