



THE GROVE HALL TRUST

SUMMARY

The Grove Hall Trust is one of Boston Rising's signature grantmaking initiatives. It is based on three key ideas:

- 1) Communities know what they need to improve their outcomes.
- 2) Community members have the talent to make their neighborhoods Rise.
- 3) Sustainable impact comes from shared risk and responsibility.

The Grove Hall Trust is a fund established by Boston Rising, matched at 10% by the Grove Hall Community and administered by Trustees from the community itself. Boston Rising advises and staffs the Trust. Trustees are residents of the Grove Hall community who agree to the overall vision and values of Boston Rising as part of their terms of service. With Trustees guiding investments the community itself sets priorities, vets proposals, makes funding decisions and tracks outcomes.

HOW IT WORKS

Boston Rising creates the Trust with an initial investment of approximately \$250,000. This forms the endowment. To unleash this funding and establish the Trust, the Grove Hall Trustees agree to raise an annual 10% match on the initial investment. Trustees lead a Community Fundraising Committee and manage this annual match effort. The community 10% combines with a minimum of a five percent payout from the endowment to form the annual grants budget.

Any community-based 501(c)3 can apply for grants. Grants range from \$500 to \$5,000 with most at the smaller end of that spectrum. All applications must include a dollar-for-dollar match on the amount requested, either through other funding sources, in-kind contributions or volunteer labor. Grant applications will be simple, and available on post-card sized forms in community centers, schools, local shops and nonprofits, as well as through the Boston Rising website.

Developing the grant application criteria, evaluation standards and schedule will be the Trustees' first order of business.

BUILDING THE FOUNDING COHORT OF TRUSTEES

Trustees are residents of the Grove Hall community who agree to the overall vision and values of Boston Rising as part of their terms of service. The Trust will launch with 9 members: 6 resident leaders, 2 community-based leaders, and 1 business owner. An additional cohort of Trustees will be selected by an executive committee of sitting Trustees in 2012.

NOMINATION PROCESS - Anyone can nominate a prospective Trustee by submitting a letter of recommendation to Talia Rivera, Director for Connectivity & Learning at Boston Rising. All nominated individuals will have a phone interview with Boston Rising Staff. In-person interviews will then be scheduled with select candidates. Candidates will be carefully selected based on their ability to meet

the qualifications and responsibilities of the volunteer Trustee role. Subsequent Trustee cohorts will be selected by an executive committee of the sitting Trustees.

COMMITMENT - Trustees have term limits. Resident and youth leaders commit to a 24 month term; small business, school-based, community-based, and faith-based leaders commit to an 18 month term. Trustees will meet as a group a minimum of 6 times per year, and meetings conducted in Grove Hall will vary from 2-5 hours in duration.

2011 GROVE HALL TRUST MILESTONES AND TIMELINE

- Trustee nominations accepted May 4 - June 10, 2011
- Trustee candidate interviews June 10 - August 31, 2011
- Trustee orientation meetings September - October, 2011
- Timeline for additional milestones including announcing the first round of grant applications and funding will be determined by Trustees following their orientation meetings.

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