

Mass. CDCs Get \$4.5M in Tax Credits to Support Fundraising

April 1, 2016 — Thirty-seven Massachusetts nonprofits, including 35 community development corporations, recently were granted \$4,495,000 in tax credits that they, in turn, can allocate to support their work improving economic opportunities for low- and medium-income households and communities.

This marks the third consecutive year that the state's Community Investment Tax Credit (CITC) program has allocated the credits.

Community development corporations (CDCs) are nonprofit, community-based organizations focused on revitalizing the areas in which they are located, typically low-income, underserved neighborhoods that have experienced significant disinvestment.

“This program encourages private investment in CDCs, increasing their capacity and ability to work with public, private and nonprofit organizations to execute a wide variety of programs,” said Gov. Charlie Baker. “Our local CDCs lay the foundation for strong communities, and these incentives encourages collaboration with private stakeholders.”

CDCs apply to the CITC program for selection as a Community Partner and for tax credits to support fundraising for the development and implementation of their plan. Individuals, corporations, and other entities that make a cash contribution resulting in a qualified investment to an awarded CDC will earn tax credits equal to 50% of the total qualified investment made by the taxpayer.

If the donor gives \$10,000 and has a tax liability, \$5,000 of community investment tax credits will be applied to reduce the payable tax. If the tax credits exceed the payable tax, the Department of Revenue (DOR) will send a check to the donor for the refund of the excess tax credits. If an individual or nonprofit organization or foundation does not have tax liability, DOR will mail a refund check for the amount of tax credits to the donor.

In addition, the donor will receive a federal tax-deduction for the charitable gift.

The credits and deductions apply to the 2016 tax year.

Leah Camhi, executive director of **Fenway Community Development Corporation** in Boston, which has participated in the CITC program since it began, described the program as "a win-win situation as donors can lower their donation cost while doubling the impact of their giving, while Fenway CDC sustains and expands our programs and services."

Receiving the tax credits were the following:

Community Development Corporations:

- **Allston Brighton Community Development Corporation** – \$150,000
- **Asian Community Development Corporation** – \$100,000
- **Community Development Corporation of South Berkshire** – \$50,000
- **Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corporation** – \$150,000
- **Community Development Partnership** – \$120,000
- **Community Teamwork, Inc.** – \$130,000
- **Dorchester Bay Economic Development Corporation** – \$55,000
- **Fenway Community Development Corporation** – \$150,000
- **Franklin County Community Development Corporation** – \$130,000
- **HAP Housing** – \$130,000
- **Housing Assistance Corporation - Cape Cod** – \$150,000
- **Harborlight Community Partners** – \$150,000
- **Housing Corporation of Arlington** – \$50,000
- **Island Housing Trust** – \$150,000

- **Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation – \$150,000**
- **Just-A-Start – \$100,000**
- **Lawrence Community Works – \$150,000**
- **Lena Park Community Development Corporation – \$50,000**
- **Metro West Collaborative Development – \$75,000**
- **Madison Park Development Corporation – \$150,000**
- **Main South Community Development Corporation – \$150,000**
- **Neighborhood of Affordable Housing, Inc. – \$150,000**
- **North Shore Community Development Coalition – \$110,000**
- **Nuestra Comunidad Development Corporation – \$50,000**
- **Oak Hill Community Development Corporation – \$130,000**
- **Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation – \$130,000**
- **Somerville Community Corporation – \$55,000**
- **South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation – \$100,000**
- **South Middlesex Opportunity Council – \$150,000**
- **The Neighborhood Developers – \$150,000**
- **NewVue Communities – \$150,000**
- **Urban Edge – \$150,000**
- **Valley Community Development Corporation – \$150,000**
- **Waltham Alliance to Create Housing Community Development Corporation – \$100,000**
- **Waterfront Historic Area League – \$150,000**

Community Support Organizations:

- **Massachusetts Association of Community Development Corporations – \$150,000**
- **Local Initiatives Support Corporation – \$130,000**