



**BOSTON COLLEGE  
COMMUNITY BENEFITS REPORT  
2024-2025**

**COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH  
THE CITY OF BOSTON**



Submitted to the Boston Planning Department

## **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 2015 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.

### **2023 NIF Grant**

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](#).

- 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.  
Status-Project Completed
- Allston Brighton CDC & Artists for Humanity-\$24,825  
Design and installation of three artistic bicycle racks in Allston.  
Status-Project Completed

## **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 2025 - \$3000 Project Grants**

Total Grant Award: \$42,178

Sixteen (18) funded organizations:

- Allston Brighton Food Pantry: Beautifying Green Space in Brighton Center
- Allston Brighton Little League, Inc: 2025 Skill and Development Expenses
- Allston Brighton Yoga Collective: Spring/Summer 2025
- Brazilian Women's Group: Emergency Food Assistance for Immigrant Families in Allston-Brighton
- Brazilian Worker Center, Inc: Immigrant Youth Leadership Development in the Allston Brighton Area
- Brighton High School: Supporting Our Newest Community Members this Winter at BHS
- Brighton Branch - Boston Public Library: Intergenerational Gardening Club & Serenity Garden Support & Beautification
- Community Rowing, Inc: Youth Summer Rowing Programs
- Economic Mobility Pathways, Inc. (EMPath): Community Beautification & Reflection Garden Project
- Penniman Road Community Garden: Procurement of Tools & Materials to Support Healthy Gardens
- Road to the Right Track: Summer Events
- Shaloh House School: School Vegetable Garden & Micro-Farm Educational Programming
- Spark a Life with Art: The All-Brighton Creative Collective - A Creative Workshop Series

- The Common Room, Inc.: Scholarship for Supporting Social, Recreational & Cultural Experiences
- The Fishing Academy, Inc: 21st Season Summer Support
- The Women's Table, Sisters of St. Joseph, Boston: Supportive Circles
- West End House Camp, Inc: Project Camp 2025
- West End House Girls Camp: Camper Scholarships

### **Fall 2024 - \$3000 Project Grants**

Total Grant Award \$35,554

Thirteen (13) funded organizations:

- Allston Village Main Streets: Allston Village Holiday Lights
- Allston/Brighton Chamber of Commerce: 2024 Holiday Lights in Business District
- Baldwin Early Learning Pilot Academy: Swim Lesson Enrichment Program
- Boston Police Department (District 14): Shop with A Cop
- Brazilian Worker Center, Inc: Immigrant Youth Leadership Development in the Allston Brighton Area
- Brighton High School.: Supporting Our Newest Community Members this Winter at BHS
- Family Nurturing Center of Massachusetts: Allston-Brighton Diaper Pantry
- Faneuil Tenants Organization: Back to Basics
- Gardner Pilot Academy: GPA Food Pantry/La Tiendita
- Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, Open Door Soup Kitchen & St. Bridget's Grocery Bag Program: Helping with Food & Supply Costs for Open Door Weekly Meal
- Presentation School Foundation: Holiday Gift Drive Benefiting Allston-Brighton Children & New Refrigerator for Community Room
- The Corner Art Room, Corp.: Music Program Expansion
- Unbound Visual Arts: Artist Residency & Community Gatherings

### **Spring 2024 - \$3000 Project Grants**

Total Grant Award: \$46,289

Fifteen (15) funded organizations:

- Allston Brighton PAUSES: Teen Self-Care Fair
- Brighton Main Streets: Beautification Program
- West End House Girls Camp: Camper Scholarships
- Rat City Arts Festival: Rock of Ages Concert for Senior Citizens
- Addiction Treatment Center of New England: Recovery Home Front Garden Beautification Project
- Friends of Herter Park: Improved Lighting/Signage/ Community Awareness Project: 2024-Project Implementation
- West End House Camp, Inc: Project Camp 2024

- Shaloh House School: School Vegetable Garden and Micro-farm Educational Programming
- The Fishing Academy, Inc: Fishing Academy 20th Anniversary Support
- Penniman Road Community Garden: Integrated Pest Management Project-Burrow Rx machine and hardware cloth
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Columbkille Conference: Supplemental Food Security
- Brazilian Women's Group: Community Food Baskets
- Community Rowing, Inc. Youth Summer Rowing Program
- Spark a Life with Art, Inc.: Annual Spark a Life with Art Cultural Art Fest
- Allston Brighton Food Pantry/Brighton Allston Congregational Church: Beyond the Basket: Hygiene Translation and Storage for ABFP Guests

