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Nonprofit awarded \$325k to rehab 82 housing units in Roxbury, JP

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By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

A Boston community development organization announced that it has been awarded a \$325,000 federal housing grant to help fund a major rehabilitation of 82 multi-family, affordable rental units in Roxbury and Jamaica Plain.

Urban Edge was one of 115 NeighborWorks organizations nationwide to share \$34.9 million in grants to rehabilitate or finance the rehabilitation of affordable housing.

The 37-year-old Roxbury-based nonprofit said Tuesday it will use the funding to rehabilitate its Urban Edge Limited Partnership Apartments.

Work is expected to begin before the fiscal year ends next June and the project is anticipated to take around 15 months, a spokesman said.

“Rehabilitation of existing multi-family housing benefits many — residents who will enjoy improved housing conditions, owners who will benefit from lower operating expenses, communities that will see increased property values and a cleaner environment, and people put to work by the construction dollars,” the organization’s **president and CEO, Chrystal Kornegay**, said in a release. “We applaud and thank the Congress and NeighborWorks for their wise investment in Urban Edge and the other grant recipients.”

The funding will allow the nonprofit to upgrade UELP’s main building systems, envelopes and structural integrity and address related capital needs. The work will be follow Urban Edge’s “integrated green” development approach guided by the LEED and Green Communities rating systems and the organization’s sustainability goals.

Energy audit and benchmarking analysis indicates that eight of the ten UELP buildings use approximately 10 to 60 percent more gas and up to two times more water than a typical building of similar type, Urban Edge said.

The planned rehab work is estimated to reduce gas consumption by up to 25 percent.

Boilers and hot water tanks will be replaced with high-efficiency indirect hot water heating systems and controls; new roofs will be installed at eight of the

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buildings; and residents will receive Energy Star lighting fixtures and appliances, the organization announced.

UELP residents will receive updated kitchens, bathrooms, common laundry facilities and insulation. The development nonprofit has committed to preserving the property's affordability in perpetuity.

The federal grant funding known as Capital Funding for the Rehabilitation of Affordable Housing was awarded to Urban Edge and others nationwide after being signed into law in April. Applicants were limited on how much funding they could request through the program. Combined, the requests for grants exceeded the available funding by around \$18 million.

Officials said they believe the grants will create more than 1,000 jobs and produce more than \$300 million in economic activity.

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