



Finance Committee Agenda

City of Newton In City Council

Monday, February 9, 2026

7:00 PM
Room 211

The Finance Committee will hold this meeting as a hybrid meeting on Monday, February 9, 2026 at 7:00 PM that the public may access in-person or virtually via Zoom. To view this meeting using Zoom use this link: <https://newtonma.gov.zoom.us/j/83401157614> or call 1-646-558-8656 and use the following Meeting ID: 834 0775 7614.

You may also:

1. Watch a live broadcast of the meeting on NewTV's government channel (Comcast 9, RCN 13, 614 (HD), Verizon 33).
2. View a live stream on NewTV's YouTube channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQvNeCJkA3PftuLLvfAh3cQ>

Items Scheduled for Discussion:

- #73-26** **CPC recommendation to appropriate \$34,626 for bike parking at parks and high schools**
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE recommending the appropriation of thirty-four thousand six hundred twenty-six dollars (\$34,626) in Community Preservation Act funding from Acct# 5800-3599, CPA Unrestricted Fund Balance, for the installation of bike parking at various park locations citywide and at both high schools.
- #67-26** **Appropriation of \$43,800.68 to Newton Public Schools**
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend forty-three thousand eight hundred dollars and sixty-eight cents (\$43,800.68) from Acct# 0001-3240, June 30, 2025 Certified Free Cash, to Newton Public Schools Acct# 01C30109-579500, School Sustainability Initiatives, for Helpsy textile collection and recycling

The location of this meeting is accessible, and reasonable accommodation will be provided to persons with disabilities who require assistance. If you need a reasonable accommodation, please contact the city of Newton's ADA Coordinator at least two business days in advance of the meeting: ADACoordinator@newtonma.gov or (617) 796-1253. The city's TTY/TDD direct line is: 617-796-1089. For the Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS), please dial 711.

#68-26 Appropriation of \$17,600 to Newton Public Schools

HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate seventeen thousand six hundred dollars (\$17,600) from Acct# 0001-3240, June 30, 2025 Certified Free Cash, to Newton Public Schools Acct# 01C30106-538301, Foster Care Transportation, for disadvantaged student transportation.

Referred to Programs and Services & Finance Committee

#66-26 Transfer of \$82,000 to provide funding for Arts and Culture Director

HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer sixty-six thousand dollars (\$66,000) from Acct# 0160251-511001, Parks and Recreation Full-Time Salaries, and sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000) from Acct# 0160251-57HLTH, Parks and Recreation Health Insurance, to Acct# 0160480-511001, Arts and Culture Full-Time Salaries and Acct# 0160480-57HLTH, Arts and Culture Health Insurance, respectively to provide funding for Arts and Culture Director Meryl Kessler through Fiscal Year 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Walker Grossman, Chair of Finance Committee

CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF NEWTON

DOCKET REQUEST FORM

DEADLINE NOTICE: Council Rules require items to be docketed with the Clerk of the Council NO LATER THAN 7:45 P.M. ON THE MONDAY PRIOR TO A FULL COUNCIL MEETING.

To: Clerk of the City Council

Date: January 30, 2026

From (Docketer): Mollie Hutchings, Community Preservation Program Manager

Address: Planning Department, Newton City Hall, 1000 Commonwealth Avenue Newton MA 02459

Phone: 617-796-1147

E-mail: mhutchings@newtonma.gov

Additional sponsors: Community Preservation Committee

1. Please docket the following item (it will be edited for length if necessary):

Recommendation from the CPC that the City Council authorize that \$34,626 in Community Preservation Act funding be appropriated from the Unrestricted Prior Year Funds (5800-3599) for the installation of bike parking at various park locations citywide, and at both high schools.

