

About Urban Edge

Urban Edge is a nonprofit community development organization located in Boston with a mission dedicated to strengthening communities and families. Together, we build affordable housing and vibrant, prosperous neighborhoods. We focus on economic justice through financial counseling, wealth building through homeownership education, anti-displacement through foreclosure prevention, and resident support services as we construct more affordable housing.

In 1974, redlining, real estate speculation, and displacement of low-income families were tearing at the fabric of Boston communities. The determined resident opposition had succeeded in halting the extension of I-95 through the City, but the landscape sustained the scars of cleared land. That's when community leaders came together and founded our agency to rebuild our neighborhood on the "urban edge." To date, we have developed nearly 1,500 units of supportive, affordable housing and maintain a portfolio of 1,369 units. Urban Edge's budget for CY21 is \$5.0M, and we currently employ a staff of 28.

More than 90% of the families we work with are BIPOC, with an intentional focus on Egleston and Jackson Squares. Jackson Square is where Boston's Latin Quarter meets its historic African-American neighborhood at the crossroads of Jamaica Plain and Roxbury. Demographics served by race/ethnicity: 38% Latinx; 30% Black; 27% Multiracial; and 6% white. Seventy-one percent are female and 29% male. Demographics by Area Median Income (AMI): 60% are 0-30% AMI; 13% are 31-50% AMI; 14% are 50-80% AMI; 9% are 80-110% AMI; and 4% are 110%+ AMI. By Age: 33% 0-18, 24% 19-34, 15% 35-49, 21% 50-69, 7% 70+.

Community Investment Plan 2021

In 2021, our ongoing program efforts will result in more than 2,500 unduplicated low to moderate-income (LMI) families celebrating the following.

- 400 families receiving tax prep. services
- 60 households living in Urban Edge housing counseled on family financial counseling and budgeting
- 600 First-Time Homebuyer workshop graduates—150 becoming homeowners
- 30 homeowners counseled through our foreclosure prevention program—with 20 avoiding foreclosure
- 150 "Credit Counseling Boot Camp" classroom graduates, with 100 receiving intensive one-on-one counseling
- 30 youth placed into summer jobs
- 1,500 families with emergency supports such as cash, back-to-school supplies, children's holiday gifts, internet connection, utility assistance, and Thanksgiving turkeys
- 20 families bonding with each other and preparing their children for Pre-K in our *Strong Start* program
- 247 affordable rental units in the renovation/refinance and new construction pipeline
- Hundreds connected to vaccines
- 2 youth learning hubs opened in Jackson and Egleston Square
- An average occupancy rate of 98%