

**City of Boston**  
**Program Year 2016 –Action Plan Appendix**  
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# HUD Income Limits - Calendar 2016 (update 6/6/2016)

Household Size	(1)HOME 30% Median (Extremely Low)	(1)HOME 50% Median (Very Low)	(1)HOME 60% Median	(2)CDBG Low-Mod 80% Median; Same as HOME Low-Income	(4) 80% of median	(4) 95% of median	(4) 100% of median	(4) 110% of median	(4) 120% of median	(3) Inclusionary 80% Ownership limits	(3) Inclusionary 100% Ownership limits	(3) Inclusionary Rental Limits (70% AMI)
1 person	20,650	34,350	41,220	51,150	54,950	65,250	68,650	75,550	82,400	54,950	68,700	48,100
2 persons	23,600	39,250	47,100	58,450	62,800	74,550	78,500	86,350	94,200	62,800	78,500	54,950
3 persons	26,550	44,150	52,980	65,750	70,650	83,900	88,300	97,100	105,950	70,650	88,300	61,850
4 persons	29,450	49,050	58,860	73,050	78,500	93,200	98,100	107,900	117,700	78,500	98,100	68,700
5 persons	31,850	53,000	63,600	78,900	84,750	100,650	105,950	116,550	127,150	84,800	105,950	74,200
6 persons	34,200	56,900	68,280	84,750	91,050	108,100	113,800	125,200	136,550	91,050	113,800	79,700
7 persons	36,550	60,850	73,020	90,600	97,300	115,550	121,650	133,800	145,950			
8 persons	38,900	64,750	77,700	96,450	103,600	123,000	129,500	142,450	155,400			

- (1) Issued by HUD effective June 6, 2016, and calculated in accordance with the IRS guidelines for consistency with HOME & LIHTC Programs.
- (2) Income limits provided by HUD - March 28, 2016. Note, CDBG @80% moderate income is same as HOME Low Income
- (3) Issued by the BRA for 2016
- (4) Incomes calculated based on the HUD published median income for a family of four in the Boston area, adjusted for family size and rounded to nearest 50.

Monthly Rent Limits											
Bedroom Size	Homeless Set-Aside (30% of median)	(1) Low HOME (50% of median)	(1) High HOME (65% of median)	(3) DHCD LIHTC (50% median)	(3) DHCD LIHTC (60% median)	(2) CDBG Affordable	(1) Section 8 FMR	Section 8 110% FMR	(4) Inclusionary Rent Limits (70% median)	(6) Max Rent 100% median	(5) NSP Maximum rent 120% Median
SRO	388	647	792			871	792	871		1,584	1,369
0-BR/Eff	517	862	1,056	862	1,034	1,162	1,056	1,162	1,065	2,112	1,825
1-BR	554	923	1,255	923	1,108	1,375	1,261	1,387	1,242	2,510	2,129
2-BR	665	1,108	1,508	1,108	1,330	1,651	1,567	1,724	1,419	3,016	2,433
3-BR	768	1,280	1,733	1,280	1,536	1,907	1,945	2,140	1,597	3,466	2,737
4-BR	857	1,428	1,914	1,428	1,714	2,128	2,148	2,363	1,774	3,828	3,041

- (1) Issued by HUD, effective 3/28/16
- (2) Calculated by DND based on lower of 74.5% of AMI or FMR (3/28/16)
- (3) Issued by HUD effective 3/28/16. For units in service prior to 3/28/16, use calculator at <http://www.novoco.com/tenant/rentincome/calculator/z2.jsp>
- (4) Set by BRA for 2016
- (5) Maximum NSP Rents at 120% AMI
- (6) Calculated at twice low HOME (50% median) rent.

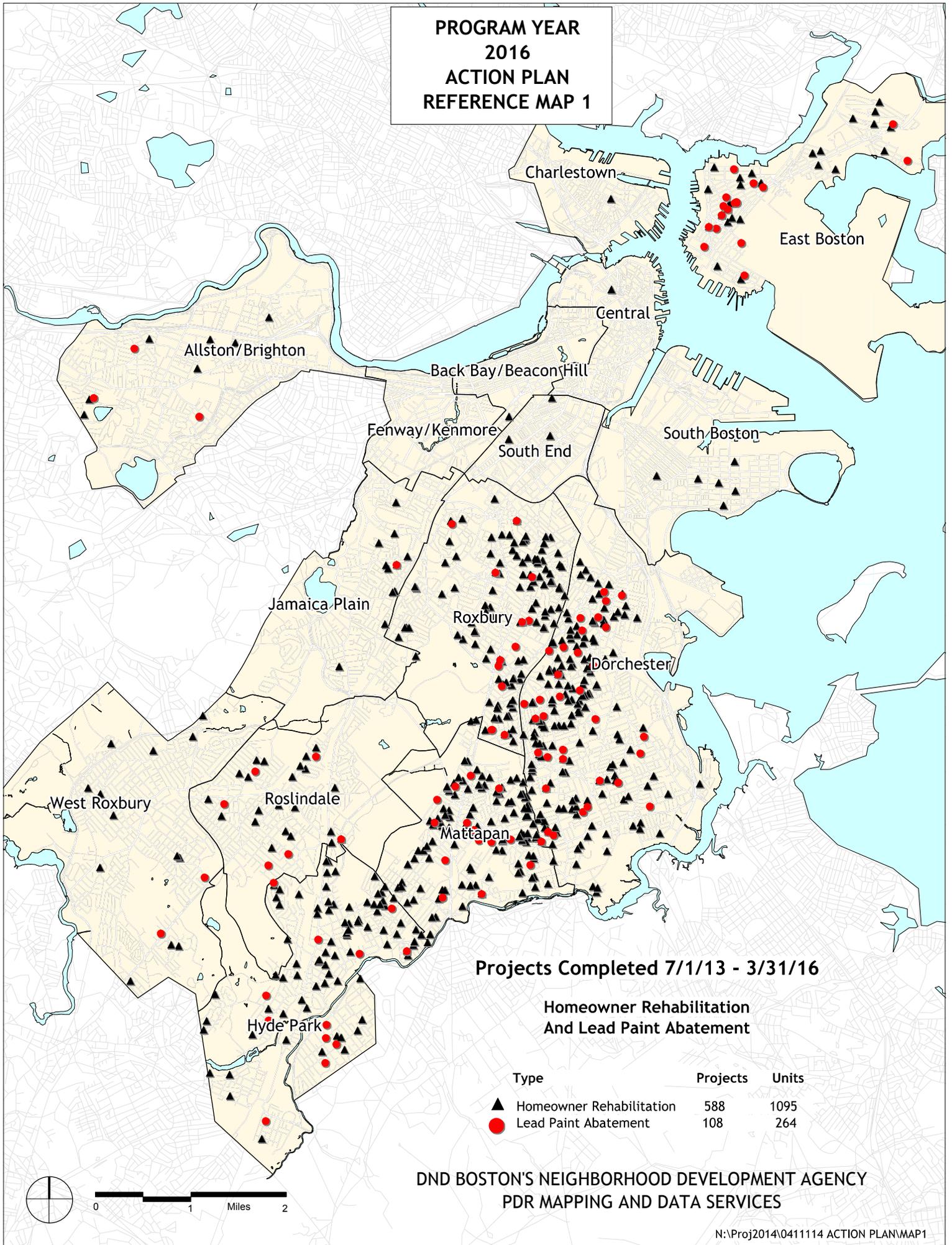
Utility Allowance - BHA Leased Housing Division, Effective 6/1/16									
		SRO/0 BR	1BR	2BR	3BR	4BR	5BR	6+BR	
Gas Heat	Single Family	29/39	52	63	79	89	104	119	
	Duplex, 3 Decker	26/35	46	60	75	88	100	115	
	Garden, Row/Townhouse	22/29	39	53	66	80	93	107	
	Elevator/Highrise	23/30	34	41	49	56	70	80	
Oil Heat	Single Family	54/72	97	117	147	166	193	222	
	Duplex, 3 Decker	50/66	85	112	139	164	186	214	
	Garden, Row/Townhouse	41/54	73	98	123	148	173	199	
	Elevator/Highrise								
Electric Heat	Single Family	49/65	89	106	134	151	176	202	
	Duplex, 3 Decker	45/60	77	102	127	149	169	195	
	Garden, Row/Townhouse	38/50	66	90	112	135	157	181	
	Elevator/Highrise	34/45	56	68	84	104	121	139	
Water Heat	Gas	5/7	9	11	14	17	19	22	
	Oil	8/11	14	19	24	30	32	37	
	Electric	12/16	21	28	34	42	46	53	
Water Use	Tenant Paid	56/75	108	141	182	208	241	272	
Cooking	Gas Oven	4/5	7	9	11	14	15	17	
	Electric Oven	9/12	16	21	26	32	35	40	
	Lights & Appliances	32/42	54	72	89	111	119	137	
	Refrigerator	3/4	4	4	6	6	7	7	
	Range	3/4	4	5	5	6	6	6	

