

Boston College Neighborhood Improvement Fund

For Brighton and Allston

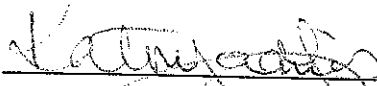
Application Cover Sheet, 2016

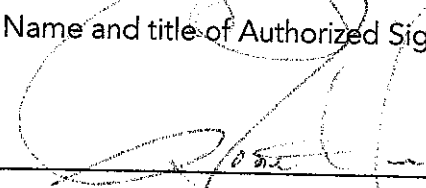
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Total Amount Requested \$ 100,000.00

Applicant Organization Name:	<u>Jackson Mann Complex</u>		
Organization Address:	<u>500 Cambridge Street</u>	City: <u>Allston</u>	Zip: <u>02134</u>
Contact Person:	<u>Katoyna Gaines, JMS/ Rosie Hanlon, JMCC</u>		
Title:	<u>Family Coordinator / Administrative Coordinator</u>		
Telephone Number:	<u>(617) 635-8532</u>		
E-Mail Address:	<u>kgaines@bostonpublicschools.org; rosie.hanlon@boston.gov</u>		
Is Applicant a 501(C) (3) organization?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
IF YES:			
Federal Employer Identification Number:	<u>04-2589717</u>		
Executive Director:	<u>Rosie Hanlon</u>	Phone Number:	<u>(617) 635-5153</u>
Email Address:	<u>rosie.hanlon@boston.gov</u>		
Fiscal Agent (if applicable):	<u>N/A</u>		

Application submission(s) must be authorized and signed by an authorized signatory of the Organization.


Name and title of Authorized Signatory:


Signature of Authorized Signatory:

Boston College Neighborhood Improvement Fund

Applicant Information:

The Applicants for this joint project are The Jackson Mann K-8 School and Jackson Mann Community School & Council, Inc. (Community Center).

Primary Contacts:

Katoyna Gaines, JMS Family Coordinator
617-635-8532 ~ kgaines@bostonpublicschool.org

Rosie Hanlon, BCYF/JMCC Administrative Coordinator
617-635-5132 ~ rosie.hanlon@boston.gov

Key personnel involved in the project:

Katoyna Gaines, JMS will be the project manager and will oversee all aspects as to the management and completion of this project.

Rosie Hanlon, JMCC will assist in the management and completion of this project.

Partner Organizations:

Boston Public Schools; Boston Centers for Youth and Families; Jackson Mann Community School & Council, Inc.

If applicant is a non-profit organization, provide qualifications and prior history of executing similar projects:

Both Jackson Mann K-8 School and BCYF/Jackson Mann Community Center have a long standing commitment to accessible public space to the Allston/Brighton Community. Incorporated in 1976, Jackson Mann Community School & Council, Inc. (a.k.a. Jackson Mann Community Center) has been providing quality service such as childcare to families, predominately low income, in age ranging from 2.9 years of age to 12 years old; adult basic education which includes ESOL and GED; teen programming; enrichment services such as music, recreation, arts, cooking and more. In the early 1980's, Jackson Mann Community Center applied and received funding for bronze lettering to better identify the complex, "JACKSON MANN" that was funded and installed by the Browne Fund. The playground that we are seeking funding for was also initiated and funded over 25 years ago by joint efforts of the Jackson Mann K-8 School and Jackson Mann Community Center. Other projects include raised garden beds and murals on several areas of the building.

Project Information:

Our project is to obtain funding to replace the Jackson Mann Complex Playground. The current play space and structure has existed for over 25 years and is in disrepair with outdated, broken, unsafe play equipment. This space does not provide a learning sensory developmental environment for the children of the Jackson Mann Complex or the community. Currently we have a play area that is located on the front side of the Jackson Mann Community center and School building. The lot is located on the corner lot of Burroughs and Cambridge Street and is owned by the Jackson Mann School and Community Center Complex. Children from the Jackson Mann School, the Jackson Mann Community Center and the Allston Brighton neighborhood utilize this playground area daily throughout the year. The Jackson Mann Complex currently serves a population of 1,300 students between the school, the community center and youth partners who provide services in the facility. More than 50% of the students are considered low income and receive free lunch. Many of the families are not-English speaking families and find solace in the Jackson Mann Complex.

