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Southwest Boston Community Development Corporation offers access to free mortgage check-ups and financial counseling

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Southwest Boston Community Development Corporation (SWBCDC) is continuing its outreach efforts to publicize free mortgage "check-ups" and financial counseling services available in 2011. Roslindale and Hyde Park continue to experience the devastating effects of the ongoing foreclosure crisis. According to statistics from Boston's Department of Neighborhood Development, home foreclosure petitions (the first step in the foreclosure process) rose 35 percent in Roslindale between 2008 and 2009 (the most recent statistics available). Hyde Park is one of five neighborhoods that comprise 80 percent of all foreclosures in the City of Boston.

SWBCDC is continuing its work with Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corporation (CSNDC), which has experi-

enced financial fitness consultants on staff and available to residents in the Hyde Park and Roslindale neighborhoods. CSNDC's staff consultants can help residents address a range of issues, including mortgage problems, budgeting, and difficulties with credit. Both SWBCDC and CSNDC are not-for-profit organizations and are offering these free services through grant funding.

If you or someone you know could benefit from these services call SWBCDC's community organizer Chris Knoper at 617-364-7300 or send an email to cknoper@swbcdc.org. You can also visit the SWBCDC office at 11 Fairmount Avenue, Room 101 in Hyde Park. Translation services can be arranged for Spanish- and Haitian-speaking residents.