BRA: Inclusionary Development Price Limits 2016							
	Income	Micro	Studio	1 BR	2 BR	3 BR	4BR
	80% AMI	\$127,600	\$141,800	\$175,900	\$206,100	\$236,000	\$265,800
	100% AMI	\$172,100	\$191,300	\$228,500	\$265,800	\$303,100	\$340,400

HOME Purchase Price/Value Limits						
	Existing + New Homes	1 Living Unit	2 Living Unit	3 Living Unit	4 Living Unit	Last Updated
Suffolk		\$ 373,000	\$ 478,000	\$ 578,000	\$ 716,000	5/2/2016

Home Per Unit Subsidy Caps: Based on High Cost % effective 12/18/15					
	0 BR & SRO's	1 BR Unit	2 BR Unit	3 BR Unit	4+ BR Unit
Boston (capped at 240%) Section 234	\$140,107	\$160,615	\$195,305	\$252,662	\$277,344

**PROGRAM YEAR  
2016  
ACTION PLAN  
REFERENCE MAP 1**



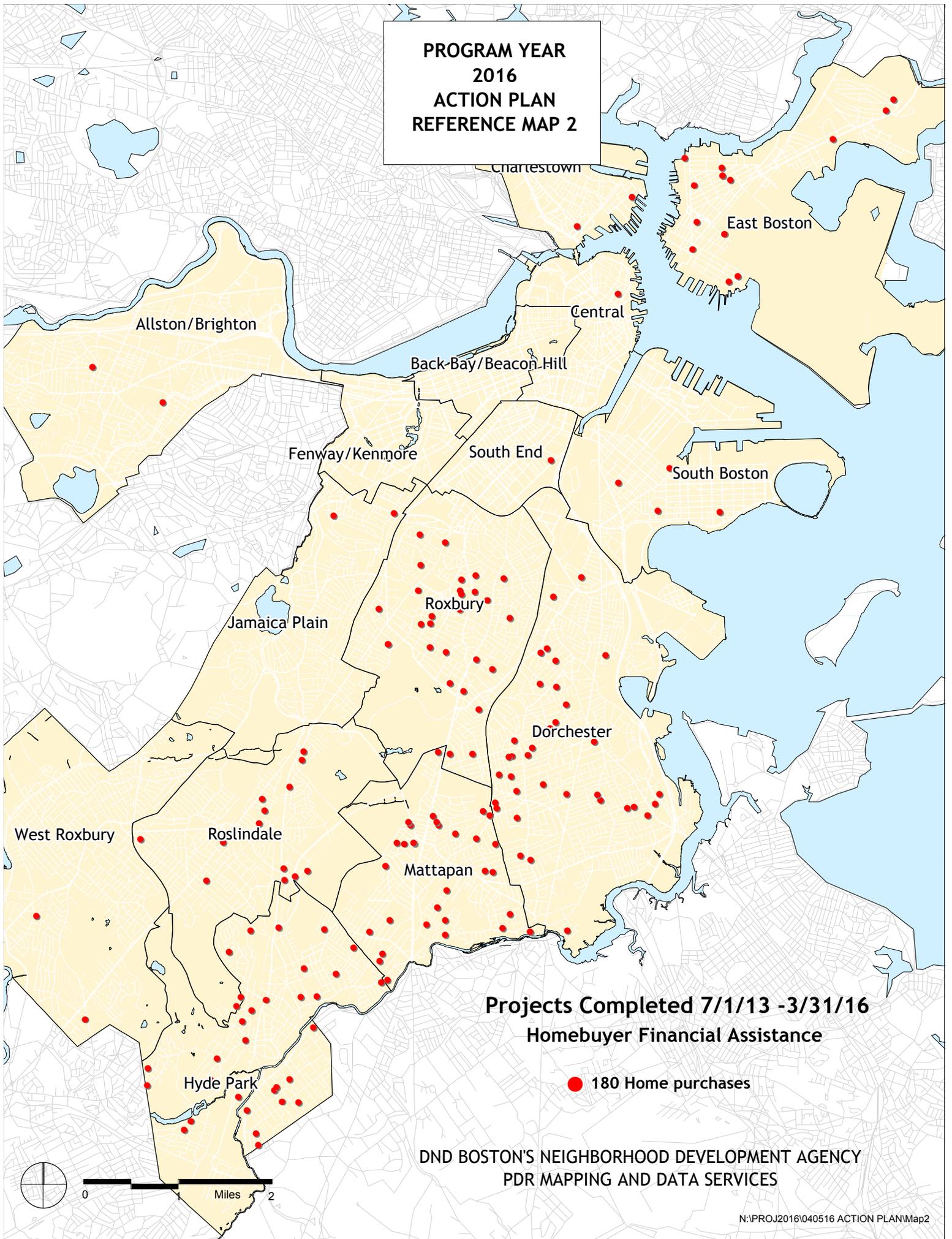
**Projects Completed 7/1/13 - 3/31/16**

**Homeowner Rehabilitation  
And Lead Paint Abatement**

Type	Projects	Units
▲ Homeowner Rehabilitation	588	1095
● Lead Paint Abatement	108	264

**DND BOSTON'S NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
PDR MAPPING AND DATA SERVICES**

**PROGRAM YEAR  
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ACTION PLAN  
REFERENCE MAP 2**



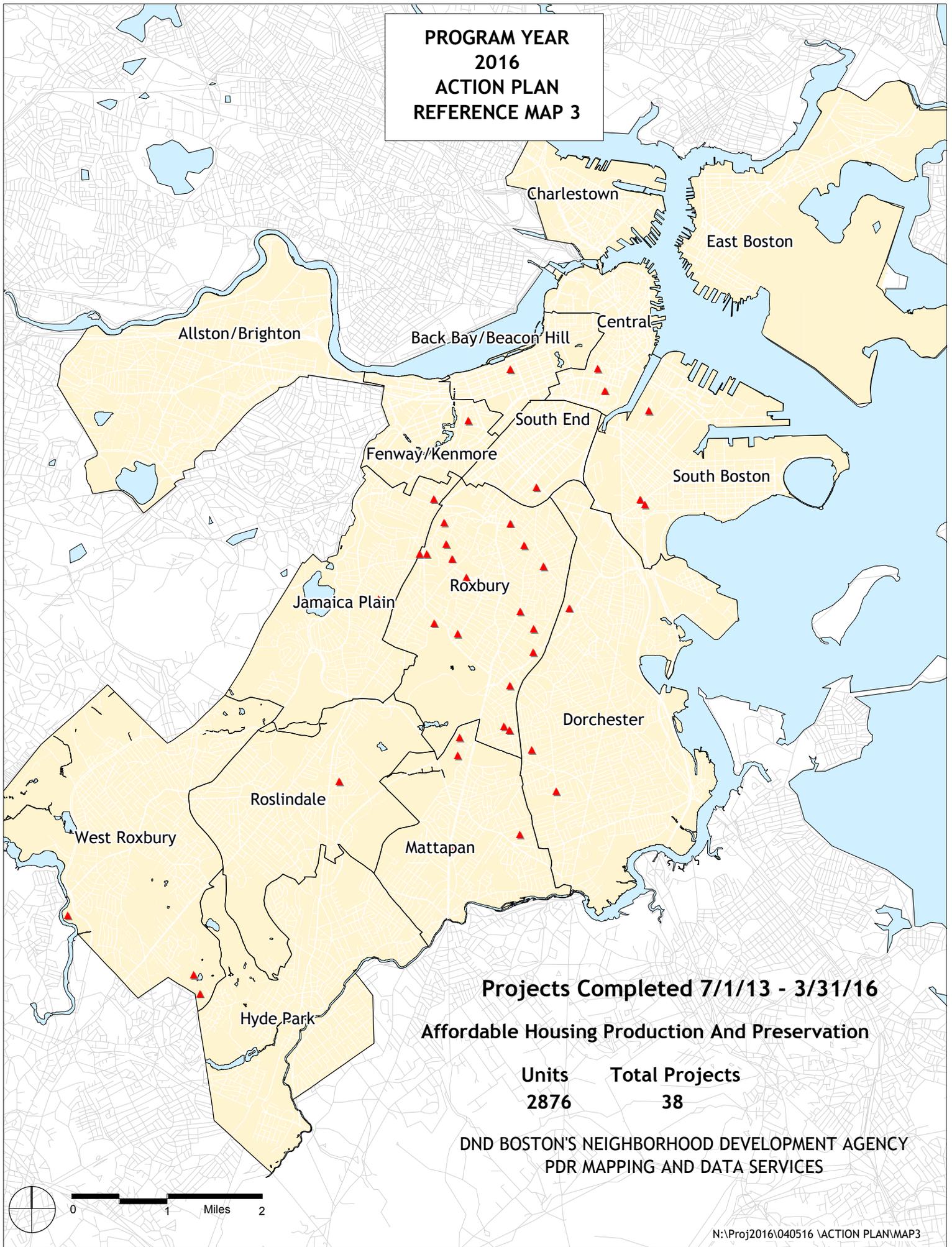
**Projects Completed 7/1/13 - 3/31/16  
Homebuyer Financial Assistance**

