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## Grants; New Deputy Director; Breaking Cultural Boundaries

December 7, 2021 — TSNE Missionworks and Community Builders get funding for national projects. Mass. PPD Fund receives \$15K for parent support groups. Urban Edge names deputy director. Jacob's Pillow joins with video platform to break cultural boundaries.

### TSNE Missionworks and Community Builders Get Funding for National Projects

 Two Boston-based nonprofits which work nationally in addition to locally, [TSNE MissionWorks](#) and [The Community Builders](#), recently were awarded \$1.3 million from the George Gund foundation to support projects in Ohio.

TSNE Missionworks, which provides management support and capacity building services to nonprofits in Massachusetts and across the country, received a two-year, \$500,000 grant for the Ohio-BUILD State Partnership, while The Community Builders, one of the nation's largest real estate developers, received a grant of \$800,000 for the Woodhill Homes community in Cleveland.



### Mass. PPD Fund Receives \$15K for Parent Support Groups



[Mass. PPD Fund](#), a Boston-based nonprofit that seeks to raise awareness of postpartum depression and other perinatal mental health challenges and increase services in Massachusetts, recently announced it received a \$15,000 grant from the Perigee Fund to help start culturally-specific, new parent support groups in Massachusetts, which may become a national model.

Mass. PPD Fund recruited professionals and community leaders who work closely with new parents in different capacities to work with GPS Group Peer Support to do professional development in running support groups, as well as with the Boston Public Health Commission's Healthy Start Initiative, South Cove Community Health Center, and Propa City Community Outreach.

Mass. PPD Fund Executive Director Jessie Colbert noted, "As with

many other health and mental health issues, the pandemic has both exacerbated and brought to light significant need and health disparities in new parent mental health in Massachusetts and nationwide.”

### Urban Edge Names Deputy Director



Richard Ward

**Urban Edge**, a Boston-based community development nonprofit that aims to strengthen communities and families in the Boston neighborhoods of Jamaica Plain and Roxbury, recently announced it appointed Richard E. Ward as its deputy director, responsible for spearheading strategic relationships to help the organization grow, which includes strengthening relationships with community partners and residents involved in wealth-building and affordable housing.

“Urban Edge is pleased that Richard Ward is joining us as deputy director,” said Emilio Dorcely, Urban Edge’s chief executive officer. “His knowledge of Boston and its neighborhoods, his understanding of the kind of programs necessary to help strengthen our communities, and his ability to build strategic partnerships will be a tremendous benefit to Urban Edge as we continue to grow and serve the people of Roxbury, Jamaica Plain, Mattapan, and Greater Boston.”

Ward served in multiple leadership positions at the Boston Foundation for a decade, including as director of grantmaking and director of programs. He was the executive director for the Brookline Community Foundation and the New England Center for Arts and Technology.

Prior to his most recent role as founder and president of Verge Philanthropy Partners, Ward was vice president for strategic partnerships at Neighborhood Health Plan, where he built relationships with more than 50 community health centers across the region. He is an alumnus of Boston University.

### Jacob’s Pillow Joins With Video Platform to Break Cultural Boundaries



**Jacob’s Pillow**, a Becket nonprofit that runs an international dance festival, professional school, and archives, recently announced it has partnered with global arts and culture video platform

NOWNESS for the release of three films, commissioned by Jacob’s Pillow and NOWNESS, centered around the theme of breaking cultural boundaries in dance.

“We’re thrilled to be partnering with NOWNESS on the Body Language film series,” said Pamela Tatge, Jacob’s Pillow executive and artistic director, “NOWNESS’ mission of promoting excellence in storytelling aligns with our desire to provide a platform to make artists’ stories visible in new and inventive ways. We’re excited to share this series with the world.”

The first two films were released Dec. 3 and 6; the third will be released next year. The three-to-five minute films were curated by Ali Rosa-Salas and Melanie George, associate curators at Jacob’s Pillow, and the Pillow’s series producer is Ali Rosa-Salas.

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