2. The purpose and intended outcome of this item is:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fact-finding & discussion | <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance change |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appropriation, transfer, | <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expenditure, or bond authorization | <input type="checkbox"/> License or renewal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special permit, site plan approval, | <input type="checkbox"/> Appointment confirmation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Zone change (public hearing required) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

3. I recommend that this item be assigned to the following committees:

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Programs & Services | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Real Property |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning & Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use | <input type="checkbox"/> No Opinion |

4. This item should be taken up in committee:

Immediately (Emergency only, please). Please state nature of emergency:

- As soon as possible, preferably within a month
- In due course, at discretion of Committee Chair
- When certain materials are made available, as noted in 7 & 8 on reverse
- Following public hearing

5. I estimate that consideration of this item will require approximately:

- One half hour or less
- More than one hour
- More than one meeting
- Up to one hour
- An entire meeting
- Extended deliberation by subcommittee

6. The following people should be notified and asked to attend deliberations on this item. (Please check those with whom you have already discussed the issue, especially relevant Department Heads):

City personnel

Citizens (include telephone numbers/email please)

Jenn Martin _____

Buzz Dunker, CPC Chair (thedunkers@gmail.com) _____

Katie Whewell _____

Mollie Hutchings _____

7. The following background materials and/or drafts should be obtained or prepared by the Clerk's office prior to scheduling this item for discussion:

8. I have or intend to provide additional materials and/or undertake the following research independently prior to scheduling the item for discussion. *

CPC Funding Recommendation memo (intend)
CPC Proposal (have attached)

(*Note to docketer: Please provide any additional materials beyond the foregoing to the Clerk's office by 2 p.m. on Friday before the upcoming Committee meeting when the item is scheduled to be discussed so that Councilors have a chance to review all relevant materials before a scheduled discussion.)

Please check the following:

- 9. I would like to discuss this item with the Chairman before any decision is made on how and when to proceed.
- 10. I would like the Clerk's office to contact me to confirm that this item has been docketed. My daytime phone number is:
- 11. I would like the Clerk's office to notify me when the Chairman has scheduled the item for discussion.

Thank you.

Mollie Hutchings
Signature of person docketing the item

[Please retain a copy for your own records]

Newton, Massachusetts Community Preservation Program
FUNDING REQUEST

City of Newton



Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

(For staff use)
date rec'd:

PRE-PROPOSAL

X PROPOSAL

Last updated October 2020.

Please submit this completed file directly – do not convert to PDF or other formats.

For full instructions, see www.newtonma.gov/cpa or contact:

Mollie Hutchings, Community Preservation Program Manager

City of Newton Planning & Development Department, 1000 Commonwealth Ave., Newton, MA 02459

mhutchings@newtonma.gov 617.796.1147

You may adjust the space for each question, but the combined answers to all questions on this page must fit on this page.

Form with sections: Project TITLE (Bike Parking), Project LOCATION (18 parks throughout Newton...), Project CONTACTS (Jenn Martin, Nicole Freedman), Project FUNDING (A. CPA funds requested: \$34,626; B. Other funds to be used: \$138,505.95; C. Total project cost (A+B): \$173,131.95), Project SUMMARY (Explain how the project will use the requested CPA funds...)

You may adjust the space for each question, but the combined answers to all questions on this page must fit on this page.
 Full proposals must include separate, detailed budgets in addition to this page.

