



SUFFOLK  
UNIVERSITY  
BOSTON

March 31, 2025

Hinlan Wong  
Board of Review  
City of Boston Assessing Department  
Boston City Hall  
Boston, MA 02201

*RE: Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Community Benefits Report*

Dear Ms. Wong:

On behalf of Suffolk University, I am pleased to submit the attached materials which evidence Suffolk University's continued commitment to providing community benefits to all of the neighborhoods of the City of Boston. This information contains an itemization of those community institutions and organizations with which Suffolk University has partnered with over the years by bringing Suffolk administrators, faculty and students together with community members in providing meaningful and relevant contributions to Boston's neighborhoods. A number of these organizations are referenced in the Community Partnership Database for 2024/2025 and include neighborhood organizations from across the city.

In October 2022 Suffolk opened the Center for Career Equity, Development and Success which is one of Boston's most accessible and visible career development centers on the bustling corner of Tremont and Beacon Street. The front-facing location is just steps away from the city's top employers and in the heart of our downtown campus. With its new location, the Center for Career Equity, Development & Success is a vibrant hub for career planning, advising, networking, and interviewing for Suffolk students, as well as alumni and hundreds of local employer partners and the general public. The nearly 4,000-square-foot storefront space supports not only Suffolk students, but the talent needs of local companies, nonprofits, and financial district businesses

In addition to the comprehensive database of Community Partnerships, I am also pleased to provide you with Suffolk University's Report to the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching Report was prepared for 2019 and lists in great detail the efforts by the University to engage with the City's neighborhoods. Suffolk's ongoing commitment to community and service has earned the University its second Carnegie Community Engagement Classification, a designation held by only 359 higher education institutions nationwide. Specifically, Suffolk has established the Suffolk Center for Community Engagement which is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, the CCE provides coordination of the University's continuing outreach and support to the neighborhoods. The University has also established the position of Associate-Director for

Community Partnerships with the mandate to insure that there is accountability and sustained partnership among our educators, students and the neighborhoods.

Suffolk has adopted the Carnegie Center's definition of community engagement as follows:

“Community engagement describes the collaboration between institutions of higher education and their larger communities (local, regional/state, national, global) for the mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources in a context of partnership and reciprocity. The purpose of community engagement is the partnership of college and university knowledge and resources with those of the public and private sectors to enrich scholarship, research, and creative activity; enhance curriculum, teaching and learning; prepare educated, engaged citizens; strengthen democratic values and civic responsibility; address critical societal issues; and contribute to the public good.”

As set forth in the Report, Suffolk has sustained partnerships with the Museum of African American History, the Boston Public Schools, the Judiciary, Habitat for Humanity and many other entities which engage faculty and students in groundbreaking scholarship and community participation. Suffolk students log approximately 18,000 hours of community service each year. Furthermore, Suffolk has established centers, institutes and programs which work to benefit the public good, including the Center for Community Engagement, the Institute of Public Service, the Moakley Center for Public Management and the Ford Hall Forum. Significant areas of focus for the University's engagement include early childhood education and college preparedness largely through partnerships with the Boston Public Schools, as well as programs focused on education and opportunity, ongoing community partners include:

- TRIO programs: Upward Bound, preparing underserved high school(students-sic) to succeed in their precollege performance and ultimately in their higher education pursuits; Veteran's Upward Bound, designed to motivate and assist veterans in the development of academic and other requisite skills necessary for acceptance and success in a program of postsecondary education; Ronald E. McNair Post baccalaureate Achievement Program projects designed to provide underserved college students with effective preparation for doctoral study.
- Jumpstart, which places highly motivated college students in preschool classrooms in low-income Boston-area communities to help children build the language, literacy and social skills that lead to school success.
- Boston Public Schools Dual Enrollment Program, which provides BPS high school students the opportunity to take college-level courses across many disciplines, taught by Suffolk faculty, that simultaneously satisfy high school credit requirements and college requirements. This collaboration also provides a unique and mentored opportunity for BPS students to become college-prepared by mentoring and advising them on career readiness, the college application process, and time and resource management. Suffolk University supports between twenty to forty Boston Public School (BPS) juniors and seniors each semester by providing free tuition, free books and college-ready programming.

