

MEMORANDUM

BOARD APPROVED

JUNE 14, 2018

**TO:** BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
D/B/A BOSTON PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (BPDA)\*  
AND BRIAN P. GOLDEN, DIRECTOR

**FROM:** JONATHAN GREELEY, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT REVIEW  
MICHAEL CHRISTOPHER, DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR DEVELOPMENT  
REVIEW/GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS  
AISLING KERR, ASSISTANT PROJECT MANAGER

**SUBJECT:** PARCEL K (895 – 899 CONGRESS STREET AND 295 NORTHERN AVENUE)  
HARRY MCDONOUGH SAILING CENTER GRANT DISBURSEMENT

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**SUMMARY:** This Memorandum requests that the Boston Redevelopment Authority (the “BRA”) d/b/a Boston Planning & Development Agency (“BPDA”) authorize the disbursement of \$50,000 to the Harry McDonough Sailing Center for renovations and programming essential to the Center’s continued service offerings.

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### **BACKGROUND**

Operating from Castle Island in the South Boston neighborhood of Boston, the Harry McDonough Sailing Center opened in 1972 with a mission of providing free sailing instruction programs for children. Hundreds of children ages eight (8) through sixteen (16) from across the City of Boston and of all economic and ethnic backgrounds attend the program annually in the summer months.

Many students attend the program for multiple summers, and, upon completion of the basic sailing program, are able to return to the program as Junior Instructors and Instructors.

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\* Effective October 20, 2016, the BRA commenced doing business as BPDA.

The Harry McDonough Sailing Center serves over 650 children from every neighborhood throughout the City of Boston each summer, and employs sixteen (16) high school and college age students – all of whom are graduates of the youth sailing program.

Recent storms and floods have inflicted substantial damage on the Harry McDonough Sailing Center facilities. Immediate renovations and improvements are necessary in order for the Center to operate this summer, in its forty-sixth (46<sup>th</sup>) year of service to the youth of the City of Boston.

### **FUNDING**

The funds will be disbursed from the fund maintained by the BRA from contributions made by the developers of Parcel K.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

BPDA staff recommends that the Director be authorized to enter into an agreement with the Harry McDonough Sailing Center for the disbursement of \$50,000 for the renovations and programming essential to the Center's continued offerings in the summer of 2018 and beyond, and that the Director be authorized to execute any and all other documents deemed to be appropriate and necessary, in connection with the disbursement of funds.

An appropriate vote follows:

**VOTED:** That the Director be, and hereby is, authorized by the Boston Redevelopment Authority ("BRA") to enter into an agreement for the disbursement of \$50,000 to the Harry McDonough Sailing Center to be used for renovations and programming essential to the Center's continued service offerings; and

### **FURTHER**

**VOTED:** That the Director be, and hereby is, authorized to execute any and all documents deemed to be appropriate and necessary, including but not limited to a Grant Agreement, in connection with the disbursement of funds, as set forth in the prior vote.