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Boston giving \$28M to fund affordable housing in these six neighborhoods

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The city of Boston is providing \$28 million in federal and local money to fund the development and preservation of hundreds of affordable housing units across six city neighborhoods.

Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh on Tuesday said the city's department of neighborhood development will award \$21 million in federal and local money,



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while Boston's neighborhood housing trust will provide \$7 million in linkage funds to create 584 units and preserve 253 units of existing affordable and low-income housing.

The \$28 million in funding will be spread across a dozen projects in Chinatown, Dorchester, Jamaica Plain, Mattapan, Roxbury and South Boston, the city said. Those 12 projects represent a total of \$323 million in public and private investent.

Here's a breakdown of the funded projects:

Chinatown: St. Francis House and the planning office for urban affairs are proposing redeveloping 48 Boylston St. into a 46-unit affordable housing development. Of those units, 26 will be set aside for homeless and extremely low-income individuals.

Chinatown : Beacon Communities has proposed an acquisition rehabilitation project of a 161-unit elderly housing development to "preserve in perpetuity 100 percent of the affordability" for the complex.

Dorchester: Cruz Development has proposed refinancing and renovating a 74-unit complex spanning seven different properties in Dorchester, Roxbury and Mattapan.

Dorchester: Viet AID has proposed repairing the 18-unit affordable development at 1392 Dorchester St. and 17-21 Faulkner.

Jamaica Plain: Back of the Hill NDC and Jamaica Plain NDC have partnered to develop a 47-unit transit-oriented development at 61 Heath St., called the General Heath Square apartments.

Jamaica Plain: The Community Builders have proposed building a 76-unit transit-oriented development on Parcel U, which will set aside 38 units for middle-income households and four units for homeless households.

Mattapan: Caribbean Integration Community Development, AFL-CIO and the city's planning office for urban affairs plan to build a 76-unit mixed-use project called Cote Village at 820 Cummins Highway, a long-vacant city-owned site.

Mattapan: Lena New Boston has proposed building a 100-unit mixed-income rental project across 24 townhouse-style buildings on the former Mattapan State Hospital site. Lena New Boston is also working with the department of mental health to set aside units for their clients.

Roxbury: Elizabeth Stone House will create a 29-unit development at the Washington Westminster House to serve at-risk and formerly homeless families with children.

Roxbury: Madison Park Development Corporation, the Boston Housing Authority and Preservation for Affordable Housing will build a 76-unit development called the Madison Melnea Cass Apartments.

Roxbury: Preservation for Affordable Housing, the Boston Housing Authority

and Madison Park Development Corporation will build the first phase of the Whittier Street Apartments project, an 88-unit mixed-use project. **South Boston:** South Boston NDC and Caritas Communities will create a 46unit elderly housing development in South Boston on land owned by the Boston Housing Authority. The developer has been tentatively designated by the BHA after receiving community support for the project, the city said.

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