



South Boston Programs Receive Funding

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Mayor Thomas M. Menino has announced \$3.2 million in Human Service Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) funding for eighty-eight (88) community organizations across Boston. The grants, managed by the Mayor's Office of Jobs and Community Services (JCS), range from after-school programming and child care, to adult literacy and services to homeless families and individuals. The grants enable neighborhood agencies to coordinate and enhance services with the overall goal of helping Boston residents to improve their economic situation through self improvement, support services, and access to education. This year, all funded after school programs are required to have a violence prevention education component as part of the Mayor's focus on keeping youth safe.

"What makes Boston a great city is the strength of our neighborhoods and the community organizations who labor hard every day to support Bostonians of every age and background, working with them so they can attain their personal potential and keep this city moving forward," Mayor Menino said. "CDBG is one of the most important tools we have to invest in these great neighborhood resources."

Eight South Boston programs received grants; the following agencies received funding:

Artists for Humanity;
Labouré Center;
Maritime Apprenticeship Program;
South Boston Boys & Girls Club;
South Boston Neighborhood House;
Tynan Community Center
Notre Dame Education Center.

After many years of significant cuts to CDBG funds, Congress was finally able to push through an increase of \$134 million. Mayor Menino, along with other big city mayors, has focused on restoring CDBG cuts.

Noting the strong support of the Massachusetts Congressional Delegation, Mayor Menino said, "I applaud Congressman Olver for increasing funding for community development after years of cuts from the Republican Congress. The programs funded by CDBG strengthen our communities and improve the quality of life in our city. The Massachusetts Delegation recognizes the positive impact of CDBG funding in keeping our neighborhoods strong."

Boston receives approximately \$20 million in Federal CDBG monies, 15% of which is targeted for human services. The remaining funds are managed by the Department of Neighborhood Development for affordable housing and economic development projects.