Suffolk aligns its business operations with the local economy and the community in many ways including working with the Boston Private Industry Council, the City of Boston's Mayor's Summer Jobs Program, and Summer iWorks. The University looks forward to continuing its community engagement with Boston's citizens, its neighborhoods, community organizations and Boston's school children.

Very truly yours,

John A. Nucci  
Senior Vice President for External Affairs

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Enclosures

**COMMUNITY BENEFITS RECAP**

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**FINANCIAL YEAR:** <INSERT YEAR>

Program Name	Brief Program Description	Amount (\$)	Cash, In-Kind, or Both <sup>1</sup>	1-time or Ongoing <sup>2</sup>	Who is Served <sup>3</sup>	Program Initiator <sup>4</sup>	City-wide or Neighborhoods Served <sup>5</sup>	Community Benefit Category <sup>6</sup>	Partners
Boston Common Fund	Public Space Maintenance	\$5,000	Cash	Ongoing	Boston Residents	Suffolk University	City-wide	Built Environment	Boston Parks & Recreation
Cambridge Street Community Development Corporation	Public Space Maintenance	\$10,000	Cash	Ongoing	Boston Residents	Suffolk University	Beacon Hill, West End	Built Environment	Beacon Hill Civic Association
Clean Corners Program	Public Space Maintenance	\$25,000	Cash	Ongoing	Boston Residents	Suffolk University	Downtown Crossing	Built Environment	Business Improvement District
East Boston High School	Annual Donation for Athletic Banquet and Uniforms	\$15,000	Cash	Ongoing	EBHS Students	Suffolk University	East Boston	Education	EBHS
Boston Parks & Recreation	Annual Donation for Maintenance of East Boston Memorial Stadium	\$100,000	Cash	Ongoing	Boston Residents	Suffolk University	East Boston	Built Environment	Boston Parks & Recreation
Nathan Miller Scholars	Resident Scholarship	\$544,107	Both	Ongoing	Boston Residents	Suffolk University	City-wide	Education	BPS
Other BPS Grant Aid	Resident Scholarship	\$3,752,474	Cash	Ongoing	Boston Residents	Suffolk University	City-wide	Education	BPS
Mayor's Scholarship	Resident Scholarship	Student Selected	In-Kind	Ongoing	Boston Residents	Suffolk University	City-wide	Education	City of Boston
Senior Citizen Tuition Grant Aid	Resident Scholarship	\$ 34,268.00	YTD 6/30/24	Ongoing	Boston Residents	Suffolk University	City-wide	Education	
Boston Public Schools Course Scholarship	7 Classroom and 5 Online Course Scholarships Awarded to BPS Professionals Each Academic Year	Up to \$54,684	In-Kind	Ongoing	Boston Residents	Suffolk University	City-wide	Education	BPS
Academic Self-Enrichment Course	Boston Residents Attend a Course for Non-Credit. 5 Awarded Each Academic Year			Ongoing	Boston Residents	Suffolk University	City-wide	Education	
Center for Community Engagement Programs	CCE Service Learning Programs are staffed by students for approximately 18,000 hours per year.	\$1,024,250	\$40.97 Value of Volunteer Hours in MA per public sector	On-going	Grater Boston Area nonprofit organizations	Suffolk University	City-wide	Education	Many - see attached spreadsheet
JumpStart Program	Early childhood education programming (2,500 hours)	\$112,517	Both	Ongoing	Boston Residents	Suffolk University	City-wide	Education	BPS
ISEE Program	Middle School		Both	Ongoing	Boston Residents	Suffolk University	City-wide	Education	
ESOL Tutoring Program	English as a second language tutoring service		Both	Ongoing	Boston Residents	Suffolk University	City-wide	Education	
BPS Americorp Vista	Volunteer and community outreach coordinator at a Boston Public School		Both	Ongoing	Boston Residents	Suffolk University	City-wide	Education	BPS