● 180 Home purchases

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PDR MAPPING AND DATA SERVICES**



**PROGRAM YEAR  
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ACTION PLAN  
REFERENCE MAP 3**



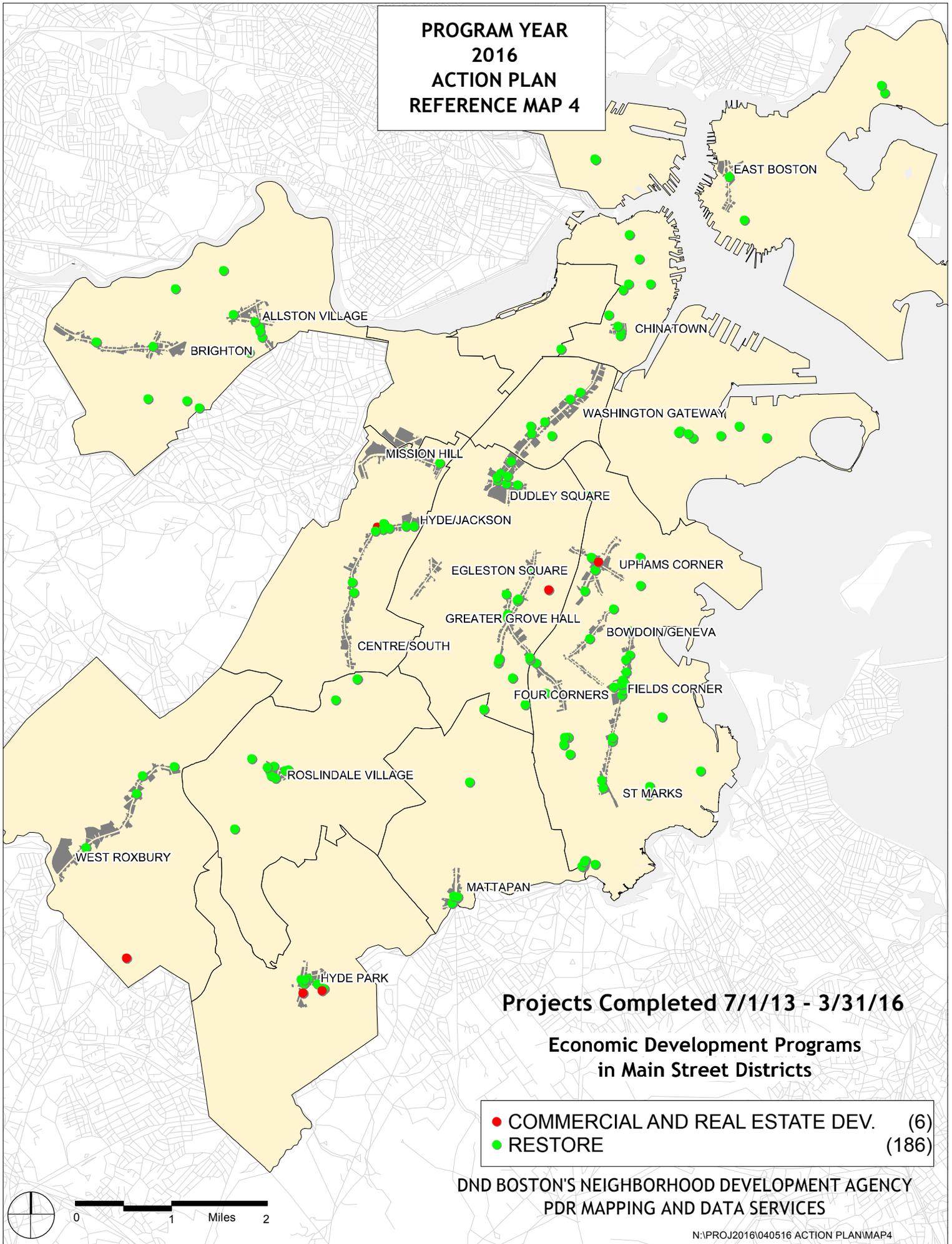
**Projects Completed 7/1/13 - 3/31/16**  
**Affordable Housing Production And Preservation**

<b>Units</b>	<b>Total Projects</b>
<b>2876</b>	<b>38</b>

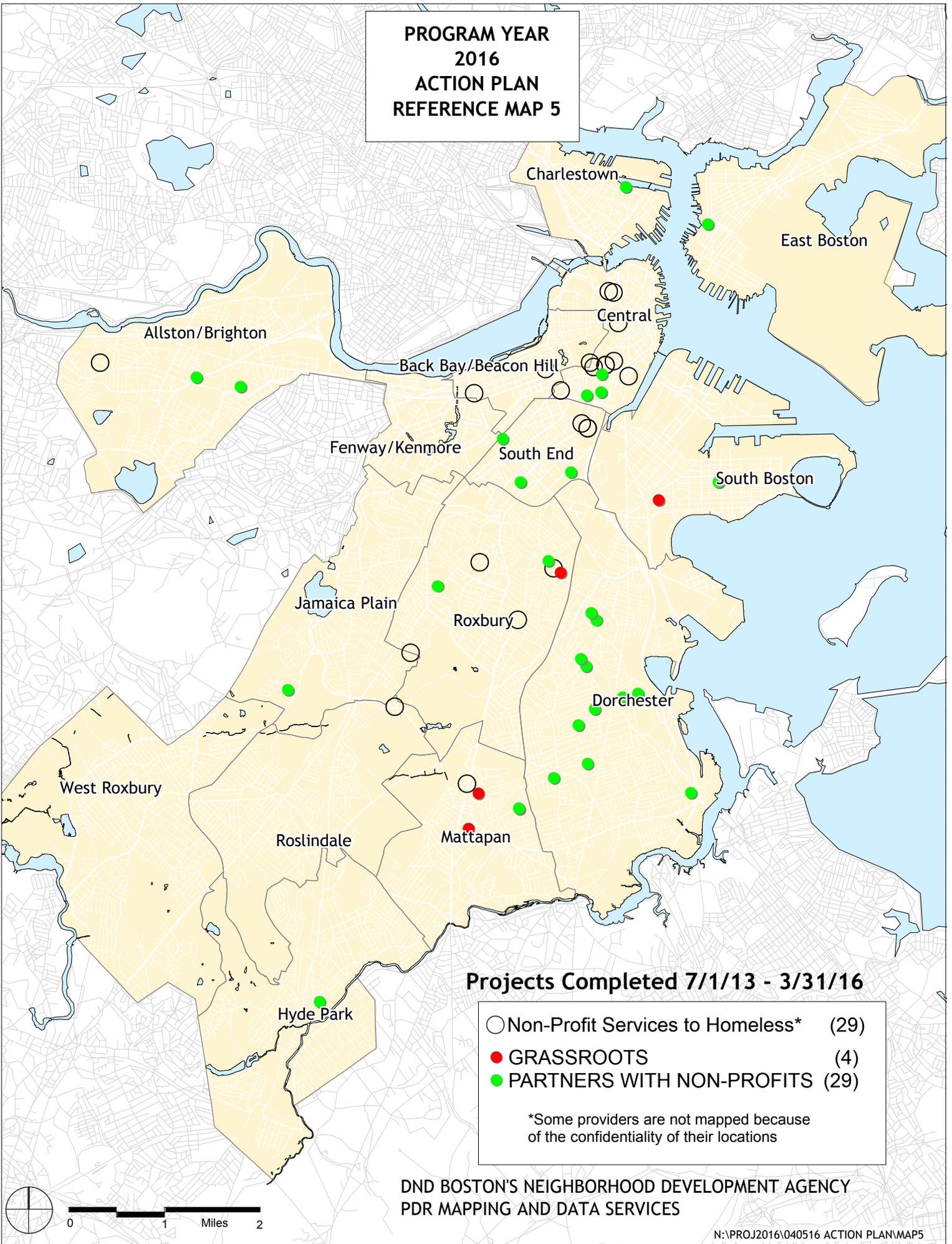
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**PROGRAM YEAR  
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ACTION PLAN  
REFERENCE MAP 4**



**PROGRAM YEAR  
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ACTION PLAN  
REFERENCE MAP 5**



**Projects Completed 7/1/13 - 3/31/16**

- Non-Profit Services to Homeless\* (29)
- GRASSROOTS (4)
- PARTNERS WITH NON-PROFITS (29)

\*Some providers are not mapped because of the confidentiality of their locations

