



Photo Credit: New Bedford Creative

The Black Lives Matter mural represents a powerful expression of art, community, and social justice.

As this site changes, the messages and values of this artwork will continue to stand.

Thank you to all of the artists who made this important installation possible.

In 2021, New Bedford Creative partnered with Tanisha Ferrer and a collective of other artists to create the “Black Lives Matter” mural, which was installed along the fencing of the vacant Keystone lot 193-197 Union St. in New Bedford.

In early 2026, One Circle Co. will purchase this lot from MassDevelopment as planned and begin construction of new mixed-use building featuring 45 apartments and ground-floor commercial space.

Prior to construction, the creative team has removed this mural for safekeeping and will return all of the letters to the individual artists who created them.



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This project received funding by New Bedford Creative, SuperflatNB, and in-kind support from YWCA Southeastern Massachusetts. The designers and painters of the letters include:

B - designed by Liya Hoshi and painted by Ann E. Espindola

L - designed by art teacher Kate Vannata at Hayden McFadden Elementary School and painted by volunteers

A - designed by 8th grade scholar Margaret MacRamos and painted by art teacher Kate Frazer Rego of Alma Del Mar School Charter School

C - designed by art teacher Kate Vannata at Hayden McFadden Elementary School and painted by volunteers

K - designed by Vannyka Sim and painted by Nicole Pupillo

L - designed by Tanisha Ferrer and Material Creative and painted by Tanisha Ferrer

I - designed and painted by Ashley Stuart

V - designed by Tanisha Ferrer and Material Creative and painted by Imalay Lugo-Lopez

E - designed by Material Creative and painted by volunteers

S - designed by Melanie Perry and painted by volunteers

M - designed and painted by Nicole Bishop

A - designed by Nuno Alfama and painted by Ronald A. Saulnier

T - designed by Tanisha Ferrer and Material Creative and painted by Tanisha Ferrer

T - designed and painted by Duvall Skerritt

E - designed and painted by Mandy Fraser

R - designed and painted by Styles Vazquez

Tanisha Ferrer, Co-Organizer