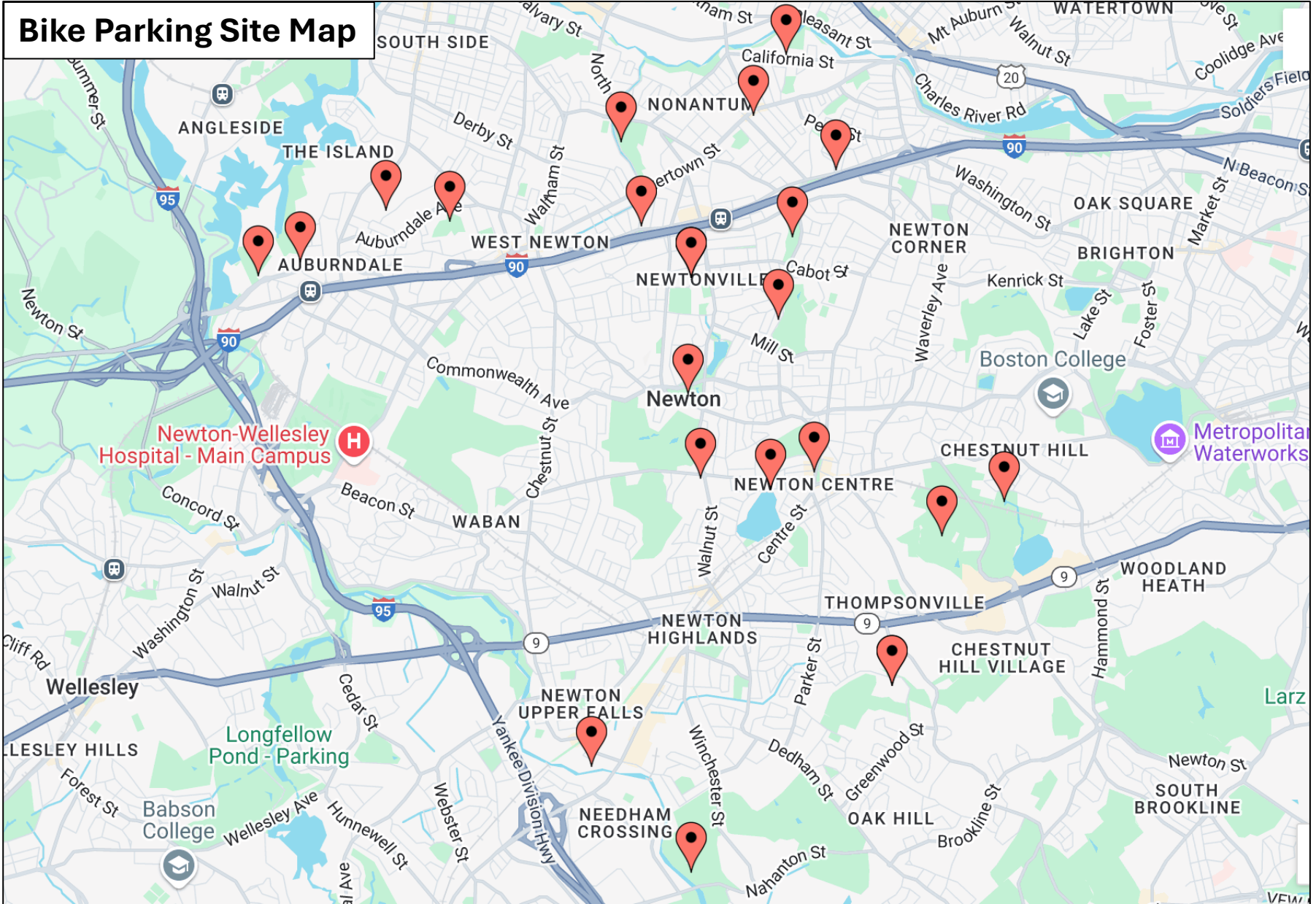
Project TITLE	Bike Parking	
SUMMARY CAPITAL/DEVELOPMENT BUDGET		
Uses of Funds		
Equipment purchase		\$42,031.95
Installation		\$131,100
D. TOTAL USES (should equal C. on page 1 and E. below)		
Sources of Funds	Status (requested, expected, confirmed)	
MassDOT Community Connections Grant	Awarded	\$138,505.95
CPA Funding	Requesting	\$34,626
E. TOTAL SOURCES (should equal C. on page 1 and D. above)		\$173,131.95
SUMMARY ANNUAL OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE BUDGET (cannot use CPA funds)		
Uses of Funds		
Department of Public Works		inhouse
F. TOTAL ANNUAL COST (should equal G. below)		inhouse
Sources of Funds		
G. TOTAL ANNUAL FUNDING (should equal F. above)		inhouse
Project TIMELINE	Phase or Task	Season & Year
	Purchase rack – Most racks have a 16 week lead time. The Community Connections funding becomes available October 2025.	October 2025
	Install Racks – We will install as many as possible in Spring 2026.	Spring 2026
	Final installations – Depending on lead time of racks, some installations may take into Summer 2026.	Summer 2026