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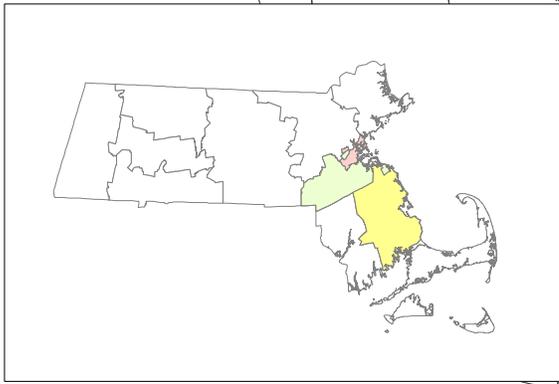
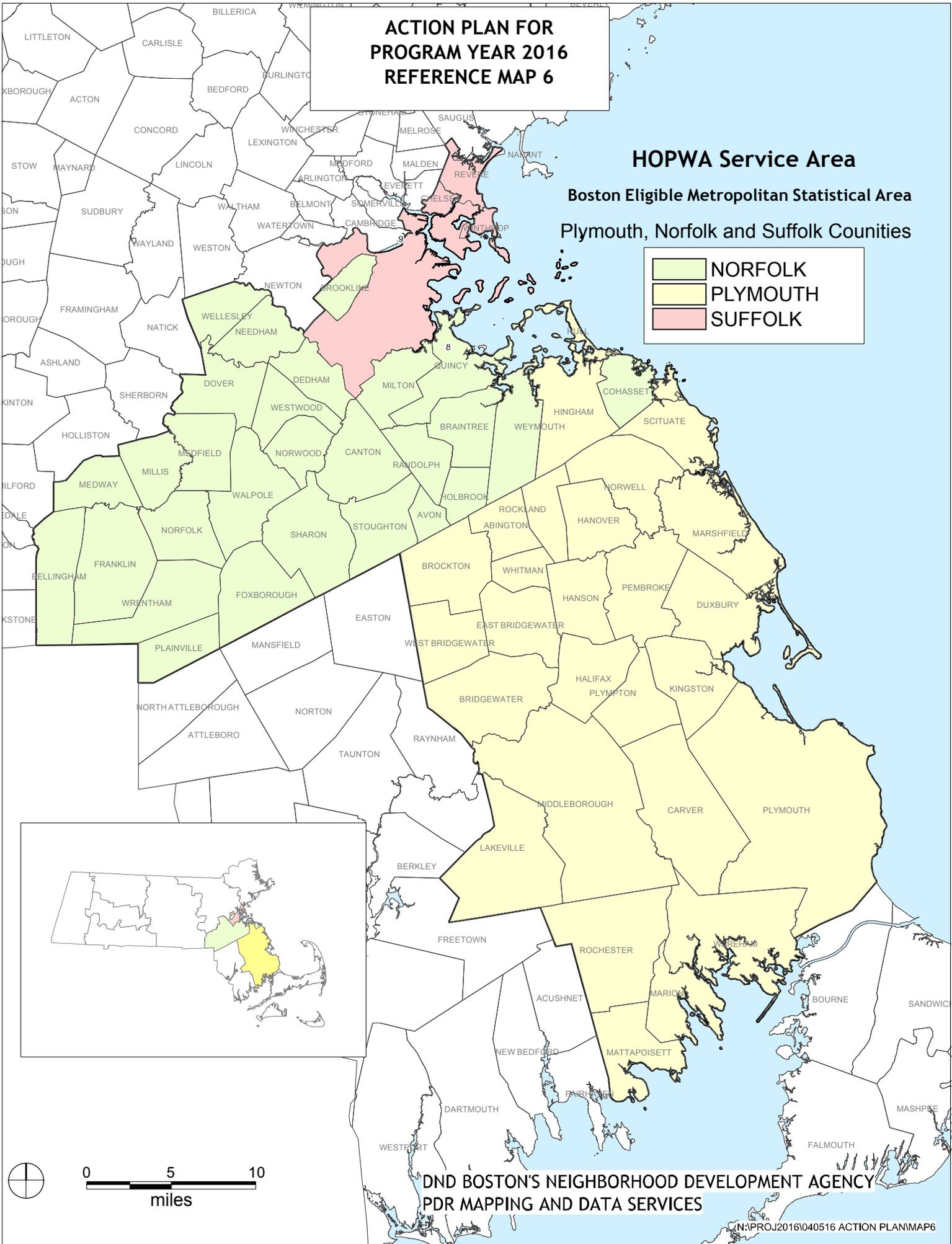
**ACTION PLAN FOR  
PROGRAM YEAR 2016  
REFERENCE MAP 6**

**HOPWA Service Area**

**Boston Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area**

**Plymouth, Norfolk and Suffolk Counties**

	NORFOLK
	PLYMOUTH
	SUFFOLK

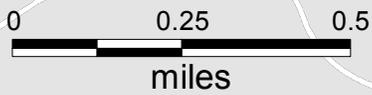
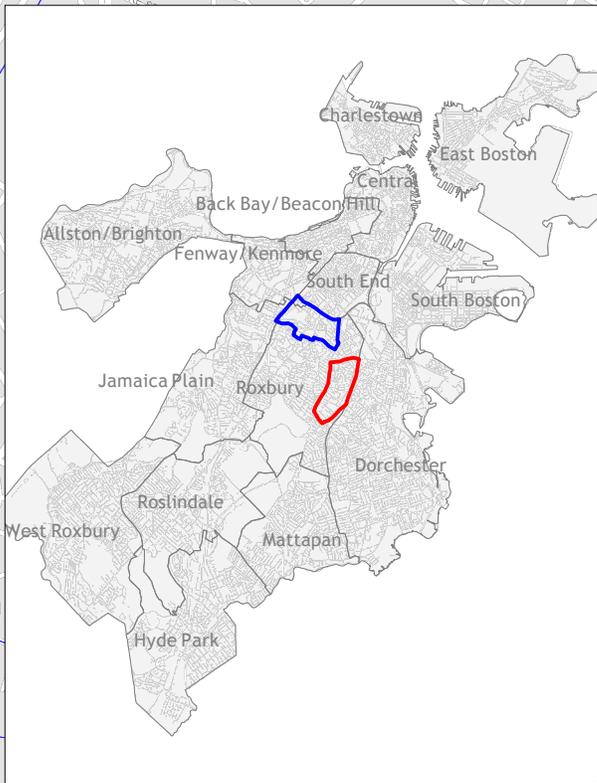


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WHITTIER CHOICE

QUINCY CORRIDOR



QUINCY CORRIDOR - NRSA  
BHA WHITTIER CHOICE TARGET AREA

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### Emergency Solutions Grant Written Standards

#### Introduction

The City of Boston developed the following standards for providing assistance with Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) funds as required by 24 CFR 576.400 (e).

The City of Boston is awarded ESG funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development and as part of the Annual Action Plan process. The ESG funds, distributed as part of an annual competitive RFP process, are designed to identify sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons, as well as those at risk of homelessness, and provide the services necessary to help those persons quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis and/or homelessness.

The City of Boston's ESG Program strives to place less emphasis on providing funds for Emergency Shelter operations and essential services and more emphasis on Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing programs. This policy shift is in accordance with the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness Plan, *Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness*. To illustrate this policy shift, the City has awarded 83% of the FY 12 ESG funds to Rapid Re-housing and Homelessness Prevention programs.

Additionally, the City of Boston had the experience of administering an \$8.2 million dollar Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing (HPRP) grant and learned a great deal from administering that grant. Many of the policies outlined in the Written Standards and the forms used by ESG sub-grantees were informed by our experience with HPRP.

These are initial standards that have been created in coordination with the City of Boston Continuum of Care (CoC). These standards represent goals for providing services for the community and the entire CoC, the City of Boston expects that the standards will become more expansive as more experience is gained with the administration of ESG and more data is collected from service providers.

These standards are in accordance with the interim rule for the Emergency Solutions Grants Program released by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on December 5, 2011 and the final rule for the definition of homelessness also released by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on December 5, 2011.

#### **A. Standard Policies and Procedures for Evaluating Individuals' and Families' Eligibility for Assistance under ESG.**

All households seeking assistance from ESG must meet a baseline of eligibility. The criteria are defined clearly by HUD. For all households deemed eligible, documentation supporting their status must be maintained on file by the ESG non-profit grantee. DND will supply all sub-grantees with Boston CoC ESG Program Eligibility forms (one for each ESG component) including income eligibility forms. These forms will be expected to be in each program participant file. DND also expects to provide a series of other standard forms that were developed for HPRP and will be

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adapted for ESG. These standard forms will include but are not limited to the following: standard intake and assessment forms, habitability checklists, rent reasonableness forms and a case file checklist.