The Jackson Mann Complex Playground Initiative was established to provide a safe and effective play space for the children of the Jackson Mann Complex and children from the surrounding area. This play space will provide a safe space full of play equipment with sensory items to allow our students a hands on learning experience and a community green space. The play space will be for children between 2 to 5 years old. This area will allow students of the Jackson Mann Complex and Allston/Brighton community to play and develop social, emotional, cognitive and physical skills. For the many children in the Jackson Mann Complex and within the A/B community who live with a sensory disorder of Autism, this playground will provide them with the tools to help increase social interactions, improve communication, enhance motor skills and assist them with sensory skills. This play space will be accessible for all children with all abilities and disabilities. It will also allow families within the community to build community relationships through socializing.

To further unite the community with the Jackson Mann Complex, we will seek additional support from the employees who work within the complex as well as from the many families who live in the area to help install the equipment. Many of our staff members within our complex have additional skills outside of providing services other than teaching and mentoring students. The Jackson Mann Complex will also seek additional volunteer support from our local partners and community members. It is important that we include the Allston/Brighton Community in this project to install the equipment, paint the area and create a green space that promotes unity and community pride.

Support is needed from the Boston College Neighborhood Improvement Fund to bring this initiative to fruition. This financial support will allow the Jackson Mann Complex the ability to purchase all the necessary equipment, flooring and greenery to make this project a success.

Project maintenance requirements, protocols, and sources of funding:

The Jackson Mann Complex Playground structures will be placed outside and will be constructed of materials that can withstand four seasons of weather and rugged play. All materials, including ground space will be made of durable, lasting materials that can withstand all challenges of New England weather. Materials will be made with materials that can be cleaned in case of vandalism.

The playspace will be monitored by JMS/JMCC staff year round and will be maintained by complex staff and custodial staff of the building.

Anticipated project sustainability/lifespan

The play structures will be built with high quality materials. If our current play area is a means of lifespan projection then we anticipate another 25 years of play for the children of JMS, JMCC and the Allston/Brighton community.

Projected Budget:

Rubber belt swings	(6)	\$30 = \$180.
Full Bucket Rubber Swings	(8)	\$100 = \$800.
5" Arch 2 Bay Swing Frame		\$8,000.
Outdoor Backless Benches	(3)	\$400 = \$1,200.
Playground Structure		\$45,000.
Surfacing (poured Inplace Rubber		\$30,000.
Landscaping		\$5,000.
Installation		\$10,000.
Total		\$100,180.

