

# YBB (DB)

## A NonProfit Design-Build Initiative by YouthBuild Boston

### Who is YouthBuild Boston?

YouthBuild Boston (YBB) is an innovative non-profit that offers hands-on building trades training on real construction sites. We're helping to build a diverse workforce by recruiting students from underserved urban neighborhoods who are looking for a sustainable career path. Our organization functions like a non-profit design/build firm that specializes in affordable housing and design/build services for other non-profits. YBB's most successful program graduates are eligible to apply for our 'Special-Ops' team, where they can gain entrepreneurial skills and experience helping our non-profit partners and low-income neighbors by employing the skills they've learned on the jobsite.

### What Makes YBB Different From Other Contractors?

Our 'Special-Ops' initiative enables our most successful students to gain entrepreneurial skills and experience by working alongside an instructor on real projects that make a difference in our community. Our clients especially love working with YBB because of our attention to detail and quality control. Our prices are often less expensive than other contractors since we are a non-profit, and we have the capacity to handle any design needs that may arise.

### What Kinds of Projects Does YBB Do?

YBB is prepared to quickly address small scale renovation and repair projects such as painting, concrete step and walkway patching, landscaping, installing handrails, drywall patching, flooring installation, and more. We can also manage larger renovation projects that require design work and permitting, such as removal or construction of interior walls, accessible kitchens and bathroom remodels, and outdoor decks. At this time, YBB cannot address projects requiring work in plumbing, electrical, or roofing.



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## How Does YBB Determine How Much To Charge For Their Services?

Our project estimates are quite simple- we list the hourly rate for design and construction services and multiply by the number of hours we think it will take to complete the project. Then we add in the estimated cost of required materials to complete the work.

## What Are The Requirements To Become A Non-Profit Partner?

- Non-Profit partners must be a 501(c)(3) organization approved by the Internal Revenue Service to be tax exempt under the International Revenue Code.
- The non-profit must be located in one of YBB's service areas, including Dorchester, Roxbury, South Boston, Back Bay, Fenway, South End, Mattapan, Allston-Brighton, Jamaica Plain, Hyde Park, Roslindale, West Roxbury
- The non-profit must demonstrate a strong need for YBB's services by completing the nonprofit partner application.
- The non-profit partner must agree to our Terms and Conditions as outlined in our nonprofit partner agreement.

## What Is The Process Once My Project Is Approved?

If your project passes the initial stages of approval, we will schedule a walkthrough of your space to determine the project scope. The outcome of this walkthrough will be a formal contract outlining the project scope, timeline, and design-build estimate. Upon signing this contract, we will be ready to begin the work.

## How Do YBB Design-Build Projects Impact My Community?

When you work with YBB for your project, you are not just hiring another contractor. YBB is helping to build stronger communities through our multi-faceted mission. Some of the benefits we provide to our community are listed below:

- Our non-profit neighbors are able to remain in their existing space rather than finding a new spot, which helps to slow displacement and prevent gentrification in underrepresented neighborhoods.
- The non-profits are able to make improvements to their built environment that might have otherwise been cost prohibitive. This way, more of their funding can go directly towards their mission and the clients they serve.
- The intergenerational experience between our clients and students helps strengthen a sense of community, preserve historical and cultural traditions, and encourage cultural exchange within the community.
- Service learning promotes leadership development and social responsibility for our students.
- Projects serve as field experience on real project sites, and provide entrepreneurial and client-relations experience for students interested in starting their own business in the trades.



**If you are a nonprofit organization in the Boston area and are in need of minor repairs or renovation work, you may be eligible for our services.**

**For More Information,  
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