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May 21, 2018

City Council President Linda M. Morad
Honorable Members of the City Council
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Council President Morad and Honorable Members of the City Council:

On behalf of the Community Preservation Committee, I respectfully submit for your consideration the Community Preservation Act FY18 Project Funding Recommendations for your consideration.

Also enclosed for your reference is a binder with all of the FY18 CPA Funding Applications, as well as a copy of the FY18 Community Preservation Plan.

Sincerely,

Janine da Silva
Chair

Enclosure



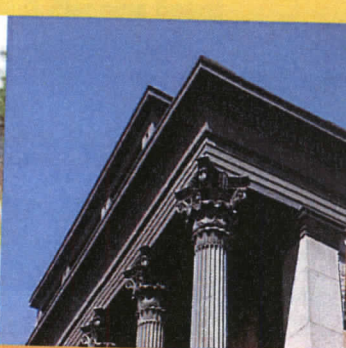
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE FY18 CPA FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS



OPEN SPACE



RECREATION



HISTORIC



HOUSING



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CPA OVERVIEW

The CPA was adopted by the voters of New Bedford in 2014. The CPA (Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44B) is a state law through which communities may fund projects for four purposes: preserving open space and historic resources and expanding community housing and outdoor recreational activities. The CPA also provides for an annual contribution of State funds to each participating municipality.

In New Bedford, CPA funds are generated by a 1.5% surcharge on annual tax assessments. The surcharge is calculated on the value of the property after deducting the first \$100,000 of value. Low-income households and low- and moderate-income senior households may annually apply to be exempted from the surcharge. The median CPA payment based on the City's FY17 tax rate is \$22.53.

The CPC is the entity which, by law, administers the community preservation fund locally, writes and adopts a Community Preservation Plan to guide CPA funding decisions, receives and reviews proposals from the community for CPA funding, and recommends projects to City Council for funding approval. The City Council then votes to appropriate the CPA funds for the projects it approves.

In accordance with the terms of the CPA Act and the City of New Bedford's Community Preservation Committee Ordinance, the CPC was formed in 2016 and is comprised of nine members: four (4) members of the general public appointed by the Mayor, and five (5) required members from each of the following boards: the Conservation Commission, Historical Commission, Park Board, Planning Board and Housing Authority.

| Community Preservation Committee | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| NAME | REPRESENTATION |
| Janine da Silva, Chair | Historical Commission |
| Ross Nunes, Vice Chair | General Public |
| Jessica Bailey, Clerk | General Public |
| Christopher Amaral | General Public |
| Arthur Glassman | Planning Board |
| Sylvia Gomes | General Public |
| Paul Pacheco | Conservation Commission |
| Elaine Safioleas | Park Board |
| Tim Walsh | Housing Authority |

The City Council can act on the CPC project recommendations in three ways: it can approve the full project amounts recommended, it can approve partial project amounts, or it can deny funding to any project. The City Council cannot increase the amounts recommended by the CPC, nor can the City Council act on projects that the CPC has not recommended.

To guide its decision making process, the CPC has created a **Community Preservation Plan**. The Plan outlines the community's goals and objectives for using CPA funds. The Plan is reviewed and updated annually after a public hearing and is attached for reference.

FY18 BUDGET OVERVIEW

New Bedford voters adopted CPA through a ballot question in November 2014 and the collection of CPA surcharges began with Fiscal Year 2016. The CPC was formed in 2016, the Community Preservation Plan adopted in 2017, and the first CPA budget recommended and approved by the City Council in June 2017. The FY18 budget recommended amounts to be reserved and appropriated based on revenues from FY 2016, 2017 and estimated 2018.

| FY18 BUDGET | |
|--|--------------------|
| CPA REVENUE | FY16-FY18 |
| LOCAL SURCHARGE | \$2,643,474 |
| STATE MATCH | \$309,404 |
| INTEREST | \$10,541 |
| EXPENDITURES | |
| PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION (5% of estimated revenue) | -\$51,855 |
| TOTAL | \$2,911,564 |

| CPA RESERVES | FY16-FY18 |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| OPEN SPACE/RECREATION RESERVE | \$296,341 |
| HISTORIC RESOURCES RESERVE | \$296,341 |
| COMMUNITY HOUSING RESERVE | \$296,341 |
| UNRESTRICTED BUDGETED RESERVE | \$2,022,541 |
| TOTAL | \$2,911,564 |

FY18 AVAILABLE FUNDING

The CPC did not receive proposals for Community Housing; therefore the FY18 Community Housing Reserve was not included in the available funding for FY18 and will roll over into FY19. In FY18, the City had **\$2,615,223** available for appropriation to proposals in the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Resources categories.