Project TITLE		Bike Parking	
↓ Check off submitted attachments here.			
REQUIRED.	X	PHOTOS	of existing site or resource conditions (2-3 photos may be enough)
	X	MAP	of site in relation to nearest major roads (omit if project has no site)
Pre-proposals: separate attachments not required, just use page 3 of form. Full proposals: separate, detailed budget attachments REQUIRED.	PROJECT FINANCES printed and as computer spreadsheets, with both uses & sources of funds		
		Development budget: include total cost, hard vs. soft costs and contingencies, and project management – amount and cost of time from contractors or staff (in-kind contributions by existing staff must also be costed)	
		Non-CPA funding: commitment letters, letters of inquiry to other funders, fundraising plans, etc., including both cash and est. dollar value of in-kind contributions	
		Purchasing of goods & services: briefly summarize sponsor’s understanding of applicable state statutes and City policies	
REQUIRED for all full proposals.	SPONSOR FINANCES & QUALIFICATIONS, INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT		
		Operating/maintenance budget, projected separately for each of the next 10 years (CPA funds may not be used for operations or maintenance)	
		For project manager: relevant training & track record of managing similar projects	
	DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION		
		Professional design & cost estimates: include site plans, landscape plans, etc.	
		Materials & finishes: highlight “green” or sustainable features & materials	
		Permitting and Approvals: incl. parking waivers, demolition permits, special or comprehensive permits, Council on Disability approval, Conservation Commission approval, etc. If planning to apply for future, please include estimated permitting schedule in project timeline.	
OPTIONAL for all proposals.		LETTERS of SUPPORT	from Newton residents, organizations, or businesses

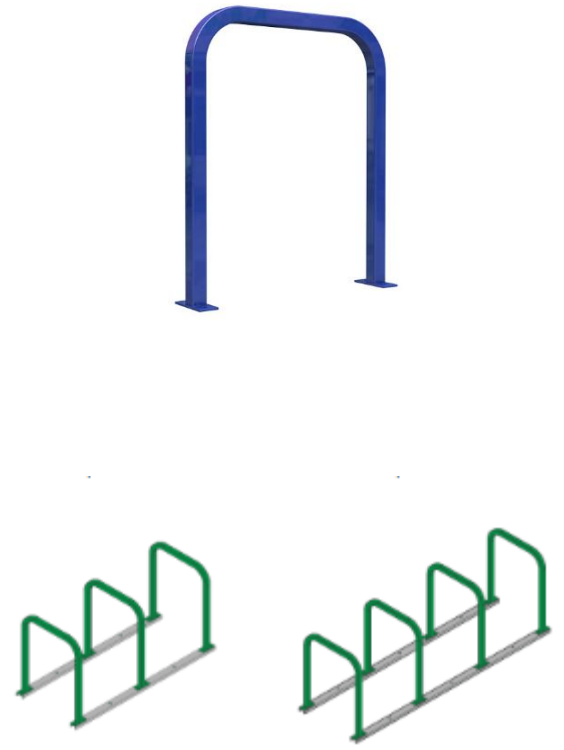
Newton CPA 2025 Request Bike Parking Proposal

#73-26

Bike Parking Site Map



Rack Styles





Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

City of Newton, Massachusetts
Department of Planning and Development
1000 Commonwealth Avenue Newton, Massachusetts 02459

#73-26
(617) 796-1120
Telefax
(617) 796-1142
TDD/TTY
(617) 796-1089
www.newtonma.gov

Barney Heath
Director

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mollie Hutchings, Community Preservation Program Manager

FROM: Jenn Martin, Director of Transportation Planning
Nicole Freedman, Transportation Coordinator

DATE: June 6, 2025

RE: Community Connections Grant Program and Boston MPO Draft TIP

CC: Barney Heath, Director of Planning and Development

Newton applied to the Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for a Community Connections program grant in December 2024. The \$473,132 project includes:

- 67 bike racks at 18 parks, 2 high schools and Newton City Hall.
- 2 bike shelters at Newton's high schools.
- 12 Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB)s at high-priority road crossings.