## **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 2024-2025**

Recipients by neighborhood: Brighton-4, Back Bay-1, Dorchester-5, East Boston-2, Mattapan-1, Roslindale-1, South End-1

2024-25 Tuition: \$69,400

Total Aid Awarded to First-Year Students: \$1,041,000

Total Aid Awarded for Academic Year: \$3,985,326

### **Academic Year 2023-2024**

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

2023-24 Tuition: \$66,410

Total Aid Awarded to First-Year Students: \$994,033

Total Aid Awarded for Academic Year: \$3,803,288

## **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 2024-2025**

Recipients by neighborhood: Brighton-2, Jamaica Plain-1, West Roxbury-1  
Total Aid Awarded: \$35,280

### **Academic Year 2023-2024**

Recipients by neighborhood: Brighton-1, East Boston-1  
Total Aid Awarded: \$16,324

### **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 chart below detailing breakdown of student volunteer hours by program for this past academic year 2024-2025. See linked newsletters highlighting the ongoing work of the office during [2024](#) and [2025](#).

**Boston College Neighborhood Center**  
**2024-2025 - Volunteer Hours**  
**October 2024 - May 2025**

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Formula</u>	<u>Total Hours/Semester</u>
BCNC Tutoring Program (In-person & Virtual)	66 students x 1 hour/week x 23 weeks	1,518 hours
BCNC ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages Program) - Virtual <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11 classes/week - fall and 7 classes/week - spring</li> </ul>	17 students x 1.5 hours/week x 23 weeks	587 hours
BC SWSG (Strong Women, Strong Girls Program) - In person <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Charlesview Community Center</li> <li>Edison K-8 School</li> <li>Gardner Pilot Academy</li> <li>Henry Grew School</li> <li>Winship School</li> </ul>	47 students x 4 hours/week x 23 weeks	4,324 hours
BLPP (BCNC Literacy Partnership Program) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>College Success Academy (virtual)</li> <li>St. Columbkille Partnership School (in-person)</li> </ul>	24 students x 8 hours/week x 23 weeks <i>(Students receive work study funds to tutor in the BLPP Program)</i>	4,416 hours
<b>Total Hours of Service for 2024-2025 Academic Year (October 2024 - May 2025)</b>	<b>150 students</b>	<b>10,845 hours</b>

## **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 in Boston in 2024 or 2025.

## **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.

<b>Year</b>	<b>2024-2025</b>
Allston-Brighton	389
Boston – Total	882

## **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 the attached notices of in-person or virtual hiring events held during 2024 and 2025.

## **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. Nineteen years later, the University remains committed to the partnership and continues to support the school and its programs through academic, volunteer and recreational assistance. Please see chart below:



## BC - St. Columbkille Partnership School Support

<u>Academic Collaborations</u>	<u>Volunteers</u>	<u>Athletics</u>
<p>Free tuition for teachers admitted to M. Ed program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Academic Year 2023-2024 5 teachers enrolled Tuition Value: \$50,640</li> <li>Academic Year 2024-2025 6 teachers enrolled Tuition Value: \$52,920</li> </ul> <p>Pre and full practicum student teacher placements</p> <p>Coaching for City Connects coordinator. Provide materials, a proprietary data collection system and program manager to conduct data analysis and produce reports. Total annual BC donation-\$40,000</p> <p>Roche Center for Catholic Education provides professional development programs for staff</p> <p>Collaborative research partnerships between BC faculty and STCPS staff. Joint presentations made at national education conferences</p> <p>Pine Manor Academy Four students from the rising eighth grade class are nominated and selected annually for The Academy</p>	<p>BC Read Aloud Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>40 staff read once a month to students in varying grade levels</li> </ul> <p>Boston College Neighborhood Center (BCNC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Graduate and undergraduate students tutor, mentor and support student academic growth</li> </ul> <p>4Boston Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undergraduate students support the STCPS after school program</li> </ul> <p>Emerging Leaders Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>50 undergraduate students volunteer on a weekly basis during the fall and spring semesters</li> </ul> <p>School of Theology &amp; Ministry Campus Minister Intern Academic Year 2023-2024 Academic Year 2024-2025</p>	<p>Student athletes from BC football, hockey and other teams volunteer in the classroom, at recess, on the sports field and at The Race to Educate.</p> <p>Use of Alumni Stadium, other on campus facilities and student and employee volunteers for <a href="#">BC Race to EducateSaintColumbkille</a> fundraiser. The 15th annual BC Race to Educate on April 26, 2025 raised \$165,000 for STCPS.</p> <p>Extra Yard Teacher Award Recognition of an outstanding teacher at a BC football game</p>