CPA FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

The CPC received twenty eight (28) applications in the FY18 funding round seeking a total of over \$5.2 million in funding for a variety of projects which would benefit the City. In deciding how to allocate funds through a competitive application process, the CPC evaluated projects against the priorities established in the FY18 Community Preservation Plan, and took into consideration other relevant factors such as the amount of funding available, the diversity of applicants and the ability to fully or partially fund projects.

In October 2017, the CPC received thirty eight (38) Step 1 (Eligibility Form) Applications to be considered for funding. Several of those projects were determined not to be eligible for CPA funding, and several chose not to submit a Step 2 Full Application. In December 2017, the CPC received twenty eight (28) Part 2 Full Applications for CPA funding.

The CPC reviewed the submitted Part 2 project applications over the course of several months and held three public hearings at which the applicants presented their proposals to the CPC, and the community; as the meetings were filmed by New Bedford Cable Access.

Due to a funding deficit, the CPC was unable to fund all the submitted projects in FY18, and based on lengthy and thoughtful deliberations passed over eleven (11) projects, inviting the applicants to resubmit in a future funding round.

At its May 8, 2018 meeting, the CPC voted to recommend to the City Council a total expenditure of \$2, 599,223 in CPA funds for seventeen (17) projects. The CPC determined, among other factors, that the recommended projects met the goals expressed in the Community Preservation Plan, provided a public benefit, addressed a critical need, were shovel-ready, and demonstrated the ability to leverage non-CPA funds.

If approved by the City Council, all projects must enter into a Grant Agreement with the City, and submit regular progress and budget reports. Additional specific conditions are listed as applicable to each project.

CPA FY18 PROJECT FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

| CPA CATEGORY: OPEN SPACE | | FUNDING SOURCE | AMOUNT |
|----------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | Acushnet Sawmill New Bedford Expansion & Community Garden | Open Space/Recreation Reserve | \$296,341 |
| | | Unrestricted Fund | \$73,659 |
| CPA CATEGORY: HISTORIC RESOURCES | | FUNDING SOURCE | AMOUNT |
| 2 | Schooner Ernestina –Morrissey Rehabilitation | Unrestricted Fund | \$100,000 |
| 3 | Veterans Transitional Housing Expansion (1060 Pleasant St) | Unrestricted Fund | \$200,000 |
| 4 | Seamen's Bethel Continued Restoration | Unrestricted Fund | \$176,396 |
| 5 | First Baptist Community Theatre | Historic Resources Reserve Fund | \$275,500 |
| 6 | Sgt. William H. Carney House Restoration | Historic Resources Reserve Fund | \$20,841 |
| | | Unrestricted Fund | \$32,959 |
| 7 | Rotch Jones Duff House Restoration | Unrestricted Fund | \$75,000 |
| 8 | 305-307 Pleasant Street Foreclosure Restoration | Unrestricted Fund | \$105,000 |
| 9 | Strand Theatre Restoration as Cape Verdean Cultural Center | Unrestricted Fund | \$50,000 |
| 10 | Zeiterion Theatre Marquee Project | Unrestricted Fund | \$50,000 |
| 11 | James Arnold Mansion Restoration | Unrestricted Fund | \$48,000 |
| CPA CATEGORY: RECREATION | | FUNDING SOURCE | AMOUNT |
| 12 | Hazelwood Park Rehabilitation | Unrestricted Fund | \$374,400 |
| 13 | Abolition Row Park | Unrestricted Fund | \$125,000 |
| 14 | Buttonwood Diamond 1 Field Lighting | Unrestricted Fund | \$244,000 |
| 15 | Dias Field Rehabilitation | Unrestricted Fund | \$205,000 |
| 16 | Brooklawn Basketball Court Upgrades | Unrestricted Fund | \$121,127 |
| 17 | Buttonwood Brook Trail & Bridges Project | Unrestricted Fund | \$26,000 |
| TOTAL FUNDING | | | \$2,599,223 |

FY18 PROJECT RECOMMENDATION BREAKDOWN

| CPA CATEGORY | NUMBER OF PROJECTS | TOTAL CATEGORY AMOUNT |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Open Space | 1 | \$370,000 |
| Historic Resources | 10 | \$1,133,696 |
| Recreation | 6 | \$1,095,527 |

The following project summaries describe the project proposals recommended for CPA funding in FY18.

The full proposals can be found at: <http://www.newbedford-ma.gov/planning/cpc-fy18-submitted-applications/>