**Codman Square Neighborhood Council**  
**BOLD (Breath of Life: Dorchester) TEENS**

**Purpose of the Organization/ Program**  
The Codman Square Neighborhood Council is a community-based, all volunteer, group of community residents who seek to improve the quality of life in this Boston, urban based area of Dorchester, Mass. As issues are raised task forces and projects are created, short or long term to work on solutions. Council works through education, outreach, prevention, policy change and policy making. Areas of primary concern are: public safety, food and fitness, obesity/asthma and greener homes and families. Also guide teen peer leadership group, BOLD Teens, a year round, out of school project, whereby teens learn and then do active projects to change. Check out www.boldteens.org for more info.

**Job Title or Position**

Youth worker, assigned to work with BOLD TEENS program, with small (6-8) group of teens along with 2 other youth workers with total of 30 teens. Youth development model, so encourage teens research, to look for and identify/create projects that can be done within the 8 week summer time frame.

**Expectations/ Responsibilities of the Position:**

To work with total group of 30 teens, but primary responsibility with a smaller, team of teens.  
To listen to, learn about previous experiences of teens and BOLD Teens, and then help teens create a project or two to work on during summer.  
To provide caring, and responsible role model for teens to look to, as they deal with their daily experiences.  
To help give individual attention, as needed, so each teen can learn to be an effective team member. 2/3 of these teens are newly enrolled for the summer program.  
To work with the other 2 youth workers, who are usually former BOLD Teens, who return to help lead the summer program.  
To encourage active learning, and active projects, so hands on, as well as reaching out to community residents and adults, about the project.  
Depending on teen team assigned, may be responsible to help with Farmers Market held every Thursday, from late May-late October.

**Qualifications:**

Computer skills, enough to help teens use computer for some printing.  
Definitely interpersonal skills listening to and work with urban teens.  
An ability to see/hear any specific needs of a teen, to help them learn and grow in this summer experience.  
Previous experience is helpful, but if willing and able to work with teens, should be sufficient.

**Working Conditions:**

Working hours will be from 8:45-4:30 pm from Monday through Thursdays.  
Usually will be 1 evening community meeting each week. 2-3 times there maybe a larger event on a Saturday, that teens may attend if helpful for learning or to work with other teens.  
Informal dress code and outdoor clothing, as BOLD encourages some projects to be walking, planting trees, conducting a Farmers Market and observing environment.

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There are two work sites: 1) the Cleveland middle school (Boston public school), using a classroom and open space, with access to 7 computers. Cleveland School is where larger group meets couple of times a week.
2) The Council office/BOLD office (which is an older, former one family house) in which Council has office, conference room, kitchen, and 2 smaller working areas, which is used by 1-2 small teams, when not meeting at Cleveland. Is the administrative office, located in Codman Square area.

Transportation is by T (train line between Cleveland and BOLD House), and T busses to get back and forth to site in morning, and return to home at night. Depends on where Shepherd student lives. Shepherd Project usually has space for few student together, so get to know other Shepherd students in evening and week-ends. Or individual housing can be arranged with local community resident, if needed or more desirable.

**On-Site Mentor/Supervisor:**

Director of the BOLD Teens is Rev. Dr. Bill Loesch. Office phone is 617-635-4189 And 617-822-8189. Primary and preferred contact is: bill.loesch@codman.org

**Supervision Plan:**
Supervisor is available on daily basis, with youth leaders meetings 1-2 times a week (after 3:30) to plan and review projects. Senior staff (Rev. Loesch, Youth coordinator, youth workers) could meet on a couple of Fridays, for a couple of hours, as needed.

**Preparation:**

Any courses related to environmental justice and social justice, public health or climate change, would be helpful. Any articles or books related to the above would be beneficial, unless student already is well aware of these concerns, and how they are inter-related. Since from out of state, cannot do a background check, but will expect student to sign stating any C(criminal)ORI or S(sexual)ORI issues, on a voluntary basis. A copy of the latest physical exam is required.

**Additional Comments:**

We can utilize 1-2 students in this position. Any student who cares about and loves to work with Teen-agers from an urban setting is key. We can help arrange housing, once know of number. We are located 20 minutes from downtown Boston.