

MEMORANDUM

JANUARY 17, 2013

TO: BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND
PETER MEADE, DIRECTOR

FROM: ROBERT LUISI, DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE
HEATHER CAMPISANO, DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR DEVELOPMENT
REVIEW
GEOFFREY LEWIS, SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER

SUBJECT: PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT OF CHARLESTOWN MITIGATION
FUND (CENTRAL ARTERY NORTH AREA (“CANA”) PARCELS – CITY
SQUARE)

SUMMARY: This Memorandum requests that the Boston Redevelopment Authority (the “BRA”) authorize the disbursement of a total of \$100,000 in varying amounts to eighteen (18) Charlestown non-profit community organizations per the request of the Charlestown Neighborhood Council. The funds will be disbursed from the Charlestown Mitigation Fund maintained by the BRA from contributions made by the developers of the City Square CANA parcels.

THE CHARLESTOWN MITIGATION FUND (CANA PARCELS – CITY SQUARE)

The Charlestown Mitigation Fund (the “Fund”) was established to address social impacts of development projects occurring at CANA parcels located at City Square in Charlestown. The developers of the CANA parcels donated \$925,000 to the Fund. The Fund is maintained and accounted for by the BRA and disbursements from the Fund require approval of the BRA Board.

A process for disbursement of the Fund has been established whereby the Charlestown Neighborhood Council Mitigation Committee conducts an annual public process for non-profits that serve the Charlestown community to apply for funding. The non-profits submit an application and make a presentation regarding their programs and the proposed use of the Fund. The Neighborhood Council then makes recommendations to the BRA requesting disbursements from the Fund.

This \$100,000 will be the eleventh authorization for disbursement from the Fund. An expenditure of \$200,000 to the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club Capital Campaign was approved by the BRA Board on June 13, 2003; an expenditure of \$80,250 was approved

by the BRA Board on January 8, 2004; an expenditure of \$80,249 was approved by the BRA Board on February 3, 2005; an expenditure of \$50,001 was approved by the BRA Board on January 26, 2006, an expenditure of \$53,000 was approved by the BRA Board on February 13, 2007, an expenditure of \$58,000 was approved by the BRA Board on January 31, 2008, an expenditure of \$90,000 was approved by the BRA Board on January 29, 2009, an expenditure of \$107,001 was approved by the BRA Board on December 17, 2009, an expenditure of \$105,000 was approved by the BRA Board on February 11, 2011, and an expenditure of \$104,999 was approved by the BRA Board on January 12, 2012. Including this proposed expenditure, there will be \$1,028,500 in expenditures. Over \$170,000 has accrued in interest on the account and there are sufficient funds to make this disbursement

PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT FOR 2012

On December 4, 2012, at the regularly scheduled monthly meeting, the Charlestown Neighborhood Council voted unanimously to ratify the recommendations of the Mitigation Committee as to the awarding of funds to local non-profit organizations. The Neighborhood Council voted to request that the BRA authorize the expenditure of \$100,000 from the Fund, to be paid as follows:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Proposed Grant Amount</u>
Charlestown Girls Softball	\$ 3,122.67
Charlestown Youth Hockey	\$ 9,417.07
Charlestown Little League	\$ 8,672.53
Skate to Success	\$ 2,022.67
Charlestown Youth Soccer	\$ 4,678.00
Town Track	\$ 1,646.93
CHAD	\$ 3,556.00
City Square Elderly Housing	\$ 856.00
Harvest on the Vine	\$ 7,754.40
Charlestown Lacrosse and Learning	\$ 8,920.20
Memorial Hall	\$ 2,674.13
Special Townies	\$10,030.13
Historical Society	\$ 3,819.20
Gardens for Charlestown	\$ 3,475.67
Kennedy Center	\$14,080.00
Battle of Bunker Hill Parade	\$ 3,589.33
Townie Association	\$ 2,208.27
Charlestown Working Theater	\$ 9,476.80

Attached is a letter from the Secretary of the Charlestown Neighborhood Council requesting the expenditure.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff has reviewed the request of the Charlestown Neighborhood Council and has found it consistent with the agreed process of application, review and determination. It is therefore recommended that the BRA approve the disbursements accordingly.

Appropriate votes follow:

VOTED: That the Boston Redevelopment Authority hereby authorizes the disbursement of \$100,000 from the Charlestown Mitigation Fund maintained by the BRA from contributions made by the developers of the City Square Central Artery North Area parcels as follows:

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FURTHER

VOTED: That the Director be, and hereby is, authorized to execute any and all documents, including but not limited to Grant Agreements, in connection with the disbursement of funds from the Charlestown Mitigation Fund, as set forth in the prior vote.