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**Newton, Massachusetts
Community Preservation Program Proposals & Projects**

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| CURRENT PRE-PROPOSALS Below (See next section for projects that have submitted 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 | \$1,500,000 | Unknown. | Could include inclusionary zoning funds, but not federal housing funds. | 1-Jun-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 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton Centre, MA 02459 | square feet 80,060 | Josh Morse, Newton Public Buildings Commissioner | \$1,093,000 | \$2,000,000 | \$125,000 | \$125,000 of non-CPA City bonding available for this project. | 17-Dec-14 | In July 2013 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. That study was underway as of 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. | 10-Jul-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. |
| WPA MURAL at Newton North | Restore a three-part 1930s mural created for Newton's original public high school for display 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 | | 21-Nov-14 | The CPC agreed to consider a full proposal fall 2014 after discussing a revised pre-proposal 10 October 2013. In November 2014, former Newton North principal Jennifer Huntington volunteered to write the proposal and guide it through the review process. Funds must be appropriated to and managed by current School Dept. staff. |
| CURRENT PRE-PROPOSALS TOTALS | | | | | \$2,879,600 | \$4,036,600 | | | | |

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| CITY ARCHIVES Strategic Plan | Create a strategic plan that recommends the most cost-effective combination of facilities improvements and scanning to preserve the City's historic records and make them accessible for research. | citywide | | David Olson, City Clerk | \$20,000 | \$23,780 | \$3,780 | Contributed services by City staff for \$3,780 | 8-Jan-15 | A CPC working session and possible funding vote on an updated proposal are scheduled for 12 February 2015. The public hearing on the original proposal was held on February 2014. |
| CITY HALL 8, War Memorial Auditorium Accessibility & Acoustics | 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. | 14-Jul-14 | In February 2014 The CPC requested alternate cost estimates for a revised project with an exterior elevator, accessible exterior entrance and accessible restrooms near the new elevator. In July 2014 at the sponsor's request, the CPC placed the proposal on hold while the City explored other possible funding sources. |
| 54 TAFT AVENUE (housing) | Rehabilitate and expand a small, existing single-family home in West Newton to create two permanently affordable rental units: a 3-bedroom affordable at 80% of area median income, and a 2-bedroom affordable at 50% of area median income. | 54 Taft Avenue, West Newton, MA 02468 | 2570 sq ft, 2 units (3 bedrooms, 2 bedrooms) | Josephine McNeil, CAN-DO | \$584,029 | \$1,144,029 | \$560,000 | CDBG funds \$360,000, HOME funds \$125,000, CharlesBank Homes \$60,000, Community fundraising \$15,000 | 7-Jan-15 | A CPC public hearing on this off-cycle proposal has been scheduled for 12 February 2015. |
| WABAN HILL RESERVOIR | Acquire this site from the MWRA to protect the shoreline of the man-made pond and scenic vistas from the site, and rehabilitate the site for primarily passive recreation. | Manet Road & Reservoir Drive, Chestnut Hill, MA 02467 | 220,450 sq ft (approx. 5 acres) | Bob DeRubeis, Commissioner of Parks & Recreation | \$1,116,946 | \$1,116,946 | \$0 | No non-CPA funding is listed in the full proposal. | 11-Dec-14 | After a public hearing, the CPC voted 6-1 to recommend appropriating \$980,000, excluding components in the scope of work that they saw as CPA-ineligible maintenance, and reducing the requested 37% contingency to about 11%. The Board of Aldermen has referred this recomm. to its Programs & Services and Finance Committees for review starting early February 2015. |
| CURRENT FULL PROPOSALS TOTALS | | | | | \$3,052,579 | \$3,696,359 | | | | |