#### HUD Baseline Criteria to be utilized by the City of Boston

Street Outreach	Emergency Shelter	Rapid Re-Housing	Homelessness Prevention
Homeless as defined by HUD §576.2 of the ESG Interim Rule	Homeless as defined by HUD §576.2 of the Interim Rule	Homeless as defined by HUD §576.2 of the Interim Rule	At-risk of Homelessness as defined by HUD §576.2 of the ESG Interim Rule
		Must willingly engage with an Initial Assessment with a Case Manager for a consultation and assessment to determine ESG eligibility and be referred to appropriate ESG or related services.	Must willingly engage with an Initial Assessment with a Case Manager for a consultation and assessment to determine ESG eligibility and be referred to appropriate ESG or related services
		The household must be at or below 30 percent at the annual recertification.	Must be a household at or below 30 percent of Area Median Income (AMI).  In addition, the household must be at or below 30 percent at recertification
		Must lack sufficient resources and support networks to retain housing without ESG assistance.	Have no appropriate subsequent housing options identified  Lack financial resources and support needed to obtain new housing or remain in existing housing.

#### Additional Eligibility Criteria includes

1. An individual or family must reside within the City of Boston or in a Boston homeless shelter or must be displaced previously from the City of Boston. (Not more than a year prior to application for assistance for funding).
2. The individual or family must have at least an initial consultation with a case manager or other authorized representatives who can determine the appropriate type of assistance to meet their needs. At this initial consultation, long-term strategies for ensuring stable housing should be covered with the client including referrals to other agencies or programs

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for other kinds of support including income supports, child care, legal assistance, SNAPs and connections to educational and employment opportunities.

3. HMIS participation is a mandatory ESG requirement. All clients receiving ESG assistance must be reported in the Boston's HMIS system.
4. In the event that two unrelated households are joint parties on a lease, eligibility will be determined by the total of their incomes

#### Limitations on funds usage:

Service providers shall not use the risk factor for homeless allowed under paragraph 576.2 "otherwise lives in housing that has characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness."

- B. **Policies and Procedures for Coordination among Emergency Shelter Providers, Essential Services Providers, Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Service Providers and Mainstream Service and Housing Providers, Other Homelessness Assistance Providers, and Mainstream Service and Housing Providers**

The City of Boston's Department of Neighborhood Development (DND) is the convening entity for the City of Boston's Continuum of Care (CoC) and is also the ESG grantee. All ESG sub-grantees are members of the CoC and as such, they are required to attend all CoC meetings and trainings. In addition, DND is the recipient of HOME, CDBG, HOPWA and NSP funds. The Neighborhood Housing Development (NHD) Division at DND includes staff that administer these funds, develops the affordable housing production and preservation agenda, and is responsible for the implementation of the many aspects of the Consolidated Plan and the Mayors Leading the Way Housing Plan for the City of Boston. Therefore, the Supportive Housing Programs and the Mainstream HUD programs work hand-in-hand to develop and implement the Consolidated Plan and the Leading the Way Plan. A prime example of this is the DND's Homeless Set-Aside Policy, where at least 10% of all affordable housing projects where there are 10 or more units using DND resources must be set for the homeless households.

DND also convenes and participates in a number of Working Groups, Sub-committees and Advisory Groups around specific homeless and at-risk populations that brings together shelter providers, prevention providers, housing providers and agencies who have experience providing Homelessness Prevention, Rapid Re-housing and Emergency Shelter services. Examples of this include the Long-term Stayers Working Group, the Homeless Elders Working Group and Homeless and At-Risk Veterans Advisory Group. Additionally, DND intends to bring together all of the providers that received a recent ESG award to Rapidly Re-house homeless families with the goal of creating one Boston CoC program where the participating agencies learn about best practices through a peer-to-peer model. DND also participates in the Rapid Re-housing Roundtable organized by the Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance. This Roundtable will guide the work of the agencies involved in the Rapid Re-housing for Individuals program which is funded with Boston ESG and funds from the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development.

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DND has and will continue to host mainstream benefits trainings for its CoC members for them to be abreast of any changes to regulations in order to maximize the number of participant accessing these benefits. In every Request for Proposals for CoC related funding, DND always includes demonstrated evidence of linkages to mainstream resources and benefits as a ranking criteria. Additionally, in late July 2012, the Boston CoC was named as one of the 9 Continua of Care that was selected for SAMSHA's SOAR Project Technical Assistance. The goal of the SOAR TA is to build capacity to improve the success rate of applications for both SSDI and SSI for chronically homeless adults.

Finally, over the last several years, DND has developed an extensive email list that includes all homeless and at-risk agencies and mainstream service and housing agencies. We use this list regularly to inform these agencies, funding opportunities, changes in CoC policy and practice or any other information that these agencies find useful. Often, other agencies including state agencies will solicit our assistance to get the word out on a variety of topics and opportunities.

- C. Policies and procedures for determining and prioritizing which eligible families and individuals will receive homelessness prevention assistance and which eligible families and individuals will receive rapid re-housing assistance.**

For Rapid Re-housing programs that serve families, families with children will be given preference. Based on this funding priority to help families quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing homelessness, only families who are literally homeless (living in shelter, streets or places not meant for human habitation) at the time of contacting the program will be assisted under the Rapid Re-housing component. In addition, DND will require that agencies that provide Rapid Re-housing services to homeless families develop a sustainability plan for the families they serve. DND does not want to be in the situation where an agency rapidly re-houses a family in order to achieve the project outcomes, for example, but that permanent housing situation is known not to be sustainable after a few months. We do not want families to be set up to become homeless again. Therefore we are requiring that a sustainability plan be developed for each family and that the agency is providing needed stabilization services for those families to remain housed.

For the Rapid Re-housing Program that serves individuals, prioritization will be given to those families that are eligible for the state funded Rapid Re-housing program. DHCD has provided \$950,000 through its ESG program for Rapid Re-housing services in Boston. DND funded case management services for the same program. The lead agency is the Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance (MHSA) collaborating with Pine Street Inn, Boston Public Health Commission, St. Francis House and HomeStart. The geographic area to be served is the City of Boston. Eligible participants will access services through referrals from Boston homeless service providers, including emergency shelters, day programs and street outreach programs. All participants must meet the HUD definition of homelessness, are unaccompanied individuals and will fall within the income requirements set by HUD. In addition, they will be either in an emergency shelter or living in a place not meant for human habitation. As long as potential clients meet the HUD eligibility requirement, are currently residing in Boston, and can provide the required documentation, they will be considered eligible for the program.

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For the Homelessness Prevention programs, prioritization will be given to individuals and families who meet the HUD Definition for prevention programs, have a written lease or occupancy agreement and are in a court ordered eviction process. A 14 day notice to quit will be acceptable on a case by case basis, if the agency working with the client can document that this is not a pattern. The only exception to this is for a few programs that are working closely with community-based partners (property management firms and resource staff from the Boston Public Schools) where we are trying to create system-wide models for prevention.

#### **D. Standards for Determining Share of Rent and Utility Costs that each Program Participant Must Pay, if any, While Receiving Homelessness Prevention or Rapid Re-housing Assistance**

The City of Boston has determined that rental assistance will not exceed the local FMR. In addition the rent for all properties must be determined as rent reasonable. An assisted property may not be owned by the grantee itself, sub-grantee or the parent, subsidiary or affiliated organization of the grant recipient. A lease or written occupancy agreement must be in place and the assisted household must be on the lease in order to use ESG for rental assistance or rent arrears. All rental agreements must be arms-length transactions. The City of Boston will require that the program participants must contribute at least 30% of their income towards rent. As in HPRP, DND is requesting that all agencies utilize the least amount of direct client assistance as possible in order to avoid homelessness or to be rapidly re-housed. We encourage all agencies to utilize other resources coupled with ESG resources. For example, DHCD administers the RAFT program for those at risk of losing their housing. This benefit can be up to \$4,000 for those who are eligible. DND will encourage agencies to combine these resources to stabilize the family in housing. For utility assistance, DND is requiring that agencies utilize the BHA HUD approved utility allowance when paying for utility costs.

#### **E. Standards for Determining How Long a Particular Participant will be provided with Financial Assistance and whether and How the Amount of that Assistance will be adjusted over Time.**

The City of Boston has determined that program participants may receive up to 12 months of rental assistance. Reassessments will be required every 3 months. Although the City will allow up to 12 months of rental assistance, in actuality the expected duration will be much shorter than allowed. Only \$227,186 or 16% of the award is set-aside for direct financial assistance to program participants. Therefore we expect that most of the direct financial assistance will be in the form of a one-time rent arrearage, move in costs or small rental assistance payments for 2 or 3 months. The amount of the Assistance will be adjusted based on the participant's needs and income at the time of reassessment.

#### **F. Standards for Determining the Type, Amount and Duration of Housing Stabilization and/or Housing Relocation Services to Provide to a Program Participant**

ESG funds can be used to cover costs associated with providing homeless or at-risk clients with housing relocation and stabilization services. Funds in this category will primarily cover case management salaries. As stated earlier, Boston is requiring that every individual or family must

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have at least an initial consultation with a case manager or other authorized representatives who can determine the appropriate type of assistance to meet their needs. At this initial consultation, long-term strategies for ensuring stable housing should be covered with the client including referrals to other agencies or programs for other kinds of support including income supports, child care, legal assistance, SNAPs and connections to educational and employment opportunities.