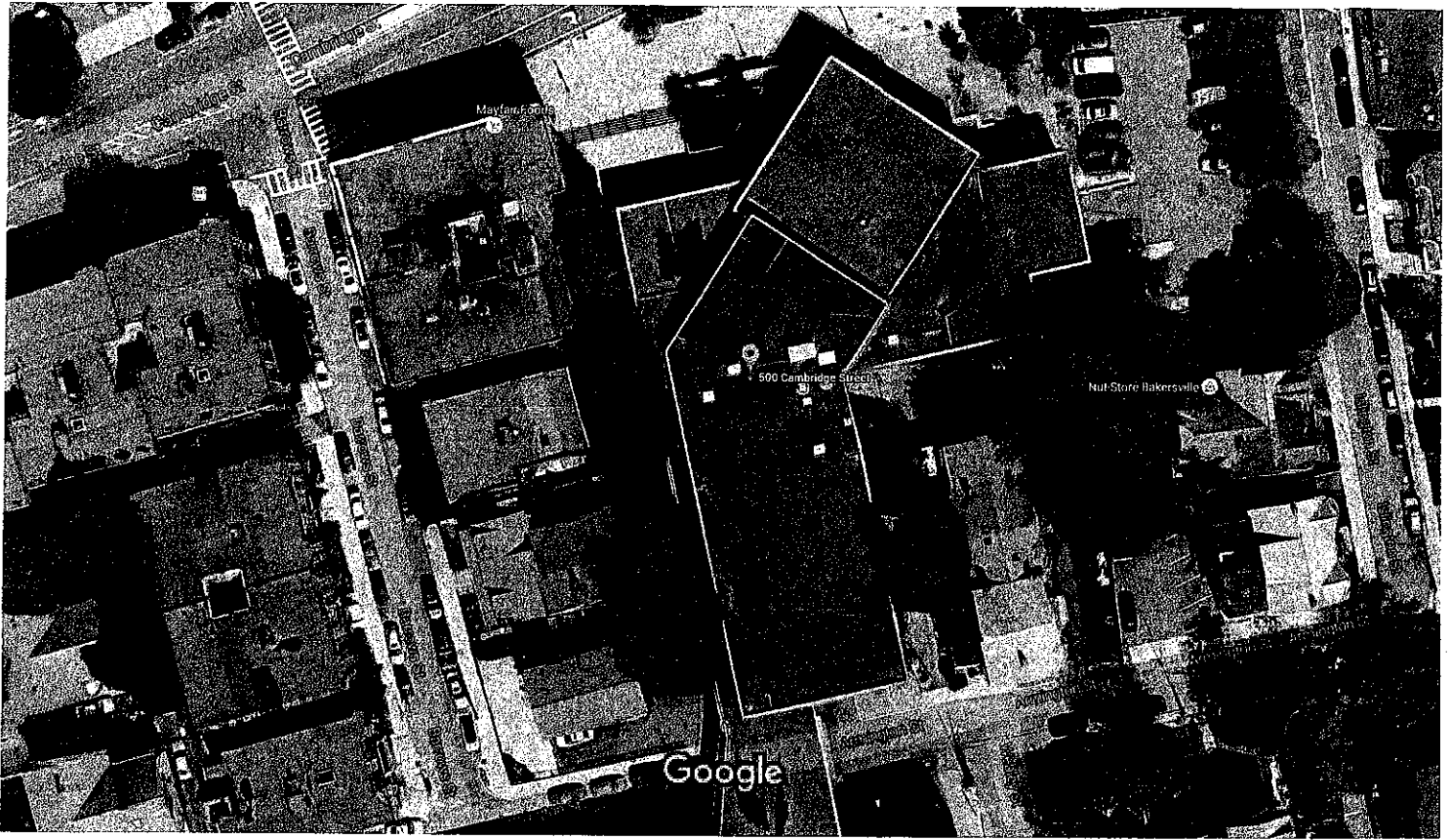
Current Playground Images:

See attachment A

Future Playground Images

See attachment B

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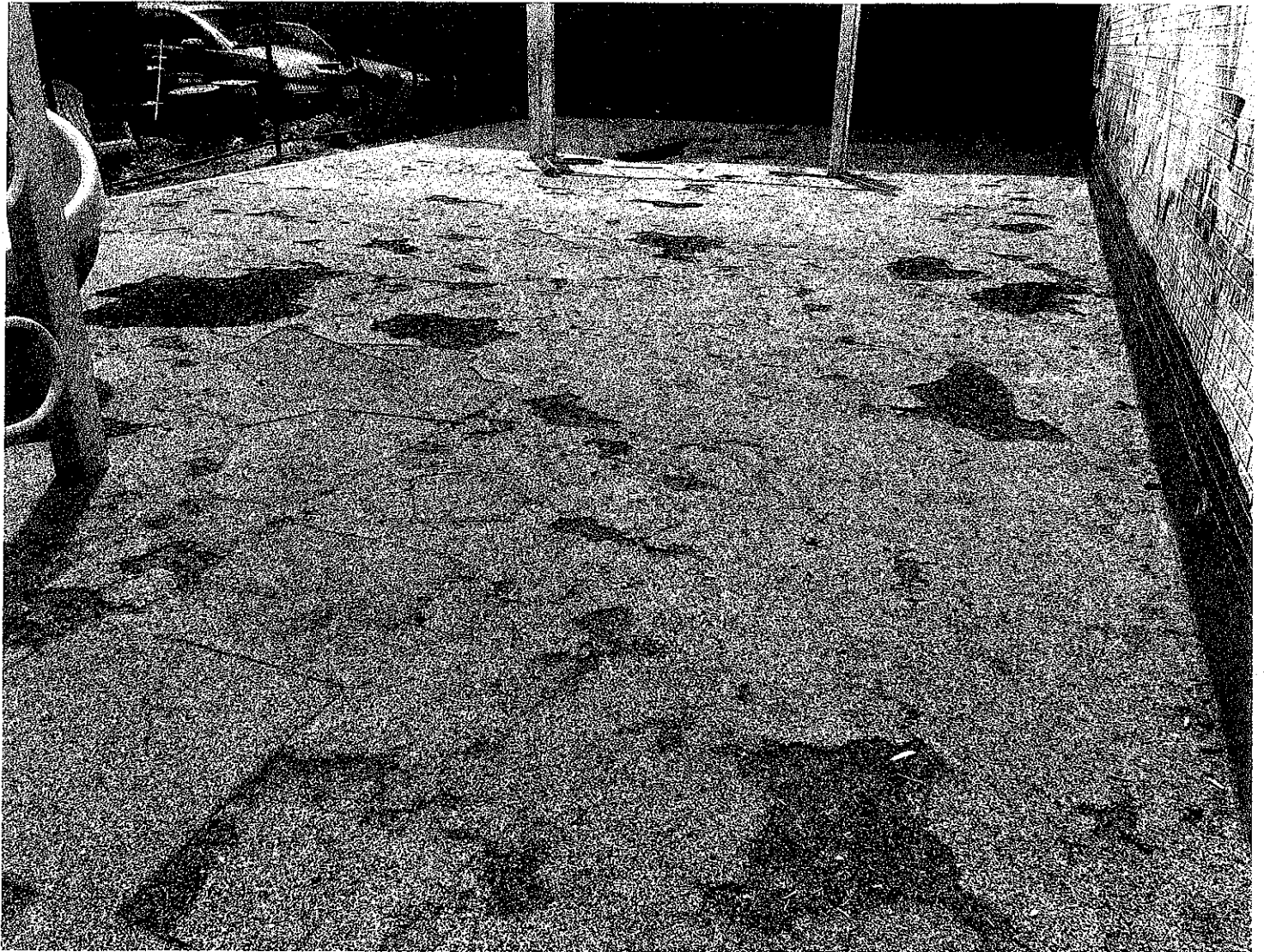


