

2019 Spaulding-CNC Community Partnership Fund

On June 4, 2019 Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital and the Charlestown Neighborhood Council (CNC) distributed checks to 16 Charlestown non-profit organizations for the Spaulding-CNC Community Partnership Fund. These projects all enhance the quality of life in Charlestown and strengthen the capacity of Charlestown residents to meet and address health needs in the community. These organizations were funded for the following projects:

Organization	Grant Awarded	Funding Description
Boston Public Housing Authority (BPHC)	\$ 5,000	BHA Charlestown Adult Education/CharlestownWorks is a comprehensive adult education program and career center comprised of job trainings and education for adults. The grant funding will provide support for adult students fees to take the HiSET (High School Equivalency Test), once completing the education courses provided at the Center.
Charlestown Boys & Girls Club	\$ 5,000	The inclusion initiative at the Charlestown Boys and Girls Club is focused on positioning staff and programs to effectively support individual members, whether they face physical, developmental, or behavioral challenges such as autism spectrum disorders, sensory impairments, Down Syndrome, physical mobility issues, among others. The goal is to maximize successful participation in our programs through an approach that accommodates the needs of members while maintaining the fundamental nature of Club activities.
Charlestown Lacrosse & Learning Center	\$ 5,000	Charlestown Lacrosse & Learning Center will use this funding to pilot a program hiring high school students as mentors to younger members. The program will include job training and leadership literacy for Charlestown teens hired by CLLC.
Charlestown Little League	\$ 5,000	Charlestown Little League will continue the teen employment program by employing and training 10-12 teens as teen umpires and concessions stand staff, ages 13-18, providing them with a safe alternative after-school activity, as well as a source of income and community pride. Additionally, this grant funding will provide the annual insurance coverage for the program.

Charlestown Working Theatre, Inc.	\$ 5,000	The Charlestown Working Theater will support our our youth productions, classes, and community/artistic partnerships, which includes core educational programs for children and young adults including our two annual productions, and off-site classes in instructional chess and animation. Expenses include administrative and education salary supports, as well as expendables such as class supplies, costumes and sets.
Charlestown YMCA	\$ 4,982	The Charlestown YMCA will provide scholarships to 10 new teens with a one-year membership and program access, specifically enrollment in our Teen Leader's Club program. The goal of our Leader's Club is to help teens gain leadership training, to serve others and to develop them personally and socially. The funding will cover attendance of all 10 teens at one Leader's Club Rally with other YMCA Leader's Clubs and four college tours.
Charlestown Youth Football and Cheerleading League	\$ 5,000	Charlestown Youth Football and Cheerleading provides fundamental teaching, instruction, and coaching for boys and girls ages 6-15. The grant will pay the required insurance, transportation costs, referee and EMT fees, and the overall safety and maintenance of the program. The program teaches discipline and respect, with a mission to keep at-risk youth off the street and off drugs.
Charlestown Youth Hockey Association	\$ 5,000	Through targeted, specific efforts of Micro Hockey and Friday Night Ice, Charlestown Youth Hockey aims to support and develop highly influential groups of youth at the youngest and critical teen ages. The continued efforts of these specific age-appropriate skill and alternate activity programs will continue to provide an environment for safe, healthy and fun activities to educate and build the mental and physical well-being for the youth of Charlestown. Long-term, we aim to support our youth to have the confidence and ability to make smart life choices and practice healthy living habits to benefit from throughout a lifetime.

