



Building a Better Boston, Together.

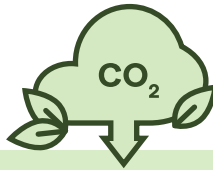
Our communities are impacted every day by global, national, and regional issues like **climate and equity** – issues for which the built environment plays an oversized role:



Massachusetts faces a staggering

200k

home shortage to meet state housing demand by 2030



37%

of global emissions come from the building and construction industry



62%

of U.S. architects are white men, a sharp contrast to the diverse population the industry serves

The BSA Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization established by the Boston Society for Architecture to connect our profession to our community.

We believe architecture is for everyone and at the core of this belief is creating equitable ways of designing, collaborating, building, and living.

We seek to inspire a shared vision and provoke change that improves the lives of Boston-area residents through programming and projects that result in progress you can see in and around Boston.



The BSA Foundation is organized around four focus areas that collectively seek to address the challenges created by climate change, social injustice and housing insecurity in our area.

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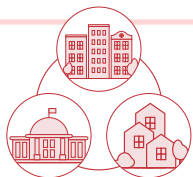
K-12 DESIGN EDUCATION

The BSA Foundation's K-12 Design Education program builds awareness of and interest in architecture and design by providing opportunities for students ages 5-18. By using design as a tool to understand the built environment, and providing age-accessible, hands-on learning opportunities, students gain critical thinking skills, and the BSA provides pathways for interested students to pursue a career in architecture.

2,500+

K-12 students impacted
by our 2024 programs

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100+ architects

mobilized by C+CD to collaborate with grassroots organizations, municipalities, and neighborhood groups, supporting impactful **community-led projects** throughout the region.

COMMUNITY + COLLABORATIVE DESIGN (C+CD)

The C+CD program fosters connections between community stakeholders and spatial designers, to build alliances that create transformative change. We recognize the benefits of collaborative processes in the design of the built environment, and by making design practices accessible to broader audiences, C+CD projects help community partners envision and create new spaces and amplify the knowledge, expertise, and narratives embedded in each of Boston's vibrant communities.

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HOUSING INNOVATION

At the heart of the BSA Foundation's housing innovation work is the exploration of new, alternative, and experimental approaches to improving the quality and quantity of affordable housing in Boston. For almost a decade, we have worked in collaboration with various stakeholders including the City of Boston, to unlock the power of design and policy to address local housing issues. From co-creating Boston's Future Decker to facilitating discussions on the "Missing Middle", the BSA demonstrates the critical role of design in the development of housing solutions in the region.

Through the Future-Decker initiative, the BSA collaborated with the City of Boston's Housing Innovation Lab, engaging

54

local community members, designers, and developers and receiving

6



project proposals



4

\$30,000

in grants given to **3 innovative projects** focused on:

health equity in development

spatial justice

equity-focused urban
development processes

GRANTS FOR INNOVATION

Through an initiative focused on the question of "How Might We Do Architecture Differently?", the BSA Foundation aims to connect and empower stakeholders from different disciplines who are invested in envisioning new futures for the City of Boston. Our goal is to unleash the creativity of our 4,500 members and diverse partners to explore new ideas, approaches, and models—and work side by side with subject matter experts to address the built environment equity and climate challenges facing us.