The amount and the duration of Housing Stabilization and/or Housing Relocation Services will be based on the housing stability plan developed by the case manager and the program participant. If the services provided are longer than 3 months a re-assessment will be conducted at that time and the housing stability plan may be revised at that time as well. Unless otherwise indicated by DND prior to the end of the Contract term, Housing Stabilization Services and/or Housing Relocation Services must be completed by the end of the Contract term – June 30, 2013.

- G. Participation in HMIS.** The recipient must ensure that data on all persons served and all activities assisted under ESG are entered into the applicable community-wide HMIS in the area in which those persons and activities are located, or a comparable database, in accordance with HUD's standards on participation, data collection, and reporting under a local HMIS. If the sub recipient is a victim service provider or a legal services provider, it may use a comparable database that collects client-level data over time (i.e., longitudinal data) and generates unduplicated aggregate reports based on the data. Information entered into a comparable database must not be entered directly into or provided to an HMIS.

Included in all of contracts with agencies that are funded with McKinney-Vento resources, including ESG, is the following language: The Contractor will be required to participate in Boston's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). The Department of Neighborhood Development (DND) is the City of Boston's HMIS administrator (BostonHMIS). Participation in an HMIS is required by HUD for all McKinney-Vento funded programs. The ESG is funded with McKinney-Vento funds. Programs will be required to collect the HUD prescribed Universal Data Elements and Program Specific Data Elements for their clients and provide data for the Annual Homeless Assessment Report and the annual McKinney-Vento funding application to HUD. Program Specific Data Elements are required to be captured at program entry and program exit. HUD also requires McKinney-Vento recipients to collect data regarding a client's homeless status in regards to HUD's definition and the number of chronically homeless served. It is the City of Boston's Department of Neighborhood Development's expectation that all homeless programs, regardless of McKinney-Vento funding, report on all clients in these programs in the HMIS and share this data with the City of Boston. DND has contracted with a software provider (Social Solutions, Inc.) to collect data in a common format but Contractors may select their own software system as long as they collect the previously described data elements and share the data with DND. Contractors who choose to utilize another HMIS data collection system are required to provide data to DND on a monthly basis and must be received by the 15th day of the month after the previous month.

All Contractors must also abide by the specified BostonHMIS Policies and Procedures (See attached). Failure to abide by these terms and conditions will result in non-compliance of this contract. All Contractors, regardless of the data collection system being utilized must adhere to the following specified data quality standards. Fields which captures the required Universal Data

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Elements must be 5% or less "null" or "missing" data. Fields which captures the Program Specific Data Elements must be 10% or less "null" or "missing" data. All Contractors, regardless of their HMIS, will have data quality reports distributed on a monthly basis for corrections by the HMIS System Administrators. Contractors who do not meet this minimum standard on an ongoing basis with no remedy will be considered not compliant with this contract.

All Contractors must ensure that clients served are entered into the HMIS with the required data elements and assigned to a program with an entry date and subsequent exit date from the program. The entry and exit dates are required to determine a client's length of stay in the program, the client's patterns of homelessness and daily capacity rates of the program. Entry and exit dates differ for program types however DND expects the following standards for each program type.

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## Projects

### AP-38 Projects Summary

#### Project Summary Information

Table 1 – Project Summary

1	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Existing Homeowner Rehabilitation</b>
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve the quality of owner housing.
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Affordable Housing - Rehab of Existing Units
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$4,596,192; Other Funds: \$241,863; HB2030 \$3,015,000
	<b>Description</b>	The project provides a combination of loans, grants, discount financing and technical assistance to Boston's homeowners to make needed property improvements.
	<b>Target Date</b>	7/1/16 to 6/30/17
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	1960 housing units
	<b>Location Description</b>	Citywide
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Activities include small-scale rehab of owner occupied 1-4 family buildings and substantial rehab for senior homeowners.
3	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Homebuyer Financial Assistance</b>
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Increase rate of successful low-income homebuyers
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Affordable Housing - Rental & Homeownership
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$1,314,825; Other Funds: \$704,095
	<b>Description</b>	The project provides downpayment and closing cost assistance to graduates of approved homebuyer counseling courses.
	<b>Target Date</b>	7/1/16 to 6/30/17
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	150 homebuyers
	<b>Location Description</b>	Citywide

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	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Enable Boston residents to become first-time homebuyers
<b>4</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Homebuyer Technical Assistance</b>
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Increase rate of successful low-income homebuyers
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Affordable Housing - Rental & Homeownership
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$939,496; Other Funds: \$25,645
	<b>Description</b>	The project improves access to affordable housing for homebuyers and homeowners.
	<b>Target Date</b>	7/1/16 to 6/30/17
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Workshops and courses (4,000 participants); foreclosure counseling (250 homeowners).
	<b>Location Description</b>	Citywide
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	The project provides homeowners and first-time homebuyers, especially low-income and minority homebuyers, with educational classes. Program also offers foreclosure counseling.
<b>5</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Rental Housing Preservation</b>
	<b>Target Area</b>	Quincy Corridor Choice Neighborhood
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve quality existing affordable rental housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Affordable Housing - Rental & Homeownership Affordable Housing - Rehab of Existing Units
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$1,330,910; HOME: \$500,000
	<b>Description</b>	This project preserves and increases the stock of affordable rental housing.
	<b>Target Date</b>	7/1/16 to 6/30/17
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Preserve 279 rental units.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Citywide with some resources targeted to the Quincy Corridor Choice Neighborhood

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	<b>Planned Activities</b>	This project preserves and increases the stock of affordable rental housing.
<b>6</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Housing Production</b>
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Increase the supply of affordable housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Affordable Housing - Rental & Homeownership
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$6,092,627; HOME: \$4,401,032; Other Funds: \$87,830; HB2030: \$3,145,000 IDP: \$10,644,212
	<b>Description</b>	Project makes funding available to assist non-profit and for-profit developers create new affordable rental and homeownership housing.
	<b>Target Date</b>	7/1/16 to 6/30/17
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	632 new units (54 ownership, 578 rentals)
	<b>Location Description</b>	Citywide
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Project makes funding available to assist non-profit and for-profit developers to create new affordable rental and homeownership housing.
<b>7</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Lead Paint Abatement</b>
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Increase the supply of lead safe housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Affordable Housing - Rehab of Existing Units
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$437,205; Lead Paint Abatement: \$1,231,364
	<b>Description</b>	The project provides grants and loans to abate lead paint hazards in homeownership and rental housing occupied by low-income households with a child under age 6.
	<b>Target Date</b>	7/1/16 to 6/30/17
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	90 housing units deleaded
	<b>Location Description</b>	Citywide; prioritized for areas with high numbers and % of children with elevated blood lead levels.

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	<b>Planned Activities</b>	The project provides grants and loans to abate lead paint hazards in homeownership and rental housing occupied by low-income families with a child under age 6.
<b>8</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>CHDO Operating Assistance</b>
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Support Community Housing Development Org (CHDO)
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Affordable Housing - Rental & Homeownership
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$212,373
	<b>Description</b>	The project provides HOME funds for the operating expenses of certified Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) developing affordable housing.
	<b>Target Date</b>	7/1/16 to 6/30/17
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Fund 11 CHDOs
	<b>Location Description</b>	Citywide
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Provide HOME funds for operating expenses to CHDOs that are owners, developers and/or sponsors of affordable housing that is HOME eligible.
<b>11</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Tenants-At-Risk (CEDAC)</b>
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Prevent loss of subsidized housing stock
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Affordable Housing - Rental & Homeownership
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$167,609; HB2030: \$180,000
	<b>Description</b>	The project supports low and moderate-income residents of HUD-financed multifamily rental properties to preserve their buildings, maintain affordable rents and build resident communities.
	<b>Target Date</b>	7/1/16 to 6/30/17
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Not Applicable
	<b>Location Description</b>	Citywide

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	<b>Planned Activities</b>	The project supports low and moderate-income residents of HUD-financed multifamily rental properties to preserve their buildings, maintain affordable rents and build resident communities.
<b>12</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Homeless and Supportive Housing</b>
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Provide Housing-Related Services to Homeless
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Housing-Related Services to Homeless
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$952,226; Continuum of Care: \$24,618,081; HB2030: \$1,710,000; Other Funds: \$6644,998
	<b>Description</b>	The program provides housing-related services to the homeless.
	<b>Target Date</b>	7/1/16 to 6/30/17
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Permanent housing assistance: 1150 households; Supportive services: 2200 households.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Citywide
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Programs provide housing-related services to the homeless primarily through federal McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act programs, as amended by HEARTH, in support of permanent and transitional housing, supportive services and leasing funds. CDBG funds are used for emergency rental assistance and ESG funds provide shelter operating costs, homeless prevention and services. See IDIS project 3034 for ESG.
<b>13</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Supportive Housing for Persons with AIDS</b>
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Increase Housing Options for Persons with HIV/AIDS
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Supportive Housing for Persons with AIDS
	<b>Funding</b>	HOPWA: \$2,505,609
	<b>Description</b>	The project provides housing related services to persons with HIV/AIDS. Provider contracts range between one and two years.
	<b>Target Date</b>	7/1/16 to 6/30/17
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	1025 households

