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BHA to apply for funding to redevelop Washington Beech

Boston – Working closely with the Washington Beech tenants as partners, the Boston Housing Authority has begun an extensive planning process that will result in the submission of a HOPE VI application for approximately \$20 million to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in November. The funding would allow a complete redevelopment of the Washington Beech public housing development in Roslindale.

The move comes in response to a recent notice released by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development announcing the availability of HOPE VI funding for the revitalization of distressed public housing throughout the nation. The HOPE VI funding process is highly competitive. However, the BHA will pursue aggressively these much needed dollars as the redevelopment of Washington Beech is an important priority for Mayor Thomas M. Menino, the BHA, and the residents who live in the development.

“Washington Beech is a family housing development that has long deserved and needed a complete overhaul due to its age and deteriorating systems,” said BHA Administrator Sandra B. Henriquez. “We are excited about the prospect of redeveloping Washington Beech as we enter this planning process and are hopeful that we will have a positive funding outcome.”

The planning process will include a series of resident and community meetings to plan for the physical transformation of the site, as well as the community and supportive services that are needed to accompany such revitalization. While the meetings are focused upon residents at Washington Beech, other community stakeholders and neighborhood residents are encouraged to participate and bring a broader neighborhood perspective to the planning process.

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