Charlestown Youth Soccer Association	\$ 5,000	Ensure that all Charlestown Youth Soccer Association players benefit from strong coaching at all levels by recruiting professionals. Coaches will teach the fundamental principles of play, develop players' understanding of the game, and ensure that they learn skills and tactical knowledge. Coaches would ensure that players and teams can maintain possession of the ball, develop positional awareness, respond in defense and intelligently construct an attack. Our goal is to ensure that young people have access to healthy activities that keep them busy and occupied particularly as they enter their teen years.
Courageous Sailing Center for Youth, Inc.	\$ 4,850	Courageous Sailing will provide families, whose members participate in Adaptive Sailing Days or in our Swim, Sail, Science Program, the opportunity to sail together with an instructor. Charlestown Family Sailing will give Charlestown residents who might not usually have access to our harbor the opportunity to enjoy the fun, peace, family time, and/or learning possibilities of sailing.
Gardens for Charlestown - Tend & Tell Program	\$ 3,285	Charlestown Gardens will continue and expand its program "Tend and Tell: Watch us Grow!" to teach children from K-2 at Harvard Kent School about earth sciences, nutrition and reading. Using the community garden as the laboratory for learning, the children acquire knowledge and hands-on experience pertaining to: how and why plants grow, where their food comes from, the relationship of weather, birds and insects to successful growing and healthy nutritional options through a nine-week in-class curriculum.
Harvard Kent Parents Association	\$ 8,133	The Harvard-Kent Parents Association received funding to promote greater active parent engagement at Harvard-Kent School and more educational after-school programming for 2019-2020. Funding will support a back to school kick-off event, translators for parent meetings, food and custodial services, and Knucklebones community play for after-school.

Harvest on Vine Food Pantry	\$ 8,750	Expanding on the successful and widely popular Thanksgiving turkey distribution, Harvest on Vine will provide Easter ham dinners again to 500 families in 2019. These funds will provide about half of the needed funding for this project, with the rest coming from additional community support and fundraising. Additionally, Harvest on Vine received funding for a new walk-in freezer to expand capacity to meet demand from clients.
John F. Kennedy Family Service Center, Inc.	\$ 10,000	The Kennedy Center will continue to use the grant funding for a Parent Partner staff position, hiring a local resident to provide a bridge between the staff and community they serve. The funding will be paired with other grant sources to help fund the position that provide the educational parenting skills training and support services offered through the Community Services Center. The Parent Partner assists parents with Ages & Stages screenings, Book-Nook lending library, weekly parenting support group and facilitated playgroups. The grant will also fund a Community/Senior Service Coordinator assisting elders with access to community resources related to food, housing, employment, transportation, etc.
Special Townies	\$ 10,000	Special Townies is a recreational program for children with special needs and their families, with a mission to foster respect, awareness, acceptance, and inclusion within our community of children with Autism and other developmental disorders. We operate out of our clubhouse in Charlestown, where we organize social events and outings, provide resources and guidance to parents, hold meetings, and provide the environment needed for the socialization of special needs children. This funding will go toward keeping our space running so that we may continue to provide these services to our 40+ families. Additional funding will go toward programming, specifically the costs associated with our weekly swim days, Social Saturdays and Sundays, and monthly trips to Sky Zone.

Town Track Club	\$ 5,000	Town Track Club is a track & field, running and fitness club offering year-round youth XC and Track, FIT KIDS afterschool youth fitness programs for schools, adult fitness classes, adult mile to marathon training, and pre-season conditioning for sports teams. Funding is needed for these programs, but priority will be given to support the successful growth of Town Track's Urban XC/Track project for a free afterschool XC /Track program that's serves primarily Charlestown middle school kids. The project's focus is to provide opportunities to underserved youth by establishing Cross Country /Track teams for the kids of Charlestown that traditionally do not have XC/Track facilities or sports programs at their schools.
Warren Prescott Foundation	\$ 5,000	The Warren Prescott Foundation will use the grant funding to support the City Connects programming, which targets students with moderate risk in one or more of the following areas: Academic, Social/Emotional/Behavioral, Health, and or Family. This funding will allow expansion of the programming to include 50-60 students through 10 new small groups of 5-6 students each, to teach skills such as self-esteem building, anger management, how to make and keep friends, and tools for calming themselves/self-regulation. The groups would meet on a regular basis throughout the school year to support these students develop a growth mindset.
TOTAL	\$ 100,000	