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	<b>Location Description</b>	Three-County (Suffolk, Norfolk, Plymouth) Eligible Metropolitan Service Area
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	HOPWA funds primarily provide tenant-based rental assistance, STRMU: short term rental, mortgage and utility assistance, and housing related supportive services to the almost 7,000 persons living with AIDS/HIV in the Boston EMSA.
<b>14</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Grassroots</b>
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Support development of community gardens Reduce City's Inventory of Vacant Buildings & Land
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Brownfield Sites Redevelop city-owned vacant land and buildings
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$536,892
	<b>Description</b>	This project supports the development of community gardens on city-owned vacant land.
	<b>Target Date</b>	7/1/16 to 6/30/17
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	4 community gardens
	<b>Location Description</b>	Citywide
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Development of community gardens on city-owned vacant land.
<b>15</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Main Streets</b>
	<b>Target Area</b>	Allston Village Main Street, Bowdoin/Geneva Main Street, Brighton Main Street, Chinatown Main Street Dudley Square Main Street, East Boston Main Street, Egleston Square Main Street Fields Corner Main Street, Four Corners Main Street, Greater Grove Hall Main Street Hyde/Jackson Main Street, Hyde Park Main Street, Mission Hill Main Street St. Mark's Area Main Street, Uphams Corner Main Street, Washington Gateway , Mattapan Square
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Revitalize Business Districts Increase Employment Opportunities

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	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Employment Opportunities Revitalize Neighborhood Business Districts
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$1,595,822; Improve & Innovation Fund: \$172,500
	<b>Description</b>	The project provides assistance to 20 designated Main Street districts to support commercial districts by attracting new businesses and providing jobs to area residents.
	<b>Target Date</b>	7/1/16 to 6/30/17
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Jobs created/retained: 500 New businesses opened: 150
	<b>Location Description</b>	Citywide
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Provide financial and technical assistance through a four-point comprehensive approach to create and sustain the district's image: 1. Community organization; 2. Promotion; 3. Design; and 4. Economic restructuring to enhance the image of the business district and attract new consumers.
<b>16</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>ReStore</b>
	<b>Target Area</b>	Quincy Corridor Choice Neighborhood
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Revitalize Business Districts Improve Neighborhood Storefronts
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Revitalize Neighborhood Business Districts
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$1,070,994; FY10/11 Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant: \$120,000; Improve & Innovation Fund: \$60,000
	<b>Description</b>	This project helps neighborhood business and property owners with storefront improvements to support and strengthen the local commercial areas.
	<b>Target Date</b>	7/1/16 to 6/30/17
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	120 storefronts
	<b>Location Description</b>	Citywide with some resources targeted to the Quincy Corridor Choice Neighborhood

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	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Provide financial assistance to neighborhood businesses to undertake a variety of improvements such as: 1. Restoration of exterior finishes/materials; 2. Repair or replacement of storefront windows and doors; 3. New signage and lighting; 4. Removal of roll-down grills; and 5. Installation of awnings.
<b>17</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Commercial Real Estate Development</b>
	<b>Target Area</b>	Quincy Corridor Choice Neighborhood
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Revitalize Business Districts Increase Employment Opportunities
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Employment Opportunities Revitalize Neighborhood Business Districts
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$502,228; FY10/11 Choice Neighborhoods: \$515,770
	<b>Description</b>	The project provides loans and grants to for-profit businesses for larger scale economic development projects that will create jobs for low-income persons or provide needed business services to low and moderate income areas.
	<b>Target Date</b>	7/1/16 to 6/30/17
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	900 jobs new or retained.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Citywide with some resources targeted to the Quincy Corridor Choice Neighborhood
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Provide funding to assist with acquisition, construction, rehabilitation or working capital loans for commercial and industrial projects.
<b>18</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Business Technical Assistance</b>
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Revitalize Business Districts Increase Employment Opportunities
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Employment Opportunities Revitalize Neighborhood Business Districts
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$844,235; Improve & Innovation Fund: \$27,500
	<b>Description</b>	Project provides managerial and financial products and services to small businesses that will create additional jobs or provide an expanded service to a low and moderate income area.

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	<b>Target Date</b>	7/1/16 to 6/30/17
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	3900 business assisted
	<b>Location Description</b>	Citywide
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Types of assistance include financial management, bookkeeping, inventory management and control, marketing, design assistance and legal assistance.
<b>20</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Partners With Non-Profits</b>
	<b>Target Area</b>	Quincy Corridor Choice Neighborhood
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve the Quality of Neighborhood Facilities
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Community Development - Public Facilities
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$570,397; FY10/11 Choice Neighborhoods: \$50,000
	<b>Description</b>	The project provides funding to community based non-profit organizations to make physical improvements to their facilities.
	<b>Target Date</b>	7/1/16 to 6/30/17
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	30 neighborhood facilities
	<b>Location Description</b>	Citywide with some resources targeted to the Quincy Corridor Choice Neighborhood
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Provide financial assistance to nonprofits to make capital repairs to improve the quality and/or accessibility of neighborhood facilities.
<b>22</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Property Disposition</b>
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Reduce City's Inventory of Vacant Buildings & Land
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Redevelop city-owned vacant land and buildings
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$464,000; City Operating Funds: \$337,467
	<b>Description</b>	This project makes available city-owned land and buildings for redevelopment through a request for proposals.
	<b>Target Date</b>	7/1/16 to 6/30/17

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	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Through the Neighborhood Home Initiative, 26 sites packages will be marketed.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Citywide
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	CDBG funded activities include non-personnel costs associated with the disposition of property for an eligible community development purpose. Examples include: appraisal, title search, marketing and signage.
<b>23</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Brownfields Environmental Abatement</b>
	<b>Target Area</b>	Fairmount Smart Growth Corridor & Neighborhood Home Initiative
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Abate Brownfield Sites for Redevelopment
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Brownfield Sites Redevelop city-owned vacant land and buildings
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$558,741; Other Funds: \$256,616
	<b>Description</b>	This project investigates tests, analyzes and removes environmental hazards on tax foreclosed and surplus buildings and land to protect the public's health and safety and facilitate the redevelopment of the parcels.
	<b>Target Date</b>	7/1/16 to 6/30/17
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	100 environmental tests
	<b>Location Description</b>	Fairmount Corridor, NHI and Citywide
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Boston's Brownfields program includes a model for prioritizing the City's inventory of brownfield properties that includes assessment, remediation, redevelopment and reuse.
<b>24</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Property Management</b>
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Maintain City-Owned Buildings & Lots
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Redevelop city-owned vacant land and buildings
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$167,500; City Operating Funds: \$1,394,362

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	<b>Description</b>	This program protects the public health and safety until permanent repairs, disposition or redevelopment of the property can be completed. CDBG funds are used for properties that are in low/mod areas or that will be part of a project providing a benefit to low mod persons. City operating funds are used for properties that are not eligible for CDBG funding.
	<b>Target Date</b>	7/1/16 to 6/30/17
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Current Inventory: 28 buildings and 1122 parcels of land.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Low-mod areas citywide
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	This program makes needed emergency repairs, such as boarding, to prevent illegal entry on city-owned properties acquired through tax title foreclosure; and, readies city-owned properties for disposition. Repairs are done to ensure the safety of the occupants or abutters and to maintain the integrity of the structure.
<b>25</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Demolition</b>
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Demolish Blighted Buildings
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Redevelop city-owned vacant land and buildings
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$449,728
	<b>Description</b>	This project demolishes blighted properties that pose a threat to public safety and are infeasible for rehabilitation.
	<b>Target Date</b>	7/1/16 to 6/30/17
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	1-2 buildings
	<b>Location Description</b>	Citywide
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Demolish blighted buildings.
<b>27</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Human Services (Office Workforce Development )</b>
	<b>Target Area</b>	Quincy Corridor Choice Neighborhood
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Increase the Self-Sufficiency of Low-Income People

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	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Community Development - Public Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$2,758,613; FY10/11 Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant: \$862,500
	<b>Description</b>	This project targets programs and services aimed at employing people in career sectors that provide them with long-term economic stability.
	<b>Target Date</b>	7/1/16 to 6/30/17
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	3676 Individuals
	<b>Location Description</b>	Low income persons Citywide with some resources targeted to the Quincy Corridor Choice Neighborhood
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	A variety of programs to promote economic self-sufficiency.
<b>28</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Policy Development &amp; Research</b>
	<b>Target Area</b>	Quincy Corridor Choice Neighborhood
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Provide Research & Reports
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$3556,757; Other Funds: \$111,505; FY10/11 Choice Neighborhoods: \$112,100
	<b>Description</b>	Policy Development and Research (PDR) supports DND with program development assistance, research and policy analysis, mapping and data services, as well as grant-writing and technical assistance on regulatory and compliance matters.
	<b>Target Date</b>	7/1/16 to 6/30/17
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Preparation and submission of federally required plans and reports; oversee Boston's HUD required citizen participation process; provide research, analysis, maps and reports to support programs and special initiatives.
<b>29</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Administration</b>
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Administration
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$3,188,835; HOME: \$447,425; City Operating Funds: \$1,573,733; FY10/11 Choice Neighborhoods: \$101,000; Other Funds: \$246,482;
	<b>Description</b>	Administration and Finance (A&F) manages DND's annual budget and provides oversight and management for a broad array of departmental responsibilities.

