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Supporting Boston Neighborhood Coalitions

BIDMC is excited to announce that the first two collectives for the Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative have been selected and will focus on the Boston neighborhoods of Bowdoin/Kenmore and Fenway/Kenmore. Healthy Bowdoin Genesis and We’re Here for You: Fenway/Kenmore are coalitions made up of community-based organizations, local businesses, and residents who have strong connections to these neighborhoods.

Over the next few months these collectives will engage community members to identify and select a neighborhood-specific project to receive funding.

Healthy Bowdoin Genesis

Healthy Bowdoin Genesis is comprised of neighborhood residents and representatives from organizations including Bowdoin Genesis Main Streets, Bowdoin Street Health Center, Cape Verdean Association of Boston, Charlesview Teen Center at Saint Peter’s, Charlestown CARES Coalition, Dorchester Catholic Parishes, Dorchester Food Co-op, Family Nurture Centering, Friends of Chinatown, Friends of Finance Park, Greater Bowdoin Genesis Neighborhood Association, MIT/Wellesley Hill Civic Association, and UPH Academy Dorchester School.

We're Here for You: Fenway/Kenmore

We’re Here for You: Fenway Kenmore includes neighborhood residents and representatives from Audubon Circle Neighborhood Association, Boys & Girls Club of Metro South, Catholic Charities Teen Center at Saint Peter’s, Catholic Charities Teen Center at Saint Joseph, City of Boston, Chelsea Community Center, Community Development Corporation, DORCHESTER Community Development Corporation, Dorchester Cares, Fenway Community Center, Fenway Community Development Corporation, Fenway Health, Heartland Medical Center, Institute of Technology, and more.

Future Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative Funding Opportunities

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- The Boys & Girls Club of More South will provide fresh produce to the community by using the funds to purchase a state-of-the-art freight farm greenhouse, which is a self-contained hydroponic farm housed in a shipping container that allows for plants to grow vertically indoors year-round without soil or direct sunlight.

- Father Bill’s & MainSpring is a leader in ending and preventing homelessness in southern Massachusetts, that provide emergency, permanent housing and support services to individuals and families.

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