



CITY OF BOSTON • MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
MARTIN J. WALSH

October 30, 2017

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith a supplemental appropriation request in the amount of \$2,000,000. This funding became available as a result of an unanticipated payment during Fiscal Year 2018 to the City of Boston through the transfer of the Old City Hall lease. This funding will be used to allow the Boston Centers for Youth and Families to enter into a grant agreement with Urban Edge, a community-based non-profit, to assist in their efforts to bring a new youth recreation center, which will include an ice skating rink and field house, to Jackson Square.

The recreation center is part of the Jackson Square Planning Initiative, which has transformed the area by creating transit-oriented affordable housing and retail space and providing a sense of cohesion for the neighborhood. This has been a community-based effort, bringing together community members, business owners, youth, and elected officials to create a shared vision for the future of their neighborhood.

The recreation center will be the culmination of this vision, nearly two decades in the making. The thousands of youth and residents in the area will have access to recreation, academics and leadership opportunities and community-based programming. It will be the cornerstone of Jackson Square, providing a safe place for all to learn and grow in their own backyard.

Urban Edge has steadfastly carried the vision of this project forward and has received commitments from many different sources, including the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The City of Boston is committed to supporting this continued revitalization and Urban Edge as it carries out this mission.

These expenses are one time in nature and will be supported with general fund revenues.

I respectfully request your favorable action on this order.

Sincerely,

Martin J. Walsh  
Mayor of Boston

**CITY OF BOSTON**  
**IN CITY COUNCIL**

**ORDERED:**

That in addition to the appropriations heretofore made, to meet the current operating expenses of the fiscal period commencing July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018, the sum of TWO MILLION DOLLARS (\$2,000,000) be, and the same hereby is appropriated as follows, said sum to be met from available funds pursuant to Section 23 of Chapter 59 of the General Laws: -

Boston Centers for Youth & Families –

100-385-56200      Special Appropriation      \$2,000,000

To be used for a Grant to support the construction of a permanent ice skating rink and recreation center for the benefit of the community in Jackson Square.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT  
THE FOREGOING, IF PASSED IN  
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.

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