Attachment

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Attachment A-1



Attachment A-2



Attachment A - 3



Attachment A 4



Attachment A 5



Attachment A 6



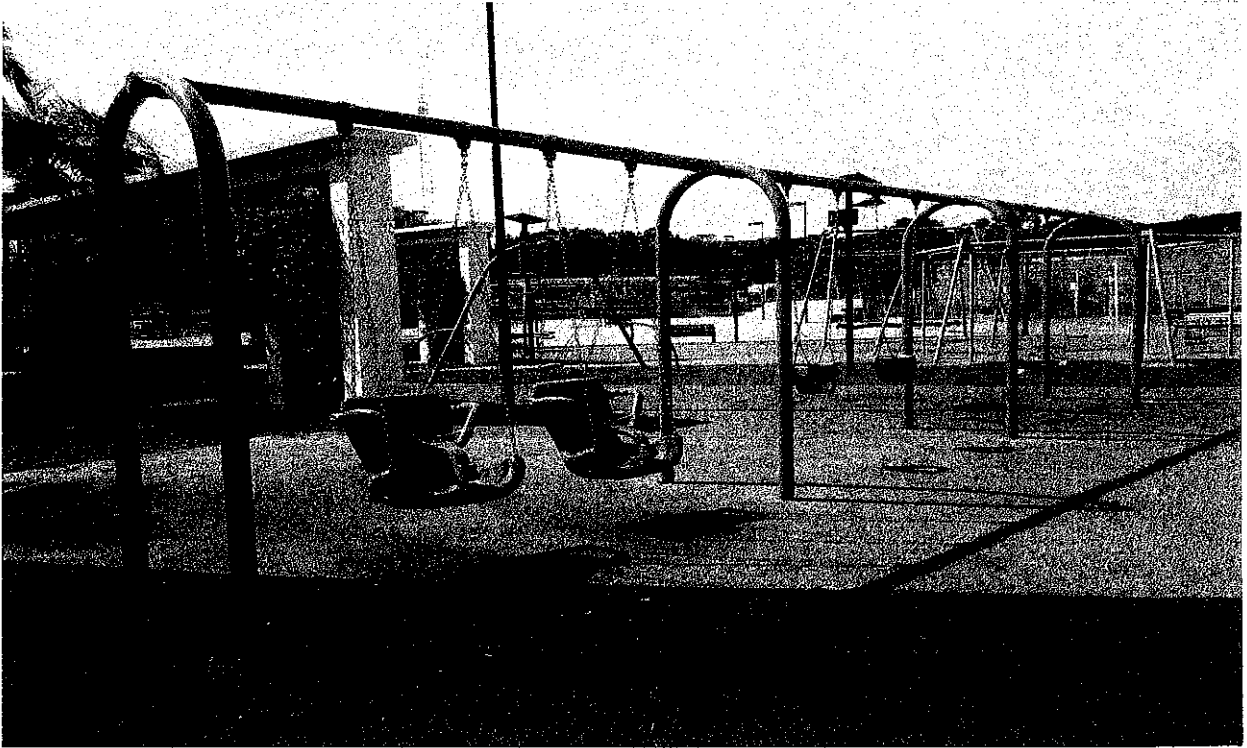
