

***Entity:*** Planning Office for Urban Affairs, Inc.

***Founded:*** Saturday, June 21, 1969

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***Description:***

As a leading diocesan housing ministry for the Catholic Church in America, POUA has created over 2400 units of affordable and mixed-income housing, providing homes for more than 10,000 people in 25 developments throughout the Archdiocese of Boston, and currently has approximately 360 additional units underway. The emphasis of the Office is not on numbers, however, but on having a qualitative impact on the harsh reality of housing deprivation for poor families, the elderly, the homeless and disabled persons. This had meant undertaking challenging development efforts that address the needs of a wide-ranging population. In doing so, the Office pursues the mission of the church to provide compassionate care and service to all those in need. Through its extensive experience and its ability to access a broad array of public and private funding, the Planning Office has represented the church as a leader in affordable housing development work, the Office actively advocates for housing justice throughout the Archdiocese, and has been involved with a wide variety of nonhousing efforts related to education, economic development, and peace and justice initiatives.

***Mission:***

The Planning Office for Urban Affairs is a self/sustaining social justice ministry affiliated with the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston that strives to create vibrant communities through the development of high quality affordable and mixed income housing where people of modest means can live with dignity and respect in homes they can afford.