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Newton, Massachusetts

Community Preservation Program Proposals & Projects

project title	project summary	site address	project size	project manager(s)	CP funds requested	expected total cost	non-CPA funds used		CP funds recomm'd	most recent status	
							total	notes		date	notes
CURRENT Pre-PROPOSALS Below (Full proposals have not yet been submitted for these projects - see next section for pending full proposals.)											
AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST	Initial funding for a municipal housing trust, as the primary mechanism for CPA funding of affordable housing development.	citywide		Newton Dept. of Planning & Development	$1,500,000	Unknown.	Unknown.	Could include inclusionary zoning funds, but not federal housing funds.		06/01/13	Board of Aldermen working with Housing staff to explore experiences of other communities before resuming discussion of this option for Newton.
CITY HALL WINDOWS, 2	Rehabilitate original 1930s windows or replace with historically accurate new windows. Recent engineering assessment determined that window frames and sills throughout the building are allowing water penetration that puts the masonry envelope at risk.	1000 Common-wealth Avenue, Newton Centre, MA 02459	square feet 80,060	Josh Morse, Newton Public Buildings Commissioner	$1,093,000	$200,000	$125,000	$125,000 of non-CPA City bonding available for this project.		07/25/13	The CPC agreed to consider a full proposal once a "prototype study" estimates costs for rehabilitation vs. replacement, based on window sizes/ designs and current conditions. Full proposal anticipated fall 2014.
NEW ART CENTER	Preserve, restore, and improve the accessibility of this historic former church in the Washington Park National Register Historic District, sold by the City of Newton in 1977 for $1 to a private nonprofit, on condition that it be operated permanently as a community art center.	61 Washington Park, Newtonville, MA 02460	bldg area 5,688 sq ft	Dan Elias, Executive Director, New Art Center	$250,000	$500,000	$250,000	Other funds sought: Mass. Cultural Council $150,000; private donations $75,000; foundation grants $25,000.		07/10/14	Per phone call with the Executive Director and CPC staff, the New Art Center currently plans to submit a proposal in fy16 or later, rather than in fy15.
WABAN HILL RESERVOIR	Acquire this site when it becomes available from the MWRA to protect the shoreline of the man-made pond and scenic vistas from the site; rehabilitate the site for passive recreation.	Manet Road & Reservoir Drive, Chestnut Hill, MA 02467	220,450 sq ft (approx. 5 acres)	Bob DeRubeis, Commissioner of Parks & Recreation	$1,500,000	$2,250,000	$750,000	Non-CPA funds may be sought from private donations or through the City of Newton CDBG program.		07/10/14	The Board of Aldermen has appropriated funds for an appraisal, as required by the state bill authorizing sale of this property to the City of Newton. Full proposal to the CPC currently expected in mid-to-late August 2014.
WPA MURAL at Newton North	Restore a three-part 1930s mural created for Newton's original public high school and display the restored mural at the new Newton North High School.	Newton North High School, 457 Walnut St. (or 360 Lowell Ave.), Newtonville, MA 02460	3 large murals, dimensions unknown	History & Social Sciences Dept., Newton North High School	$36,600	$36,600	$0			11/05/13	CPC agreed to consider a full proposal fall 2014 after discussing revised pre-proposal 10 October 2013. After a proposal orientation mtg with CPC staff in January 2014, faculty are seeking a qualified volunteer to help with writing the proposal and shepherding it through the review process.

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CURRENT FULL PROPOSALS Below											
ALLEN HOUSE	Rehabilitate the pre-Civil War home of educator Nathaniel Topliff Allen, later used as a school run by his daughters, for use by performing arts organizations, with additional public indoor and outdoor spaces, and a rotating history exhibit.	35 Webster Street, West Newton, MA 02465	square feet 21,373 building, 53,423 lot	Adrienne Hartzell, Acting Managing Director, Newton Cultural Alliance	$300,000	$5,100,000	$3,100,000	Under revision. July 2014 budget showed $2.1 million in private donations and bank financing, $1 million state historic tax credits, plus additional CPA requests totaling $1.7 million.	$300,000	08/06/14	On 5 Aug 2014, the CPC voted 6-0 to recommend $300,000 for Phase 1, Part 1, "partial occupancy." Expected Board of Aldermen committee assignments: Programs & Services and Finance.
CITY HALL Accessibility & Acoustics, 1	Improve the acoustics of the War Memorial Auditorium and Aldermanic Chamber and install an elevator to make the Auditorium fully accessible, while preserving the character-defining historic features of these public spaces in Newton's 1932 City Hall, which is on the National Register of Historic Places.	1000 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton Centre, MA 02459	square feet 80,060	Ted Callahan, Newton Public Buildings Dept.	$1,331,604	$1,411,604	$80,000	$80,000 design funding through Newton's CDBG program, for accessibility.		07/14/14	At the sponsor's request, the CPC is placing this proposal on hold while the City explores other possible funding sources. CPC requested alternate cost estimates with interior vs. exterior elevator.
FARLOW PARK Pond & Bridge Restoration	Restore the ornamental pond and bridge in this historic park, and construct a new irrigation system to preserve both the landscape in both the park and the adjoining school playground; construct a well to supply water for the pond and for irrigation.	Bounded by Vernon, Eldredge & Church Sts., Newton Corner, MA 02458	acres: Farlow: 3.8; Chaffin: 1.7; TOTAL 5.5	Carol Schein, Open Space Coordinator, Newton Parks & Recreation Dept.	$476,780	$582,380	$105,600	CDBG funds approved $10,000, Newton Corner Neighborhood Assoc. $1,000, Community fundraising $89,000, City of Newton contributed staff time $5,600.	$476,780	07/10/14	30 April 2014 the CPC voted 8-0 to recommend requested CPA funding, conditioned on at least $90,000 of community fundraising, of which at least $30,000 should go into an operating reserve held by the private, nonprofit Friends of Farlow Park. 5 August 2014 the CPC voted 6-0 to allow release of CPA funds for design costs prior to the commitment of all non-CPA funds required to complete the project. Expected Board of Aldermen committee assignments: Programs & Services and Finance.
CURRENT Full PROPOSALS TOTALS					$2,108,384	$7,093,984	$3,285,600		$776,780		