

GARFIELD FOUNDATION

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Secretary Shawn Donovan
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
451 7th Street, S.W.
Washington D.C. 20410

Dear Secretary Donovan:

The Garfield Foundation enthusiastically supports the City of Boston's application for funding from the Sustainable Communities, Community Challenge Grant. The Garfield Foundation has been an active supporter of comprehensive development planning for the Fairmont Corridor for the last three years. Over the next two years, the Garfield Foundation will continue to invest in activities in the Corridor related to commercial revitalization and neighborhood business cluster expansion. In addition, the Foundation is currently considering a grant to support the Boston Redevelopment Authority's Fairmont Corridor and Crossroad's Planning Initiative.

The City's Community Challenge Grant proposal advances important equity and regional competitiveness interests. In particular, it will enable the City to fully address additional station area and crossroad planning needs. The Garfield Foundation is specifically excited about the prospects for job creation and economic development along the Fairmont Corridor. The Garfield Foundation plans to make a financial commitment of \$30,000 to the realization of this project through the ongoing support of planning efforts. We hope you will join us in supporting this critically innovative initiative.

Sincerely,



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Community Revitalization Program Advisor