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The American City Coalition Inc. (TACC)

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Community Improvement, Capacity Building Community & Neighbourhood Development

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Mission Statement: The American City Coalition (TACC) is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit public charity working to revitalize urban neighborhoods so that families flourish in safe environments and fully benefit from the economic opportunities of American cities.

Based in the Boston neighborhood of Roxbury, TACC is grounded in an inclusive, comprehensive, and collaborative approach to neighborhood revitalization.

TACC provides technical support and assistance to advance multi-sector and multi-stakeholder partnerships that focus public and private investment to improve the quality of life for Roxbury families.

Needs Statement: With poverty in the United States escalating to a 50-year high and one in three inner-city families living in poverty, there has never been a more important time to implement transformative plans for urban neighborhoods. In Boston, where all residents have not benefited equally from the city's recent economic gains, TACC sees a pressing need for multi-sector, multi-stakeholder partnerships that address complex problems in the areas of housing, education, employment, health, transportation, and economic development in the neighborhoods of Roxbury, Dorchester, and Mattapan. TACC's primary focus area is Roxbury.

Impact Statement: If you believe that families are strengthened by access to jobs, quality housing, safe neighborhoods, and good government services and that Boston is made stronger by implementing policies that promote socioeconomic diversity and citizen engagement, then you will appreciate some of TACC's recent work listed below. Please visit our website and sign up for our updates to stay informed about TACC's most recent work.

In 2017, TACC's accomplishments included:

- **Strengthening Boston's Lower Roxbury neighborhood.** On December 12, the Boston Housing Authority (BHA) received a \$30 million grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to support the Whittier Choice Neighborhood Initiative in Roxbury. These federal funds will leverage \$260 million in public and private investments to redevelop Whittier Street housing development, and related investments in neighborhood-focused projects and resident-focused programs. Since 2012, TACC has worked closely with the BHA, providing a broad range of technical assistance that strengthened the application by aligning it closely with local opportunities and needs. During the planning phase, TACC conducted a resident needs assessment of workforce development and upward mobility, provided neighborhood data collection and mapping, and helped facilitate the community engagement process. For the successful application, TACC identified local initiatives and partnerships for both the neighborhood strategy and resident-focused programs that aligned with city and federal funding priorities. Over the five-year grant, TACC will help implement three components of the initiative: a state-designated cultural district and related investments in anchor cultural facilities and connectivity; a small business plan to support subsidized retail and coworking spaces as well as increased access to loans and credit enhancement; and housing mobility services to expand residential choice for households that will need to relocate when Whittier is redeveloped. Visit TACC's website to learn more about the organization's multifaceted role in Whittier Choice.
- **Building the backbone organization to activate Roxbury's cultural assets.** On May 18, the Roxbury Cultural District received formal designation from the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Establishing a cultural district has been a long-standing community goal, and the designation is the accomplishment of the work of many residents, artists, business owners, elected officials, and cultural organizations over the past three decades. Next steps include developing the organizational structure for a sustained, collaborative focus on activating and marketing the neighborhood's arts and cultural assets to strengthen collective impact and expand the potential economic opportunities for residents, artists, business owners, and entrepreneurs that are aligned with a vibrant cultural district. In 2015, TACC partnered with Haley House and Madison Park Development Corporation to provide technical assistance and secure funding to support an inclusive, community-led planning process. The Roxbury Cultural District is now supported by over 40 organizations and businesses, as well as many individual residents and artists. The link between this initiative and aligned funding for key infrastructure investments to strengthen anchor cultural institutions and connectivity was integrated into the Whittier Choice Neighborhood Initiative, which maximizes the positive impact in the community. Keep up to date on the Roxbury Cultural District through Facebook or at roxburyculturaldistrict.org.
- **Expanding housing choice voucher holders access to a range of housing options that meet their families' needs.** TACC analyzed the geographic patterns of over 11,000 voucher holders in Greater Boston. Based on TACC's analysis of 11,000 voucher holders, TACC is helping the Boston Housing Authority launch a housing mobility strategy to help increase housing options for families using vouchers by providing them with the resources, information, and coaching necessary to make fully informed choices for their families. The program is being piloted at Whittier Street public housing in Roxbury where 200 households will need to relocate when the property is redeveloped.
- **Learning about the needs of older residents and developing the enhanced supportive housing and services models to help seniors age in place.** As residents age, there is a need for enhanced supportive housing and services models to allow older adults to age in place in Roxbury. TACC designed and conducted an assets and needs assessment to understand the unique needs of the 300 older adults (age 55 and older) living in the Madison Park Village community in Roxbury.
- **Changing the business environment to create inner-city jobs.** TACC, LISC Boston, and ICIC, in coordination with a working group comprised of community stakeholders and businesses, developed a series of place-based recommendations for the Fairmount Indigo Corridor. In October 2016, over 150 stakeholders gathered at the Bank of America building to hear about the recommendations outlined in the Fairmount Indigo Corridor Job Attraction and Retention Strategy. Chief of Economic Development John Barros and Senator Linda Dorcea Fory shared their remarks on the relevance of the strategy for the City of Boston and Commonwealth. A panel of local business owners and stakeholders discussed specific opportunities and needs in the corridor. The recommendations aim to support business attraction and retention along the corridor, strengthen and expand its key commercial and industrial clusters, and create additional jobs for the residents of Boston who need them most. These recommendations are reflective of a broader call to action for sustained consideration of how the outreach, focus, and tools needed to attract and retain businesses in Boston can be realistically and holistically applied to diverse and emerging industries within the Fairmount Indigo Corridor. Visit TACC's website to learn more and download the strategy.

In 2018, TACC will continue to expand existing and develop new engagements that benefit low-income residents of Roxbury and the City of Boston.

Full-time Staff: 5

Volunteers: 0

(excludes part-time staff)

Programs Detailed on Profile

Neighborhood Vitality
Resident Supports
Economic Development and Asset Building

Projected Revenue: \$1,141,103.00

Projected Expenses: \$1,141,103.00

Fiscal Year	2015	2014	2013
Total Revenue	\$943,535	\$820,665	\$742,753
Total Expenses	\$808,035	\$964,636	\$635,169

Top Funding Sources

Fiscal Year	2015	2014	2013
Top Funding Source & Dollar Amount	--	--	--
Second Highest Funding Source & Dollar Amount	--	--	--
Third Highest Funding Source & Dollar Amount	--	--	--