

Allston Brighton CDC's Community Investment Plan 2023 - 2025

MISSION: Allston Brighton CDC builds a stronger, more stable community by representing and supporting the interests, engagement, and leadership of Allston Brighton's diverse communities, institutions, individuals, and families of all incomes.

Goal 1: *Increase resident participation and engagement in ABCDC housing and community activities.*

ABCDC is committed to ensuring that all residents living in ABCDC housing have access to the services and resources they need for secure tenancies, to avoid homelessness, and to foster a stable environment for the entire portfolio. We also believe that meaningful resident engagement and leadership are essential to creating a positive and healthy environment within our housing and in the larger community. **We will serve the 1,000+ residents in our properties through All Bright Community Center activities, individualized case management, and leadership training.**

Goal 2: *Increase supply and access to quality housing for a range of incomes.*

We will increase the supply and access to affordable and workforce rental housing and homeownership, ensuring that Allston Brighton remains a vibrant community for residents from a range of incomes. All our housing development activities will maximize sustainable and green housing practices to the degree feasible, e.g., Passive House Certified, and be located near transit for easy access to employment centers, including downtown Boston. **ABCDC will increase our portfolio by 3-10% over three years for a total of 520-555 units and rehab at least 5-15% of the existing portfolio over three years for a total of 49-79 renovated units.**

Goal 3: *Encourage financial empowerment and make homeownership more attainable for all residents regardless of background.*

Homeownership is one of the most pressing concerns facing the Allston Brighton neighborhoods, impacting the community's ability to remain stable, diverse, and engaged. ABCDC will continue to expand our program to make homeownership more attainable, reduce the racial homeownership gap, and provide services to a diverse array of residents from different racial, linguistic, and socioeconomic backgrounds. Homeownership is often out of reach for people of color and LMI households due to systemic racial oppression and a lack of generational wealth building. Many have pointed to access to homeownership education as a way to reduce this homeownership gap and make the journey to homeownership more accessible to buyers of color and LMI first-time homebuyers. **ABCDC will graduate over 2,000 first-time homebuyers and hold 48 Homebuying 101 classes.**

Goal 4: *Ensure housing and development projects meet the needs of the diverse population of Allston Brighton.*

Working with neighborhood residents and other stakeholders, we will advocate for policies to ensure that housing and development changes in Allston Brighton meet the diverse needs of the community. Our staff will advocate for policies that improve and expand affordable housing while also educating and encourage community members to get involved in the process. **Our staff will engage 450 residents and empower them to make their voices heard in the development process.**