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## Boston Harbor Now Inc.

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**Incorporation Year:** 1995

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Environment Alliances & Advocacy

**CEO/Executive Director:** Ms. Katherine F. Abbott

**Board Chair:** Mr. Jeffrey R. Porter Mintz Levin

**Current**

**Mission Statement:** Boston Harbor Now plans, advocates, and activates a harbor that is environmentally healthy, belongs to all, is resilient to climate change, and fosters economic opportunity.

**Needs Statement:** We seek the following support to produce world class facilities and public events that reflect the needs of our neighboring communities, and highlight the park as a destination for recreation and fitness, history and heritage, arts and culture, nature and science:

1. Underwrite our most focused tool to provide free ferry passage to under-served youth, Island Pass. This program is a partnership with over 120 non-profit community organizations by which we distribute free ferry tickets to chaperoned youth groups. Our goal is to provide free access to 12,000 children in 2013/2014 at a cost of \$15.00 per child.
2. Underwriting to restore and renovate Peddocks Island. Construction is underway to improve the recreational facilities with the development of new hiking trails, educational signage, camping and picnicking areas.
3. Donated assistance with the development of a new corporate website to further our mission of promoting the Boston Harbor Islands National Park and establish an improved identity and fundraising platform.
4. Underwrite our Veteran's Day cruise (November 9th, 2013) which provides U.S. Veteran's a free ferry ride and military history tour of the Boston Harbor Islands in appreciation of the dedicated service to our country. - \$5,000

**Impact Statement:** After \$20B of public/private investment restoring Boston Harbor from decades of neglect, in 1996 Congress designated the Boston Harbor Islands a national park area and created a new public/private model for park development and funding. This legislation specifically named Boston Harbor Island Alliance (BHIA) the park's business agent, and established a unique role for the organization as the 501(c)(3) non-profit designated by Congress to partner in the development, operations and management of the national park. In the time of limited government funding for park spaces, this unique partnership enables the Boston Harbor Islands national park to grow at a pace determined by its local community not entirely by government budgets.

BHIA has an annual operating budget of \$1.2 million and receives the majority of its funding from corporate grants and individual contributions. BHIA's staff is comprised of six full-time staff members led by a twenty-two member Board of Directors. Throughout the year BHIA manages a volunteer core of 1,000 individuals that contribute to the success of both on and off island operations.

Since its formation in 1996 BHIA has successfully lead numerous capital improvement, marketing, and public events.

Highlights include:

- \$30 million in infrastructure investment since 2004, including new visitor centers on three islands, new piers and moorings for public/private boaters, new trails, picnicking, and camping areas, and on going rehabilitation to the historic forts and structures throughout the park for public tour.
- 150 free, fun, educational events every summer, including live jazz from Berkeley College of Music, Civil War camp re-enactments, vintage baseball games, recreational programming promoting family fitness, fishing clinics, and children's theatre.
- 75% growth in public ferry riders to the Islands from 2006 to 2012 driven by marketing programs and partnerships. Includes increased access to the islands from three ferry centers, Long Wharf (Boston), Fore River (Quincy) and Hingham Shipyard (Hull)
- 16,000 free ferry rides to the Islands through BHIA and partner programs.
- Weekly tours throughout the summer to Boston Light, the oldest operating lighthouse in the United States.
- 1000s of hours of volunteer time organized to clean beaches, maintain trails, and improve and sustain the overall visitor experience to the park.

**Full-time Staff:** 11

**Volunteers:** 0

(excludes part-time staff)

## **Programs Detailed on Profile**

Activate Boston Harbor, Waterfront, and Islands through Programs, Services, and Facilities

Lead Planning Efforts that Foster a Harbor for the Benefit of Everyone

Projected Revenue: \$3,937,467.00

Projected Expenses: \$3,841,122.00

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	\$1,774,659	\$1,297,349	\$1,619,415
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$1,557,016	\$1,771,721	\$2,573,696

**Top Funding Sources**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Top Funding Source &amp; Dollar Amount</b>	--	--	--
<b>Second Highest Funding Source &amp; Dollar Amount</b>	--	--	--
<b>Third Highest Funding Source &amp; Dollar Amount</b>	--	--	--