

## Children's Investment Fund Newsletter



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Governor Charlie Baker with children at Crispus Attucks Children's Center in Dorchester.

Dear Colleagues and Partners,

Since our last newsletter, much has happened for the Fund. We became a certified Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI), the Early Education and Out-of-School Time Capital Fund (EEOST) was reauthorized for another five years, and we celebrated the awarding of four new EEOST grants for Fiscal Year 2018. This is a time of impressive growth for the Fund and we are as busy as ever.

We look forward to a productive fall in service of our goal to develop high-quality learning environments.

Best,



Theresa Jordan  
Director of Children's Facilities  
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### News Update:

#### Governor Announces FY18 EEOST Awardees

On August 15th at Crispus Attucks Children's Center in Dorchester, Governor Baker announced \$4 million in FY18 EEOST awards to the following organizations, each receiving \$1 million:

- **Citizens for Citizens, Inc.** in Fall River, which serves 200 children and plans to make playground improvements, window replacements, and critical safety and security upgrades to an existing Head Start program in a 118 year-old building.
- **Crispus Attucks Children's Center** serves 200 children and will replace the HVAC system and make building envelope upgrades. It also plans to improve the design of its infant area and reconfigure toddler classrooms.
- **Elizabeth Stone House (ESH)** in Roxbury provides an emergency shelter, transitional housing, and supportive

## Program Pulse:

### CDFI Certification

The Fund is now a certified Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI)! CDFI certification allows the Fund to apply for federal funding for low-cost loan capital to be channeled to early education and out-of-school time organizations. To find out more, read our [recent blog post](#).



### EEOST Reauthorized



At the end of May, the Governor signed the state's \$1.8 billion Housing Bond Bill which includes the provision reauthorizing the Early Education and Out of School Time Capital Fund (EEOST) for an additional five years. Thanks to the Legislature, the Governor, and a myriad of advocates for the program, hundreds of children will have access to higher-quality facilities.

This fall, we will see the first round of this new authorization — the FY19 EEOST grant round. There are two new changes to EEOST included in this legislation. The first is that 50% or more of the children served in grantee facilities must be from low-income families— an increase from 25% previously. The second is that only organizations that are currently operating as licensed early education and/or out-of-school time providers at the time of their application may apply.

A special thank you to the United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley, the Massachusetts Association of Early Education and Care (MADCA), and Strategies for Children for their support on behalf of EEOST.

services for both adults and children with a focus on trauma-informed care. ESH plans to newly construct a 5-story multi-service building which will include 32 units of affordable housing and a licensed early childhood education (ECE) program serving 51 children.

- **Holyoke Chicopee Springfield Head Start, Inc.** in Springfield will newly construct an Educare model facility for 141 ECE children.

In his remarks, Governor Baker touted EEOST's success as a true public-private partnership, thanks to the millions of dollars that are leveraged by the state grant funds as well as the strong collaboration between Children's Investment Fund, CEDAC, non-profit ECE/OST providers across the state, and the Department of Early Education and Care.



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FY18 EEOST Awardees with Governor Charlie Baker, EEC Commissioner Tom Weber, State Representative Chynah Tyler, Crispus Attucks Children's Center (CACC) Executive Director Maritza Juliao, CACC Board Chair Daniel Farley, CEDAC Executive Director Roger Herzog, and Children's Investment Fund Director Theresa Jordan

### Program Spotlights:

[Brookview House](#) is a multi-service center in Dorchester that serves women and children experiencing homelessness. In May, it broke ground on a new facility designed to co-locate affordable housing units and an out-of-school time program for 26 children. The facility embodies Brookview's commitment to nurturing youth and families who have experienced housing instability and trauma. Brookview House received an EEOST grant of \$450,000 in 2016. See the Dorchester Reporter's [coverage](#) for more on this project.



Brookview House's CEO, Deborah Hughes, stands alongside Mayor Walsh, Governor Baker, Representative Russell Holmes, and City Councillor Annissa Essaibi George to break ground on its new facility project.

## The FY19 EEOST Grant Round To Launch Soon!

EEOST is a competitive grant program that provides funding to early education and out-of-school time organizations that are seeking to renovate or newly construct facilities serving children from low-income families. Licensed, non-profit centers can apply for up to \$1 million in funding. This year's pre-application deadline will be at the end of October. Check the EEC's EEOST [website](#) in mid-September for all application materials and details.

## Let's Take It Outside

In June, the Fund hosted its "Let's Take It Outside: Developing Natural Play Spaces" training at the Boston Nature Center. Check out coverage of the training [here](#).

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The [United Teen Equality Center \(UTEC\)](#) celebrated the completion of its 2Gen Center, a new early education program in Lowell designed for children ages 4 weeks to 5 years old and their families. The new center strengthens UTECs two-generation approach to breaking the cycle of poverty across generations. Many enrolled children are the sons and daughters of youth participating in UTEC programs. UTEC received a \$400,000 EEOST award in 2015. Check out more media coverage [here](#).



Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care Commissioner Tom Weber with preschoolers enrolled in UTEC's 2Gen Center.



Governor Baker at UTEC's Grand Opening Event.

## Partner Spotlight:

This month, we would like to recognize a longstanding partner, the [Cabot Family Charitable Trust](#). The Trust was established in 1942 by Godfrey Lowell Cabot and supports education and youth development throughout the Boston area. Since 2011, the Cabot Family Charitable Trust has supported the Fund's core training and technical assistance work, enabling us to support providers in their pursuit of high-quality learning environments. Thank you, Cabot!

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