

Project Profile: Doña Betsaida Gutiérrez Housing Cooperative



Developer: Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corp. & New Atlantic Development Corp.

Location: Boston, MA

Description: The Doña Betsaida Gutiérrez Housing Cooperative (aka Centre-Creighton Apartments) contains 36 units of affordable rental housing and 7,600 square feet of ground-floor retail space that is expected to house at least one new restaurant. These cooperative units, named after a local activist and owned by the residents, will provide affordable housing in Jamaica Plain's Latin Quarter, near rapid transit, shopping and services.

Total Development Costs: \$14.5 million

Capital Funding: HOME: \$1,610,769; State \$10,822,645; Private: \$1,995,000; Low Income Housing Tax Credit: \$105,000

Income Profile: 12 units <30% AMI, 24 units at 60% of AMI

Rental Assistance: 12 Project-based assistance MA Rental Voucher Program (MRVP); 11 Section 8 Project-based Vouchers through the Boston Housing Authority

Integrated Housing Features: Targeted Units: Four (11%) of the units are targeted specifically to people with disabilities whose incomes are at or below 30% of AMI. Tenants must have a disability and be institutionalized or at risk of institutionalization. The Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission, a state services agency is, is responsible for verifying applicant eligibility.

Affordability: The four targeted units have project-based rental assistance through a state-funded voucher program. With the project-based assistance, these units can serve extremely low-income people with disabilities including those with no source of income.

Accessibility: The four targeted units are each wheelchair accessible.

Supports: Tenants in the targeted units receive individualized community-based services such as case management, personal care attendant and other supports as needed and desired. This program does not currently have state-level system linkages between the targeted units and state-funded long-term supports.