## OUTREACH/PROGRAMS/PARTNERSHIPS WITH BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

- City Connects

Started in 2001, City Connects is an evidence-based intervention that helps teachers in public, private and charter schools provide integrated support to address the needs of students in schools serving under-resourced neighborhoods and families. City Connects currently operates in MA (Boston, Springfield, Lowell), New York, Ohio, Minnesota, Missouri, Indiana and Dublin, Ireland.

Working with over 150 Boston-based community organizations, City Connects operated and placed coordinators in three Boston Public Schools: Joseph Lee K-8, Josiah Quincy Elementary and the Dudley Street Neighborhood Charter School, serving a total of 995 students.

The program also operated in seven Catholic Schools located in Boston: East Boston, Central Catholic, Mission Grammar School St. John Paul II Catholic Academy-Columbia, Lower Mills & Neponset and St. Columbkille Partnership School, serving 1,953 students. BC raises 50% of all funds for the City Connects coordinators salaries and benefits, as well as operational costs. Please see linked 2024 Progress Report.

- Donovan Urban Teaching Scholars Program

An intensive one-year master's degree program in teacher preparation that places up to 30 graduate students annually in Boston Public Schools. The program is designed specifically to be responsive to the concerns and needs of urban students and families. Eighteen pre-practicum and practicum students were placed in academic year 2023-2024 and 26 in academic year 2024-2025 in the following BPS schools: Thomas Edison K-6, Gardner Pilot Academy, Winship Elementary, Boston Latin, Boston Latin Academy, John D. O'Bryant, JFK Elementary, Epiphany School, Eliot School K-8, The Mason School, Dearborn STEM Academy, Philbrick Elementary, Mattahunt Elementary, Brooke Charter School-East Boston, Edgar F. Hooks Elementary, Bridge Boston, William Orenberger, Young Achievers, and the Rodger Clapp School.

- 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. For the 2024-2025 academic year, The Academy supported 77 students in 30 Boston 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 other partnership schools include: Academy Of The Pacific Rim, Boston College High School, Boston Latin Academy, Boston Latin School, Boston Preparatory Charter School, Brooke Charter School, Cathedral High School, Catholic Memorial School, Charlestown High School, Chelsea High School, Codman Academy Charter Public School, Commonwealth School, Cristo Rey Boston High School, Edward M Kennedy Academy for Health Careers, English High School, Epiphany School, Fenway High School, John D O'Bryant School of Math and Science, Joseph A. Browne Middle School, MATCH Charter Public Middle School, Meridian Academy, Nativity Preparatory School, Neighborhood House Charter, New Mission High School, Roxbury Preparatory High School, and Saint John Paul II Catholic Academy-Lower Mills & Columbia Campuses.

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

As a past participant and supporter of the PIC program since 1998, Boston College provided summer employment opportunities for 15-20 Boston high school students, with a focus on students from Brighton High and Boston Green Academy. Students worked in a number of University departments and offices including the Office of Governmental & Community Affairs, Human Resources, Information Services, the Bookstore, Athletics, Transportation and Parking, Accounts Payable, Student Affairs, Alumni Relations and the Connell School of Nursing. While the program is currently on hold, BC and the PIC are discussing a possible pilot program with BC Information Services tailored to students interested in working in technology services.

### **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 the Dean of Students Office, 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 liaison monitors the off-campus community on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights and other high activity dates such as Marathon Monday, Halloween and St. Patrick's Day, particularly in areas where large numbers of off-campus students reside. CAP proactively communicates with students at the fall and spring mandatory off-campus student meetings and throughout the year by visiting off-campus student residences with the Boston Police Department through the "Knock and Talk Program". 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 resolved 9 reports in academic year 2023-2024 and 14 reports in academic year 2024-2025.