MASSACHUSETTS COMMUNITY INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT

What is the Community Investment Tax Credit?
Signed into law in 2012, the Community Investment Tax Credit (CITC) is a state tax credit program designed to enable all to invest in community development corporations (CDC) to support high-impact community and economic development initiatives in neighborhoods throughout the state.

Individual and corporate donors of select CDCs, including WHALE, will receive a state tax credit equal to 50% of a qualified investment, defined as cash contribution of at least $1,000. When combined with federal tax deductions, donors have the opportunity to leverage the net cost of their contribution by three-fold.

CITC Background
In 2014, State certified CDCs, including WHALE, submitted multi-year business plans detailing how they will improve their community and leverage federal and private resources for neighborhood based economic development. The Department of Housing and Community Development ranked the plans to identify those most effective in meeting local and state-wide goals for community economic development.

In 2015, WHALE was awarded $150,000 in state Community Investment Tax Credits that was used to secure up to $300,000 in private support. The Community Investment Tax Credits are awarded annually through an application process and the program is funded until 2019.

This tax credit program will fund WHALE’s state-approved Community Investment Plan and provide flexible working capital that can be used to seed preservation projects and programs, fill funding gaps and leverage other resources.

CITC Donor Benefits
Individual and corporate donors who support WHALE will receive a state tax credit equal to 50% of a qualified investment, defined as cash contribution of at least $1,000. Non-profits, foundations and out-of-state donors will receive a cash rebate for 50% of their donation.

- Donors may claim the Community Investment Tax Credit in the year the gift was made.
- The CITC is refundable. If the donor does not have sufficient tax liability, the Commonwealth will issue a check for the balance of the credit to the donor.
- Donations made through the CITC program are eligible for a federal tax deduction.

CITC Donation Chart

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*Illustration - 35% tax bracket. Consult your tax advisor

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WHALE Community Investment Plan: Executive Summary

For 54 years, WHALE has made a difference in the revitalization of the Gateway City of New Bedford. WHALE has rescued over 55 historic properties, inspiring pride in residents and helping to transform New Bedford for the better. The real estate projects have had a major impact on New Bedford’s economy. Since 2001, WHALE’s projects have contributed $2.5 million in tax revenue to the city and are valued at more than $12 million. Investment in New Bedford’s historic properties since 2005 totaled more than $136 million bringing 500 construction jobs and 640 permanent jobs to the city.

Mission: With over 80% of its housing stock classified as historic, New Bedford is unique in that it has always valued historic preservation as a tool for community revitalization. WHALE’s mission is to foster historic preservation and continued use of the city’s architectural heritage to enhance community and economic vitality in New Bedford; to rehabilitate and reuse historic structures for the economic and community development of New Bedford, including providing decent housing affordable to low-and moderate-income persons, commercial development, and reuse that promotes arts and culture; and to educate on the importance of the historic and architectural culture of New Bedford’s diverse people.

Projects and Programs:

The overall goal of WHALE’s projects and programs is to assist in revitalizing downtown New Bedford and its abutting neighborhoods by:

- Creating much needed workforce/affordable housing
- Restoring historic buildings that are either vacant or in a state of disrepair
- Creating new arts and cultural venues to promote tourism and provide new arts enriching experiences for New Bedford residents
- Providing pride for area residents that their neighborhoods and city have a rich historic past that should be preserved and celebrated
- Creating new jobs both in construction and permanent positions related to the reuse of the buildings
- Leveraging over $8 million of project funding into the city

The Community Investment Tax Credits (CITC) will be a vital tool in assisting in implementing these projects for the continued mission of revitalizing New Bedford through historic preservation.