



Opportunity Finance Network: Member Profile



Nuestra Comunidad Development Corporation Roxbury, MA

Nuestra Comunidad Development Corporation was established in 1981 by residents of the Dudley neighborhood seeking to take control of blighted land, build new housing, and leverage their combined energies for a better future. Today, Nuestra is a successful community development corporation providing an array of affordable housing, business development, individual asset building, and resident support services to Roxbury and other underserved populations in Boston. Among its many accomplishments is the creation of Nuestra Culinary Ventures, Boston's only kitchen incubator for culinary entrepreneurs.

Success Story: Suzeth Dunn, Roslindale, MA

Suzeth Dunn was determined to buy her first home and move out of the crime-ridden neighborhood where she and her son Rafael lived, but she knew very little about homebuying. Taking Nuestra's Homebuyer 101 course helped her to qualify for a mortgage through the City of Boston. Now, she and Rafael live in a three-bedroom townhouse on a tree-lined street in Roslindale.

"It really boosted my confidence. Now I am referring clients and people I know, saying 'Hey, you should definitely take this class'."

*Suzeth Dunn
New Homeowner*



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Mission

Nuestra Comunidad Development Corporation is devoted to building the wealth and enhancing the physical, economic, and social well-being of Roxbury and other underserved populations in Greater Boston, through a community-driven process that promotes self-sufficiency and neighborhood revitalization.

Products and services

- Real estate services for the development of affordable homes and rental housing
- Technical assistance and facilities for small businesses
- Homeownership services, including homebuyer classes, home improvement, and second mortgages
- Extensive support services for residents of Nuestra properties

Financial and social impact

- Total originated in loans = \$4.4 million
- Small businesses receiving technical assistance = More than 1,600
- Units of affordable home ownership housing produced = 132
- Units of affordable rental housing produced or preserved = 755
- Clients trained in homeownership = More than 1,600