

September 16 Funding Update

Choice Neighborhoods Grant Awarded to the Department of Neighborhood Development

On September 1st, Mayor Menino joined U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan as HUD announced that Boston is receiving \$20.5M to redevelop the Woodledge/Morrant Bay Apartments and revitalize Dorchester's Quincy Street Corridor.

Boston is one of just five cities nationwide to receive the first-ever Implementation Grants awarded under HUD's Choice Neighborhoods Initiative, a new strategic approach intended to help transform high-poverty, distressed neighborhoods into communities with healthy, affordable housing, safe streets, and access to quality educational opportunities. Boston joins Chicago, New Orleans, San Francisco and Seattle to receive a combined \$122 million.

To learn more, please go to: <http://www.cityofboston.gov/news/default.aspx?id=5278>

Boston awarded \$2.4 million grant from HUD to support Lead Safe Boston program

On September 15th, Mayor Menino announced that the City's Department of Neighborhood Development (DND) was awarded a \$2.4 million grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to support the Lead Safe Boston program. Specifically, \$2.3 million will be used to abate lead-based paint hazards in 175 housing units in the city's low and moderate income neighborhoods while \$100,000 will be used for a Healthy Homes component in partnership with the Boston Public Health Commission.

To learn more, please go to: <http://www.cityofboston.gov/news/Default.aspx?id=5294>

President Obama Promotes the American Jobs Act

Last week, President Obama introduced the American Jobs Act. According to the Administration, "The purpose of this package is simple: put more people back to work, including teachers, first responders, and construction workers, and to put more money in the pockets of working Americans. This will lead to new American jobs, and it won't add a dime to the deficit".

To learn more about the American Jobs Act, please go to: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/jobsact>

Mayor Menino Releases 2011 Jobs Report

Released on Labor Day 2011, the Jobs Report outlines strategies to further bolster job creation and keep Boston on top in the job market. While Boston continues to be one of the highest job growth cities in the country - the U.S. unemployment rate of 9% is higher than Boston's rate of around 7% - the Mayor emphasized the need to continue working to create jobs for Boston residents.

To learn more, please go to: <http://www.cityofboston.gov/news/Default.aspx?id=5283>

Renew Boston Solar Rebates

The Renew Boston Initiative is offering rebates up to \$2,800 for Boston homeowners to go solar. Combined with state and federal incentives, Renew Boston Solar Rebates can help qualifying homeowners save up to 60% off the cost of home solar panels. Renew Boston is offering this limited time program thanks to the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

To learn more, please go to: <http://www.renewboston.org/solar-rebate-program>

View the City of Boston's Bids & RFPs

You can access the current list of bids at <http://www.cityofboston.gov/purchasing/bid.asp>

You can also view the Boston City Record in PDF which is the official and comprehensive repository of all advertisements at <http://www.cityofboston.gov/purchasing/default.asp>

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