

### ABOUT

Formed in 1987, Asian Community Development Corporation (ACDC) is committed to high standards of performance and integrity in serving the Asian American community of Greater Boston, with an emphasis on preserving and revitalizing Boston's Chinatown. ACDC's primary service area is Boston's Chinatown, where nearly 25% of families fall below the poverty line. Our secondary service areas are Quincy and Malden where 25% and 23% of residents are Asian, respectively. ACDC's programs and services provide families and individuals with housing options and the resources, skills and knowledge to achieve upward economic mobility and civic involvement, so that they can stay and thrive in their neighborhoods.



ACDC's community investment plan incorporates a holistic approach to provide not only brick and mortar homes, but also a range of wrap-around services and leadership opportunities to low- to moderate-income individuals and families that foster housing and financial stability, economic mobility and to cultivate their social capital. Working with our community partners, our goals will be accomplished within three main focus areas: building homes, empowering families and strengthening communities.

### BUILDING HOMES

ACDC aims to have a successful real estate development program that increases and preserves affordable housing and related real estate (including community, commercial and open space) for the Asian American communities of Greater Boston. This program expands economic opportunities by stabilizing families' rent-to-income ratio and providing safe, affordable, quality housing so that more of their income can go towards savings and other needs. This will be achieved through increasing and preserving affordable housing stuck in Chinatown and surrounding communities where there are significant working-class Asian American populations. ACDC plans to secure site control of and be in pre-development phase for 1-2 small to mid-sized affordable developments.

### EMPOWERING FAMILIES

ACDC works both at the community level and at the individual and family level. Our HUD-certified housing and financial counselors are fluent in English, Cantonese, Mandarin, and Toisanese and deliver one-on-one services in order to deliver a customized financial plan for each of our clients. ACDC is the only organization in Massachusetts that provides Chinese-language, HUD-certified programs and services. We will run 12 Chinese-language and 9 English-language first-time homebuyer workshops, to serve 400 households. Our approach will be to increase resident engagement by growing a pipeline of leaders among ACDC's properties; increase youth engagement through entrepreneurship, college access services and community planning campaigns; strengthen the sense of community identity through public placemaking initiatives; and increase civic participation among residents and youth.

### STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES

We understand that developing and preserving affordable housing is only the first step toward building strong communities. This is why our staff actively builds strong relationships with resident and community leaders, which involves three steps. First, ACDC trains residents and youth the importance of civic engagement and teaches community planning skills. Second, we create opportunities for residents and youth to exercise these skills through planning and visioning projects and organized campaigns under the leadership of ACDC staff. Third, we help residents and youth in identifying issues that are important to them and empower them to lead their own interventions. We will accomplish this by targeting limited English proficient Asian populations for first-time homebuyer and housing counseling services, and extending housing and financial counseling services to underserved Asian American communities outside of Boston.