

Community Benefits Request
Biosquare Phase II Project
Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association

If the Biosquare Phase II projected is approved and moves ahead, the WSANA will be the neighborhood most impacted by this project, which essentially creates a high security office complex on the edge of a historic, residential Boston neighborhood. The neighborhood is likely to be heavily impacted not only during the construction phase, but on an ongoing basis from increases in vehicle and pedestrian traffic, additional security measures given the sensitivity of proposed research, and is going to live with the potential risk, however small, of a potentially deadly incident.

Given that this is a billion dollar project over 10 years, we are submitting a major project funds request for the capital phase of the project as well as small annual grants for a newly established Worcester Square Area Community fund to coincide with the annual funding. The goal of the capital project is to continue the historical restoration of the neighborhood that started with Washington Street and provide more infrastructure integration between the residential neighborhood and the Medical area. The purpose of the WSANA community fund is to support neighborhood initiatives that enhance the quality of life in the Worcester Square Area, build relationships between business and residents in the area [including BU Medical], and establish a scholarship funds for South End youth teens who wish to study medicine or a related biotechnology field.

1. Major Project: Install bricks and gaslights on all streets in the Worcester Square Area Association and BU Medical Complex area

In order to match the historic restoration and revitalization along Washington Street, all streets without bricks and gaslights would be restored where desired by neighbors. These improvements would ensure more historical and infrastructure continuity between WSANA and the Medical Center area as well as improve handicap accessibility and safety on both side streets and main throughways.

2. Worcester Square Community Fund: \$100,000 per year for 10 years

The grants to this community fund will be used in three ways, to be determined by the membership and board of the WSANA on an annual basis.

1. Greenspace Projects: \$50,000
 - Supplement the development and maintenance of trees/flower/plants in the community gardens, along the neighborhood streets, and in Worcester Square/Moakley Parks
 - Enhance the cleanliness of the neighborhood by partnering with community organizations like Project Place to do post-trash day clean up in the WSANA neighborhood

2. Community Relationship Development: \$25,000
 - a. Fund an annual neighborhood wide social/art/music event in partnership with Boston University Medical Center
 - b. Support other smaller [no fewer than 4 per year] neighborhood social and outreach events including volunteer initiatives, a concert series in the park, holiday celebrations, kids summer social, etc.
 - c. Fund the cost of regular ongoing communication and sharing of information to neighborhood residents via website, email, mailings and other outreach efforts

3. Annual Scholarship Funds: \$25,000
 - a. Provide need-based scholarship funds to South End teen[s] who desires to study medicine or a related biotechnology field at a Massachusetts college, university or medical school. In partnership with a representative of Boston University Medical Center, WSANA would select annual recipients through an application process.

While not within our borders, the Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association is also very supportive of the community benefits requested by Blackstone/Franklin and Chester Square for restoration of Chester Square and Blackstone/Franklin Parks. These improvements, in conjunction with installing brick sidewalks and gaslights on remaining streets, will provide a contiguous integration between the neighborhood and the medical complex, showcase the historical beauty of the South End to visitors, and improve the quality of life for the neighbors of Boston University Medical Center.