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	<b>Target Date</b>	7/1/16 to 6/30/17
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Manage the flow and efficient processing of federal funds to DND projects and programs; administer contracts for administrative and construction services; monitor conformity with affordability covenants placed on property developed with DND funds; maintain project records in accordance with state and federal regulations; provide administrative support and services to DND.
<b>31</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Fair Housing</b>
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	To foster inclusive, healthy, resilient and sustainable neighborhoods for all people through inclusive planning, affirmative housing marketing, fair lending initiatives, education initiatives, enforcement initiatives, and through partnerships, committees and taskforce groups.
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Community Development - Public Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$531,472
	<b>Description</b>	Through the Office of Fair Housing and Equity, this program increases housing choice through maintaining a database of housing availability, education and outreach, housing search assistance, policy development, enforcing fair housing laws, and ensuring the affirmative marketing of city assisted housing developments.
	<b>Target Date</b>	7/1/16 to 6/30/17
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	3,000 persons
	<b>Location Description</b>	Citywide
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Five primary activities: 1. Investigating fair housing complaints and enforcing fair housing laws, 2. maintain database of public and private housing opportunities and provide housing search assistance, 3. Policy development and implementation, 4. Ensuring Affirmative Housing Marketing Plans of city assisted housing developments. 5. Provide education and outreach to increase housing choice and access.
<b>34</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)</b>
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Provide Housing-Related Services to Homeless
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Housing-Related Services to Homeless
	<b>Funding</b>	ESG: \$1,449,423

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	<b>Description</b>	This program works to reduce the number of homeless families and individuals.
	<b>Target Date</b>	7/1/16 to 6/30/17
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	214 Households rapidly rehoused
	<b>Location Description</b>	Citywide
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Funding is used for Street Outreach, Emergency Shelter, Homelessness Prevention, Rapid Re-Housing and Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). See IDIS 3012 for other homeless and supportive housing programs.
<b>41</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>BHA Whittier Choice</b>
	<b>Target Area</b>	Whittier Choice Neighborhood
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve the Quality of Existing Housing; Increase supply affordable Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Affordable Housing Rental
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$250,000
	<b>Description</b>	The BHA and DND submitted a HUD application for FY16 Choice Implementation grant to support redevelopment of Whittier Public Housing Development.
	<b>Target Date</b>	7/1/16 to 6/30/17
	<b>Location Description</b>	Whittier Choice target area (see map 7)
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Support the neighborhood component of the Whittier Choice plan

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**Public Comments**

**The City would like to thank the following individuals and organizations for their oral testimony and/or written comments on the Program Year 2016 Action Plan.**

1. Rox Lindbert, FINEX House	2. Lizbeth Heyer, Jewish Community Housing for Elderly	3. Gerald Robbins, Hyde Jackson Square Main Street
4. Linda Miller-Foster, NOAH	5. Carrie Tennant, NOAH	6. Jenn Cartee, St. Mark's Main Street
7. Amos Cabral, Resident	8. Betty Braddy, Resident	9. Aspasia Xypolia, Viet AID
10. Felismino Fernandes, Resident	11. Bill McGonagle, BHA	12. Joe McPheeson, Kit Clark
13. Jennifer Efron, Washington Gateway Main Street	14. Kristin Haas, Project Hope	15. Linda Smith, Boston Healthcare for the Homeless
16. Concetta Paul, Resident	17. Susan St. Clair, Mission Hill Neighborhood Housing	18. Marill Cabey, Resident
19. Bill Gordon, Madison Park Development	20. Myra Ackerman, Family Aid Boston	21. Clara Garcia, United South End Settlement
22. Chaz Carroll, Resident	23. Beth O'Donnell, Codman Square NDC	24. Carol Martinez, ABCD
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40. Mercedes Paulino, ABCD	41. Claudette Gates, Resident	42. Bill Perkins, Four Corners Main Street
43. Lyndia Downie, Pine Street	44. Kathy Kottaridis, Historic Boston	

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A summary of the public comments received is provided below. Comments are grouped by issue and similar comments may have been combined or paraphrased.

Comment	Response
<b>Issue: Funding Foreclosure Prevention and Counseling Contracts to Nonprofit Partners</b>	
Three clients and two nonprofit partners gave testimony regarding the value of foreclosure prevention counseling services and urged continued funding for the program.	The City plans to continue funding foreclosure prevention in the upcoming program year.
<b>Issue: CDBG Funded Human Services through the Mayor's Office of Jobs and Community Services (JCS)</b>	
A number of organizations expressed the value of CDBG funding to their public service and homeless prevention programs and urged the City to continue funding programs serving the neediest residents.	The City allocates the maximum percentage allowed (of our annual allocation) under CDBG regulations to support programs and services assisting low and moderate income residents to achieve economic self-sufficiency and reduce poverty.
<b>Issue: Homebuyer Programs</b>	
Four clients and two nonprofit agencies urged the City to continue providing funding for first time homebuyer counseling and down payment assistance.	The City will be continuing its existing first-time homebuyer down payment and closing-cost assistance and homebuyer counseling programs. The City will also make a significant amount of additional/local resources available. Promoting affordable homeownership is a key goal of Boston's housing strategy.
<b>Issue: Homeowner Rehabilitation Programs Including Senior Home Rehab and Lead Paint Abatement</b>	
Two elderly residents, clients of senior home repair program testified about the importance of the technical and financial assistance provided by the City in helping them make needed home repairs and remain in their homes. In addition, 3 nonprofit partners working with the City to assist senior homeowners urged continued funding.	Thank you. The City plans to continue the program. And, in September of 2015, we launched Seniors Save a new, proactive program that helps income eligible seniors replace failing or inefficient heating systems before winter begins.
Two homeowners urged the City to continue funding the Lead Safe Boston programs.	The City plans to continue the program.
<b>Issue: Economic Development: Boston Main Streets &amp; ReStore Signage &amp; Façade Improvements</b>	
Eight Main Streets Districts urged the continued funding of the Main Streets program as important sources for job growth, for supporting local businesses and for positive impact to neighborhood business districts.	The City will continue funding the Main Street program. Further, in March 2016, Boston announced a first ever small business plan to guide the City approach to supporting small businesses.

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Comment	Response
<b>Issue: Homeless Prevention + Increase Funding for Homeless Programs</b>	
<p>Four agencies working to prevent homelessness urged the City to continue to use ESG funds for prevention services.</p> <p>Four agencies serving the homeless urged the City to set aside more funding for the homeless.</p>	<p>The City plans to continue ESG funded homeless prevention.</p> <p>The Walsh Administration's proposed FY17 budget includes \$1.3 million to further the goals of the city's <b><i>Action Plan to End Veteran and Chronic Homelessness in Boston</i></b>. The FY17 budget also includes an increase of \$2 million in federal funds to provide low barrier permanent supportive housing for the homeless.</p>
<b>Issue: Lack of Affordable Housing; particularly senior housing</b>	
<p>One organization expressed disappointment that the Action Plan does not specify the creation of new housing for the elderly. Another organization urged the City to create more affordable housing for seniors.</p> <p>Nine nonprofit agencies urged the City to continue to support affordable housing and to increase public resources to allow more low-income families to remain in Boston.</p>	<p><b><i>Housing Boston 2030</i></b> calls for the creation of 5000 new units of housing for seniors and the City is delivering. In March 2016, \$28 million in funding awards for affordable housing was announced. Two projects awarded funds are for elderly housing: a 46-unit development in South Boston and the preservation of 161 units in Chinatown.</p> <p><b><i>Boston 2030</i></b> housing plan includes using increased City resources to create about 6500 new affordable units, 1700 for extremely low-income households. Further, the Walsh Administration supports the Community Preservation Act (CPA), which could provide a significant revenue stream to support affordable housing, historic preservation, and open space initiatives. The proposal could potentially be placed on the ballot in Boston in November 2016.</p>