Elderly Services	Elderly community outreach		Both	Ongoing	Boston Residents	Suffolk University	City-wide	Community Health	
Law School Clinical Programs	13 Law Clinical Programs that provide legal advocacy and advice offered at various locations	Approx. 5.8 Million Each Year	In-Kind	Ongoing	Boston Residents	Suffolk University	City-Wide	Education and Other	Dozens of community partners including legal aid organizations, community groups, courts, shelters, and service providers.
Serving Meals for the Homeless	Homeless persons community outreach		In-Kind	Ongoing	Boston Residents	Suffolk University	City-wide	Community Health	
Boston Police Department Details	Neighborhood Ride-Along Program	\$73,460	YTD 6/30/24	Ongoing	Boston Residents	Suffolk University	Beacon Hill, Downtown, West End, North End	Good Neighbor Activity	Boston Police Department
Private Industry Council (PIC)	Summer Internships, (this was for 5 PIC students paid at \$15 hr. each for hours worked during July 10 – Aug 18).	\$9,926.26	Both	Ongoing	Boston Residents	Suffolk University	City-wide	Employment	PIC
Housing Discrimination Testing Program	Provides undercover housing discrimination testing and public education on fair housing		In-Kind	Ongoing	General Public	Suffolk University	City-wide	Housing	
Marshall Brennan Constitutional Literacy Program	Provides education to high school students on constitutional rights and coaches moot court for Kids Law faculty provides trial and motions trainings to new district attorneys across MA		In-Kind	Ongoing	Boston Residents	Suffolk University	City-wide	Education	Cambridge Rindge and Latin, Boston Latin Academy, O'Bryant, Fenway, and Malden High Schools
District Attorney Trainings	Provides education to high school students on constitutional rights and coaches moot court for Kids Law faculty provides trial and motions trainings to new district attorneys across MA		In-Kind	Ongoing	General Public	Suffolk University	City-wide	Other	Massachusetts District Attorneys Association
Legal Innovation and Technology Lab Courtformsonline.org	Develops and provides free self-serve legal tools for the public		In-Kind	Ongoing	General Public	Suffolk University	City-wide	Other	Massachusetts Trial Court, Massachusetts Appeals Court, Legal Services
BPS Dual Enrollment Program	Academic and Social Support Service		Both	Ongoing	Boston Residents	Suffolk University	City-wide	Education	BPS
The Outreach program	Food and volunteer sponsor, MLK event		Both	Ongoing	Boston Residents	Suffolk University	City-wide	Education	BPS

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East Boston Harborside community school	34th Annual Eastie Pride day	\$1,000	Cash	Ongoing	Boston Residents	Suffolk University	East Boston	Good Neighbor Activity	
Jed Foundations	Supporting emtional wellbeing suicide prevention		Both	Ongoing	Boston Residents	Suffolk University	City-wide	Education	
Ucal Mckenzie breakaway founations	Soccer and health eductation to city yourth	\$2,500	Both	Ongoing	Boston Residents	Suffolk University	City-wide	Good Neighbor Activity	
Science Club for girls	Non profit management entrepreneual award		Both	Ongoing	Boston Residents	Suffolk University	City-wide	Education	
Boston Debate League	Academic Debate		Both	Ongoing	Boston Residents	Suffolk University	City-wide	Education	
<b>PILOT Payments</b>		\$556,069	YTD 6/30/24	Ongoing	Boston Residents	Suffolk University	City-wide	Other	
<b>73 Tremont Real Estate Taxes</b>		\$3,966,718	YTD 6/30/24	Ongoing	Boston Residents	Suffolk University	City-wide	Other	
<b>Retail/Auxiliary Real Estate Taxes</b>		\$105,024	YTD 6/30/24	Ongoing	Boston Residents	Suffolk University	City-wide	Other	