

Improving Lives and Building Community Fenway Community Development Corporation

# Community Investment Plan 2017 to 2019 Executive Summary

Fenway Community Development Corporation exists to build a future that is economically vibrant, culturally diverse, and holistically healthy for all residents of the Fenway neighborhood. Your generous support will enable Fenway CDC to improve the quality of life for over 1,000 adults, children and youth each year.

# 1. Housing Development and Preservation

- Provide safe and affordable homes to 450+ low- and moderate-income residents, and conduct housing counseling for at-risk residents
- Collaborate with private developers and institutions to develop new mixed-income housing
- Work to rehabilitate 52 homes at Burbank Gardens to protect the existing residents from displacement and preserve the long-term affordability of this mixed income development.

# 2. Workforce Development and Education

- Provide residents with counseling and services for job readiness training and placement, English language courses, education and career advancement, and adult education
- Provide job seekers with information resources and networking opportunities at Fenway CDC's Career and Resource Fair

# 3. Economic Improvement

- Conduct financial education and counseling for low-income residents
- Partner with institutions and the business community to create employment opportunities for unemployed or low-income people

### 4. Social Services

• Provide services to help vulnerable residents access social benefits (e.g. food stamps/WIC, Housing Vouchers, SSDI, health insurance, medical services, fuel assistance, and childcare)

# 5. Community Planning and Organizing

- Provide tenant organizing support to preserve affordable housing in the Fenway and improve the living conditions of at-risk residents to protect them from displacement or becoming homeless
- Monitor development in the neighborhood using the community-crafted Urban Village Plan as a guideline for how the area should look and function

### 6. Economic Development

• Promote economic opportunities for local restaurants and businesses through promotions and cause-marketing

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