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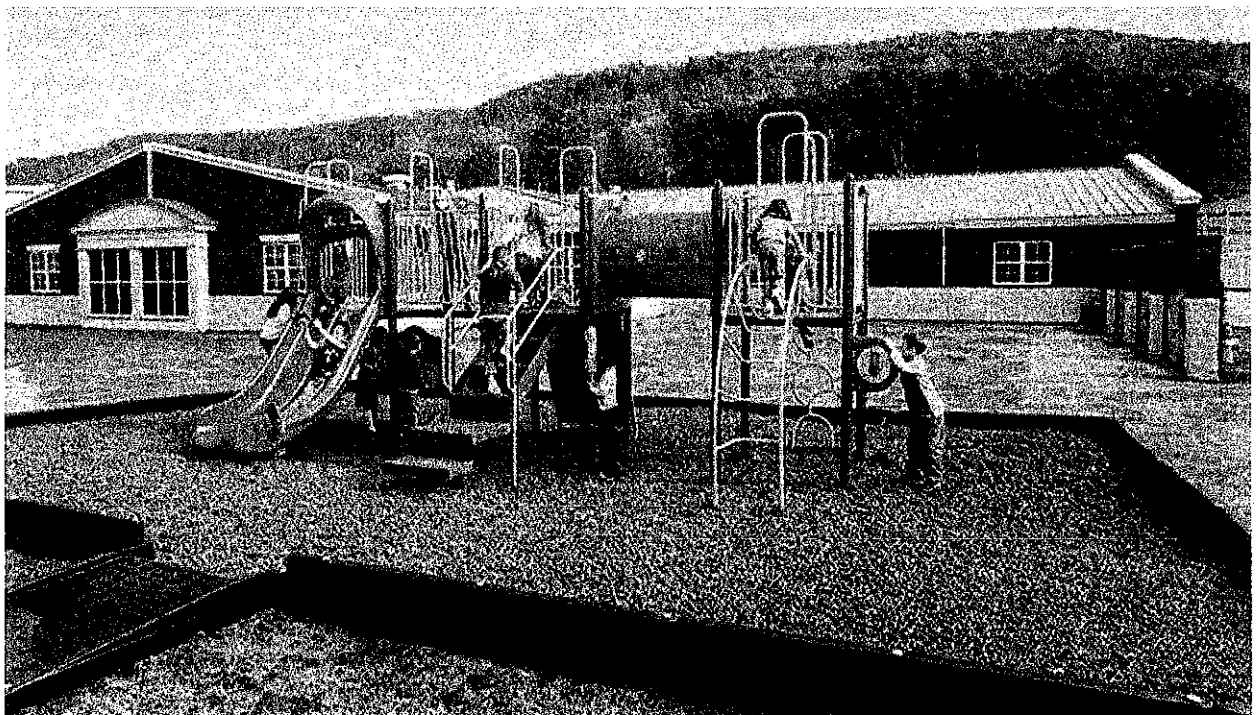
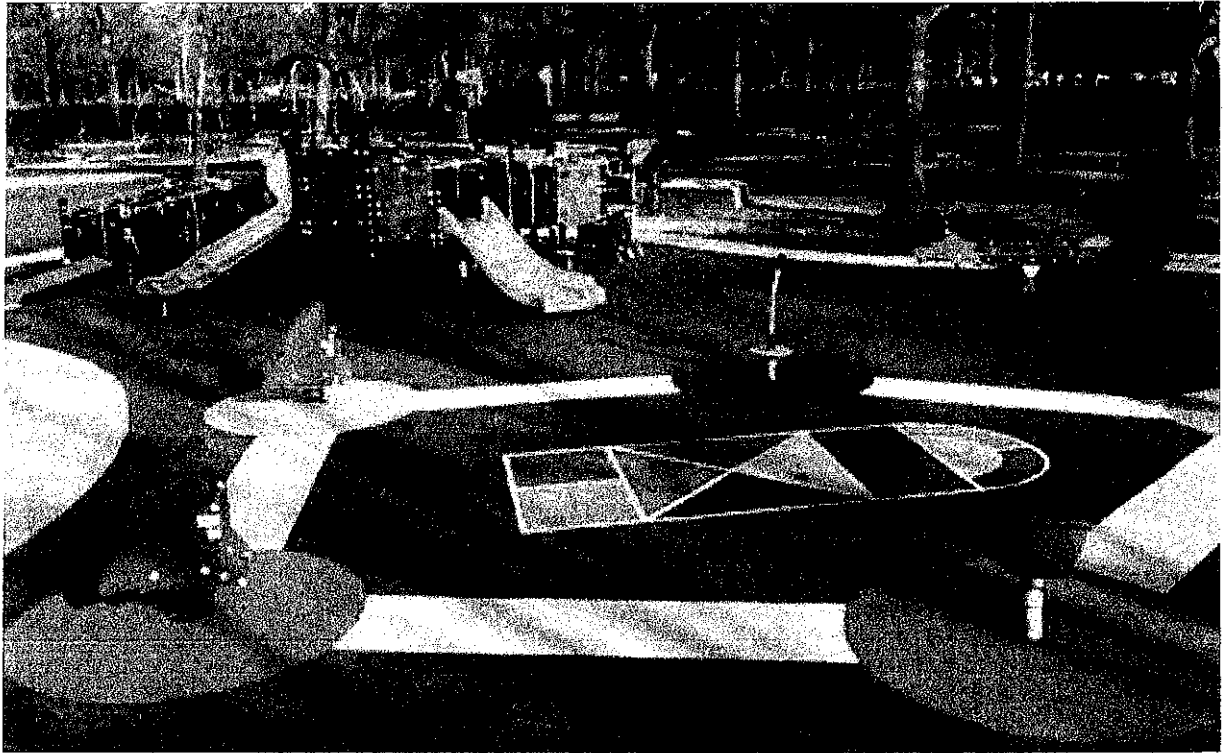
Attachment B: Examples of The Jackson Mann Complex future playground and space

