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## The American City Coalition Inc. (TACC)

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**Incorporation Year:** 1995

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Community Improvement, Capacity Building Community & Neighbourhood Development

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

TACC advances integrated approaches to complex problems that respond to both place-based and people-based need. TACC's programs focus on community planning, supportive service strategy, and economic development in neighborhoods with high concentrations of poverty.

TACC supports cross-sector partnerships by bringing together new partners with ingrained incentives to promote positive physical and social change, as well opening up dialogue between organizations that have been working side by side in the same neighborhood, but often within silos. By bringing together stakeholder to form a common vision, TACC seeks to identify lasting solutions to complex problems and drive public and private resources to work on behalf of low-income residents in underserved neighborhoods. The result is accelerated community transformation and increased economic opportunity that improves the quality of life for low-income residents.

**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, TACC sees a pressing need for multi-sector, multi-stakeholder partnerships that address complex problems in the areas of housing, education, unemployment, health, transportation, and economic development in the neighborhoods of Roxbury, Dorchester, Mattapan, and Hyde Park.

TACC's 2015 organizational plan sets an ambitious goal of doubling the number of projects where they are providing on the ground backbone support, monitoring, strategy, and evaluation. TACC's five most pressing needs are:

1. As a public charity with broad public benefit, TACC has an ongoing need for both diverse and expanded funding to support programs in community planning, supportive services strategy, and economic development.
2. TACC's work prioritizes collaboration and is guided by the needs and aspirations of a range of partners; thus, TACC continually seeks to identify need and new projects and to expand the range of partnerships with community organization, high-quality service providers, government agencies, and private companies.
3. In order to develop innovative tools that expand resident engagement and optimize continuous feedback, TACC has an ongoing need for funds to support technology.
4. In 2015, TACC seeks to undertake a longitudinal study of Lower Roxbury in order to monitor and better understand displacement in this neighborhood facing strong transformational forces. TACC plans to conduct an initial baseline study of all 4,000 households and to track change at 2.5, 5, and 10 years.
5. TACC seeks to disseminate the organization's work so that it can be utilized by other cities and help shape regional and national policy; TACC has an ongoing need for general operating support for publications, communications, and community convenings.

**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 quarterly email update and blog to stay informed about TACC's most recent work.

In 2014, TACC's accomplishments included:

- Strengthening Boston's Lower Roxbury neighborhood through continued research on the condition of housing; review the resources section of our website to access studies including "Lower Roxbury: Unlocking Investment for this Choice Neighborhood." TACC supported the Boston Housing Authority (BHA) with the development of a Transformation Plan that will replace obsolete public housing with high-quality, mixed-income housing and drive new investment.
- Expanding civic engagement: TACC is working with the citizen-led Roxbury Strategic Master Plan Oversight Committee (RSMPOC) to provide ongoing technical support with the intent of accelerating the development of underutilized public property and expanding engagement. RSMPOC launched Opportunity Roxbury, a website to better ensure the community is informed of the committee's work and to encourage community and resident engagement.
- Changing the business environment to create inner-city jobs through a study that promotes a plan to create four neighborhood revitalization districts along the Fairmount Line. The study advances a business attraction and retention concept that forecasts the creation of 1,900 new jobs and 195 new or expanded businesses in Boston's neediest neighborhoods.
- Mentoring for girls strengthens mixed-income communities through a partnership between the Harbor Point Community Task Force and Big Sister Association that came together to launch a pilot program matching 25 girls to mentors. After an evidence-based evaluation, the program design was expanded to reach 150 girls and two additional public housing communities.
- Partnering with the Urban Institute on an ongoing project to replicate the Urban Institute's HOST program. HOST is a dual-generation program designed to help families break the cycle of poverty.

In 2015, TACC will continue to expand existing and develop new engagements that benefit low-income residents of the City of Boston.

Organizational goals include:

Ongoing multi-faceted work in Lower Roxbury in partnership with the BHA, the RSMPOC, and others to address housing, economic development, and health in the neighborhood; collaborating with high-level stakeholders to tailor the neighborhood revitalization districts model for Boston and the Fairmount Corridor in order to address underlying economic issues; conducting a senior needs and assets assessment to understand needs of 300 older adults in the Madison Park Village and inform strategies for supportive housing with enhanced services for aging in place.

**Full-time Staff:** 5

**Volunteers:** 0

(excludes part-time staff)

### Programs Detailed on Profile

Community Planning

Supportive Services Advisory

Economic Development Program: Systemic

Economic Development Program: Local

**Projected Revenue:** \$1,121,074.00

**Projected Expenses:** \$1,121,074.00

Fiscal Year	2013	2012	2011
Total Revenue	\$742,753	\$402,036	\$261,550
Total Expenses	\$635,169	\$443,568	\$245,718

### Top Funding Sources

Fiscal Year	2013	2012	2011
Top Funding Source & Dollar Amount	--	--	--
Second Highest Funding Source & Dollar Amount	--	--	--
Third Highest Funding Source & Dollar Amount	--	--	--