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## Children's Investment Fund Newsletter

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*Ribbon Cutting Event at Brookview House's new Valina N. Jackson Family Center*

Dear Colleagues and Partners,

This fall, we had the opportunity to attend Groundbreaking or Ribbon Cutting events for three projects that co-locate child care and affordable housing: Brookview House, the Elizabeth Stone House, and the YWCA of Southeastern Massachusetts. This innovative model of incorporating child care into housing is unique but one that we are committing more resources to, as the need for early education and out-of-school time care increases and nonprofits see it as an essential supportive service for families.

A safe, stable home *and* a nurturing learning environment for children are basic needs for families. We are happy to be part of the effort to provide them throughout the Commonwealth.

Best,



Theresa Jordan  
Director of Children's Facilities Finance

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### Events:

#### Brookview House

We were pleased to have the new EEC Commissioner Samantha Aigner-Treworgy speak alongside Governor Charlie Baker and Boston Mayor Marty Walsh at Brookview House's ribbon cutting event in October.

Brookview House received a \$450,000 EEOST Capital Fund grant in 2016 to create out-of-school time program space in a building that also houses 12 two- and three-bedroom apartments for families. The center was named after Brookview's former Chief Operating Officer, Valina Jackson. Read more about the project [here](#).



*EEC Commissioner Samantha Aigner-Treworgy, Mayor Walsh, Governor Baker, and Representative Holmes.*

### **Elizabeth Stone House**

Mayor Walsh joined Elizabeth Stone House for a "Topping Off" event at the site of its new building in Boston, which will include 32 units of housing and an early education and out-of-school time program for 51 children. The EEOST Capital Fund granted Elizabeth Stone House with \$1M in 2018.



*The Elizabeth Stone House team celebrates with Boston Mayor Walsh*



*Final steel beam marking the "Topping Off" of the building's frame.*

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### **YWCA Southeastern Massachusetts**

On November 8th, over 100 people gathered to [celebrate the completion of the YWCA's "Under One Roof" project](#) in New Bedford. The new addition to the Y's historic building houses a 50-slot out-of-school time program as well as 8 supportive housing units for women. The EOST Capital Fund awarded the YWCA with an \$800,000 grant in 2017.



*Executive Director Gail Fortes addressing attendees at the Ribbon Cutting Event.*



*The rear of the building features a dedicated entrance to the afterschool program (right-hand side), outdoor place space, and a seamless connection to the original building (left-hand side).*

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### Planning to Improve your Facility?

The Fund offers [predevelopment loans](#), [acquisition loans](#), and [permanent financing](#) as well as invaluable technical assistance to you and your team.

For more information, contact **Theresa Jordan** at 617-727-5944, ext. 107 or [tjordan@childrensinvestmentfundma.org](mailto:tjordan@childrensinvestmentfundma.org).



### 2019 Survey Results - Facility Needs across Massachusetts

Each year, the Fund sends an online survey to licensed, center-based programs throughout the state to ask about their facility needs.

In October, we received 92 responses from non-profits in 41 cities. Common needs include HVAC replacement, outdoor play space improvements, and basic licensing and safety upgrades. [View a summary of the results here.](#)

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## Partnership News:

In September, Eastern Bank awarded Children's Investment Fund a \$10,000 grant as part of its 2019 [Grants for Good](#) program focused on early childhood education. The Fund is one of fifty nonprofits that received an award.

Thank you, Eastern Bank, for your commitment to early childhood!



*Theresa Jordan with Eastern Bank CEO Bob Rivers.*

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## In the News:

LISC Rhode Island releases its [2019 Rhode Island Learning Facilities Needs Assessment](#) and lists the Massachusetts Early Education and Out of School Time (EEOST) Capital Fund as an innovative model

CIF Board member Amy O'Leary [talks about her experience on the board](#) and her commitment to the work

EEC awards \$12.4M to the University of Massachusetts' Institute for Early Education Leadership and Innovation, led by CIF Board member Anne Douglass, [to overhaul the state's professional development system](#)

Congratulations to CIF Board member Leslie Reid, who is Madison Park Development Corporation's [new Chief Executive Officer](#)

Joe Neri, the CEO of a CDFI in the Midwest called IFF, explains [why community developers should care more about early childhood education](#)

Bipartisan Policy Center director Linda Smith [comments on the importance of facility development](#) for early childhood education in order to increase affordable child care supply in communities

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