1. Swing set with several swings for ages 2-5. This allows student and children of the Allston/Brighton area who live with a disability to use the swing set along with other children.



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Letters
Of
Support

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS



JACKSON MANN K-8 SCHOOL

August 8, 2016

Neighborhood Improvement Fund
c/o Boston College Task Force
480 Washington Street
Brighton, Massachusetts 02135

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my support for the Jackson Mann Complex Playground Initiative application. The playground area is nearly 25 years old and in serious need of upgrading or replacement. The grant request may not fully fund replacement but it will go a long way to improving the area for children at the Jackson Mann complex and for neighborhood children.

Currently the playground area is utilized every school day by most of our K0 (3 year old), K1 (4 year old) and K2 (5 year old) students, including students from our autism spectrum disorder (ASD) program. Additionally, children from the Jackson Mann Community Center and the neighborhood use the area as well. While the playground meets the basic needs of these children the truth of the matter is that it is old and worn. The design of both the grounds and structure are far from state of the art. In fact the playground shows the wear and tear of many years of regular and hard use. We hope that by securing grant funds we will be able to create a safer and more sensory rich area that meets the needs of all children in the Allston/Brighton community.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of the Jackson Mann Complex Playground Initiative application. I look forward to hearing from you regarding this important project. If you require further information please feel free to contact me by phone, 617-635-8532, or email, atuite@bostonpublicschools.org.

Sincerely,


Andrew Tuite, Principal

Jackson Mann Community School & Council, Inc.
BCYF, Jackson Mann Community Center

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August 10, 2016

Boston College Neighborhood Improvement Fund
480 Washington Street
Brighton, MA 02135

Dear Committee Members of the BC NIF Fund;

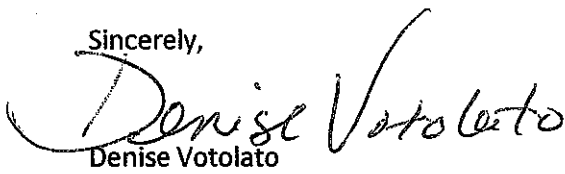
I am writing in support of the Jackson Mann Complex Playground Initiative. I am the Council Program Manager at the Jackson Mann Community Center.

I have been employed at the Jackson Mann Community Center for the past 28 years. During the past many years I have had the pleasure to serve the community in a vast array of programming, including direct childcare in our preschool program as the preschool director. I have experienced the current playground in its glory days and I see it now as it has deteriorated through many years of rugged play. Also, as the alarming rate of Autism rises each year, it is essential that we address the needs of this population, especially though socializing and play. This playspace is in dire need of replacement.

The replacement of the playspace will be a terrific amenity to the Jackson Mann Complex as well as the entire Allston/Brighton neighborhood.

I thank you in advance for your consideration of this most worthy project.

Sincerely,



Denise Votolato

Council Program Manager

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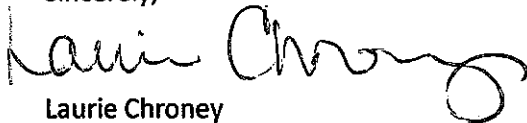
I am writing in support of the Jackson Mann Complex Playground Initiative. I am the Director of Schoolage Programming at the Jackson Mann Community Center.

Our schoolage program is a DEEC licensed program and is in operation 52 weeks of the year. We provide quality childcare Monday through Friday from 7 am to 6 pm. Our program includes before school and afterschool childcare during the school year and full programming during the school breaks, snow days and summer program. Our age range is from 5 years old to 12 years old.

I am so pleased to hear of the effort to replace the existing playground here at the Jackson Mann Complex. Due to the current conditions of this playspace, we have been transporting our children to other playgrounds in the surrounding area. A playspace that is within the Jackson Mann Complex is much needed by the children we serve as well as for the children of the Allston/Brighton community.

I thank you in advance for your consideration of this most worthy project.

Sincerely,



Laurie Chroney
Director, Schoolage Programming