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Fenway Kenmore **Final Report**

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BIDMC Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative



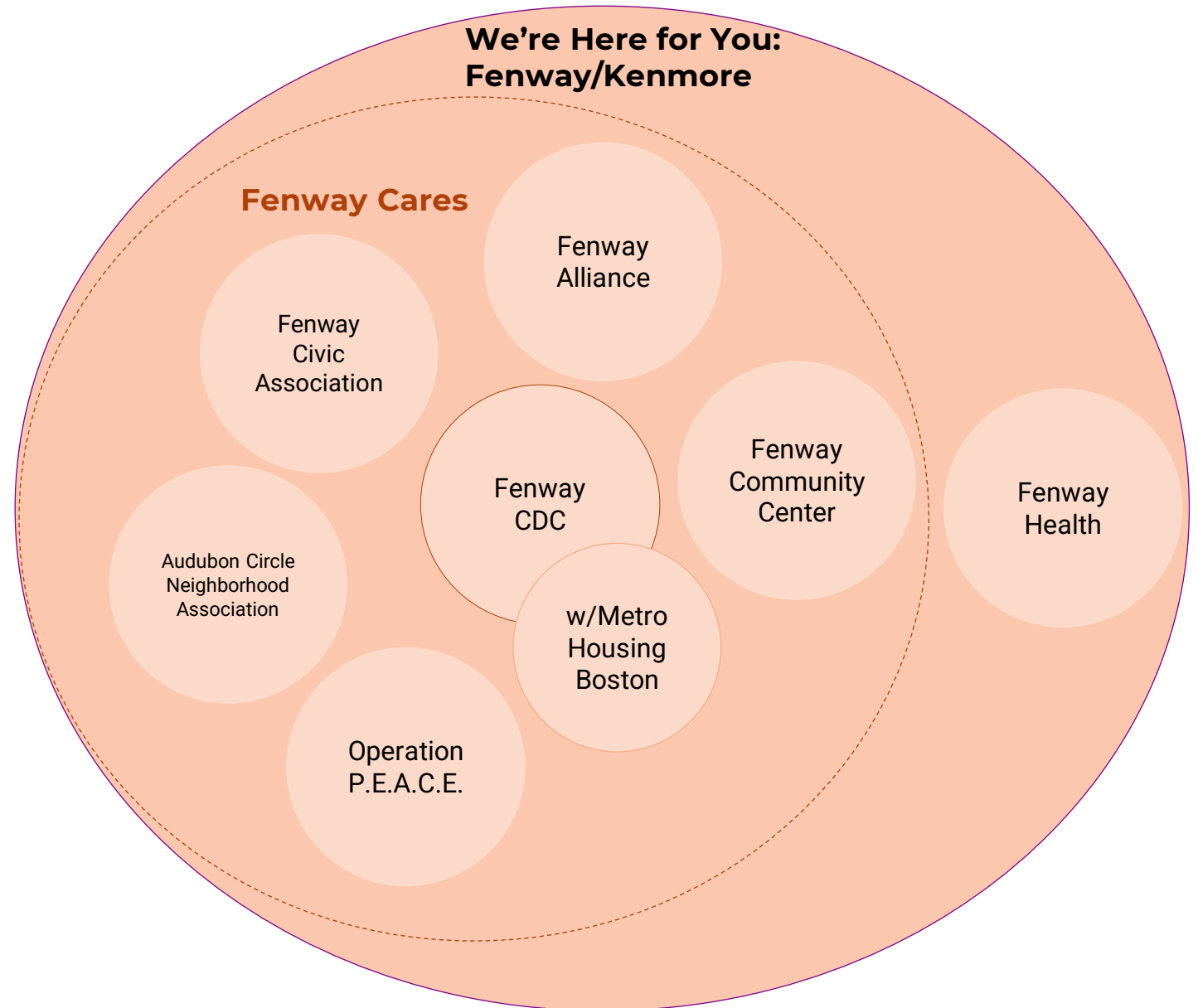
About the Collective

We're Here for You Fenway/Kenmore is a collaboration between 7 organizations: Fenway Civic Association, Fenway Alliance, Operation P.E.A.C.E., Audubon Circle Neighborhood Association, Fenway Community Center, Fenway Health, and Fenway Community Development Corporation (Fenway CDC). The collective builds off pre-existing collaboration across several of the agencies under Fenway Cares, a mutual aid collaboration that started in spring of 2020 to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic through food distribution.

The Collective primarily operated through informal structures during the grant period. The full Collective met several times, including for the grant kick-off and conducted ad hoc meetings to coordinate community listening sessions and activities. Beginning in Spring 2023, the full Collective met monthly.

Fenway CDC served as lead convener and fiscal conduit for the Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative grant from BIDMC. It played a central role in coordinating community engagement and shared efforts across the collective.

*Although Fenway CDC is part of Fenway Cares, it is often considered separately because of its organizational size, project budget size, and coordinating role.



About the project

During the Planning Phase of the grant, the Collective designed a project with three arms:

- Health Care Access run by Fenway Health,
- Financial Stability run by Fenway CDC, and
- Community Leadership (initially Food Access) led by Fenway Cares.

The table on the right outlines the key goal and planned activities of each arm.

Health Care Access	Financial Stability	Community Leadership
<p>Initial Goal: 75% of residents involved with the community health navigator report having access to the healthcare resources they need by the end of their services.</p>	<p>Goal: 75% of residents using financial coaching and case management report increased financial well-being by the end of their services.</p>	<p>Goal: 90% of Fenway Cares resident leaders feel more connected to their neighborhood as a result of their participation in Fenway Cares</p>
<p>Planned activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create a Community Health Navigator to serve Fenway/Kenmore residents	<p>Planned activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create a Community Services Coordinator role to provide financial case management, and contract with Metro Housing Boston to provide financial literacy coaching	<p>Planned activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Build and strengthen capacity and sustainability of the Fenway Cares program through leadership training, more formalized infrastructure, stipends, and team building events.

We're Here for You: Fenway/Kenmore

Evaluation Summary

We're Here For You: Fenway/Kenmore is in the first of three cohorts of BIDMC's Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative (HNI). During the grant period (May 2021-February 2024), Fenway CDC served as lead convener and fiscal conduit for the HNI grant.

The Collective is comprised of Fenway Community Development Corporation (Fenway CDC), Fenway Civic Association, Fenway Alliance, Operation P.E.A.C.E., Audubon Circle Neighborhood Association, Fenway Community Center, and Fenway Health.

About the project

The Collective designed and implemented a project with three pillars:

Health Care Access run by Fenway Health to increase direct outreach to Fenway/Kenmore residents to connect them with its services.

Financial Stability run by Fenway CDC to provide financial case management and financial literacy coaching to residents.

Community Leadership led by Fenway Cares to build and strengthen capacity and sustainability of the Fenway Cares program by training 24 residents as leaders and providing them with more formalized volunteering and leadership infrastructure (including stipends) and team building events.

Key Outcomes

Developed community leadership. Even after the training and stipends have ended, many Resident Leaders continue to volunteer or actively recruit their neighbors to volunteer. Several have demonstrated leadership in the neighborhood since the project ended.

Created authentic relationships between residents and organizations, fostering a sense of investment and collaboration in the neighborhood. Collective members observed networking, information exchange, and new collaborations forming across Resident Leaders throughout the program and with organizations. All (100%) of Resident Leaders felt more connected to their neighborhood as a result of participating in the training.

Increased financial well-being. 86% of residents using financial coaching and case management reported increased financial well-being by the end of their services.