This project was included in the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) scenario that the MPO voted to endorse at their June 5, 2025 meeting. The TIP will take effect on October 1, 2025.

CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

DRAFT

ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee through its Chair Byron Dunker and the Finance Committee through its Chair Rebecca Walker Grossman, authorization to appropriate the sum of thirty-four thousand six hundred twenty-six dollars (\$34,626) in Community Preservation Act funding from Acct# 5800-3599, CPA Unrestricted Fund Balance, for the installation of bike parking at various park locations citywide and at both high schools, be and is hereby approved.

FROM:	CPA Unrestricted Fund Balance (5800-3599).....	\$34,626.00
TO:	Bike Parking (58D11417-585240).....	\$34,626.00

Under Suspension of Rules
Readings Waived and Approved
DRAFT

(SGD) DREW WILLISON
City Clerk

(SGD) MARC LAREDO
Mayor

Date: _____



Marc C. Laredo
Mayor

City of Newton, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor

#67-26

Telephone
(617) 796-1100

Fax

(617) 796-1113

TDD/TTY

(617) 796-1089

Email

mayor@newtonma.gov

January 26, 2026

Honorable City Council
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton Centre, MA 02459

Honorable City Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of \$43,800.68 from June 30, 2025 Certified Free Cash to the Newton Public Schools for FY25 Helpsy textile collection and recycling.

Helpsy collects unwanted textiles for reuse and recycling. Since 2022, Helpsy textile collection bins have been placed at several school buildings throughout the city. NPS is paid 11 cents per pound and receives quarterly payments for the collected materials.

Each year, this revenue is a reimbursement that is deposited into the City's General Fund and then transferred to NPS the following year, once it has dropped to Free Cash. It will be used to support sustainability initiatives and Green Team Leaders in the schools.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Mayor Marc C. Laredo



Office of Business, Finance and Planning
100 Walnut Street
Newton, MA 02460
617-559-9025

TO: Maureen Lemeiux, Chief Financial Officer

FROM: Liam Hurley, Assistant Superintendent / Chief Financial and Administrative Officer

DATE: 1/13/2026

RE: Docket Request – Foster Care Transportation

A vote of the City Council is requested to appropriate the state reimbursement of \$17,600 for Foster Care Transportation to the School Department. Current receipts are housed in the following general revenue accounts.

0130101-433008
FY25 \$17,600

The memo requesting this vote to the School Committee as well as the vote from school committee is attached.

Thank you.



Office of Business, Finance and Planning
100 Walnut Street
Newton, MA 02460
617-559-9025

TO: Maureen Lemeiux, Chief Financial Officer

FROM: Liam Hurley, Assistant Superintendent / Chief Financial and Administrative Officer

DATE: 1/13/26

RE: Docket Request – Helpsy Textile Bins

A vote of the City Council is requested to appropriate the funds collected from the Helpsy Textile bins to the School Department. Current receipts in the amount of \$ 43,800.68 are housed in the following general revenue accounts.

0130101-432046
FY25 \$43,800.68

The memo requesting this vote to the School Committee as well as the vote from school committee is attached.

Thank you.



NEWTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

WARD

I	Rajeev Parlikar
II	Christopher Brezski, Chair
III	Anping Shen
IV	Tamika Olszewski
V	Emily Prenner, Vice-Chair
VI	Paul Levy
VII	Alicia Piedalue
VIII	Vacant

MAYOR RUTHANNE FULLER— EX OFFICIO

MEMO

To: Liam Hurley, Assistant Superintendent/Chief Financial & Administrative Officer
From: Lisa Mazzola
Re: School Committee Approval
Date: September 25, 2025

On September 24, 2025 the School Committee voted to approve the following items:

1. Reimbursement for Foster Care Transportation
2. Transfer Textile Recycling Funds

Motion to approve was made by Parlikar and seconded by Levy.

The motion passed 6-0.

Lisa Mazzola

Secretary, School Committee



Office of Business, Finance and Planning
100 Walnut Street
Newton, MA 02460
617-559-9025

TO: School Committee
FROM: Liam Hurley, Assistant Superintendent / Chief Financial and Administrative Officer
DATE: September 24, 2025
RE: Vote to Accept Foster Care Transportation

We are requesting that the School Committee vote to approve a request to the Mayor's Office, asking that a vote be docketed with the City Council to appropriate the state reimbursement of \$17,600 to the School Department.

Current receipts are housed in the following general revenue accounts.

0130101-433008
FY25 \$17,600

Appropriating these funds to the School Department will allow the district to directly offset a portion of the cost of bus transportation in FY26.

CC: Stephen Curley, Comptroller
Maureen Lemeux, Chief Financial Officer



Office of Business, Finance and Planning
100 Walnut Street
Newton, MA 02460
617-559-9025

TO: School Committee
FROM: Liam Hurley, Assistant Superintendent / Chief Financial and Administrative Officer
DATE: September 24, 2025
RE: Vote to Transfer Textile Recycling Funds

We are requesting a vote of the School Committee to approve a request to the Mayor's office to docket a vote of City Council to appropriate the funds collected from the Helpsy Textile bins.

Current receipts in the amount of \$43,800.68 are housed in the following general revenue account.

0130101-432046
FY25 \$43,800.68

Helpsy collects unwanted textiles for reuse and recycling. Since 2022, Helpsy textile collection bins have been placed at several school buildings throughout the city. NPS is paid .11 per pound of collected materials and receives quarterly payments for the collected materials. This revenue will be used to support sustainability initiatives and Green Team Leaders in the schools.

CC: Stephen Curley, Comptroller
Maureen Lemeiux, Chief Financial Officer

CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

DRAFT

ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee through its Chair Rebecca Walker Grossman, authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of forty-three thousand eight hundred dollars and sixty-eight cents (\$43,800.68) from Acct# 0001-3240, June 30, 2025 Certified Free Cash, to Newton Public Schools Acct# 01C30109-579500, School Sustainability Initiatives, for Helpsy textile collection and recycling, be and is hereby approved.

FROM:	Free Cash (0001-3240).....	\$43,800.68
TO:	School Sustainability Initiatives (01C30109-579500)	\$43,800.68

Under Suspension of Rules
Readings Waived and Approved
DRAFT

(SGD) DREW WILLISON
City Clerk

(SGD) MARC LAREDO
Mayor

Date: _____



Marc C. Laredo
Mayor

City of Newton, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor

#68-26

Telephone
(617) 796-1100

Fax

(617) 796-1113

TDD/TTY

(617) 796-1089

Email

mayor@newtonma.gov

January 26, 2026

Honorable City Council
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton Centre, MA 02459

Honorable City Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting authorization to appropriate the sum of \$17,600 from June 30, 2025 Certified Free Cash to the Newton Public Schools for FY25 disadvantaged student transportation.

The Foster Care Transportation reimbursement is new, starting in FY21.

Each year, this revenue is a reimbursement that is deposited into the City's General Fund and then transferred to NPS the following year, once it has dropped to Free Cash. It will be used to directly offset a portion of the cost of disadvantaged student transportation.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Mayor Marc C. Laredo



Office of Business, Finance and Planning
100 Walnut Street
Newton, MA 02460
617-559-9025

TO: Maureen Lemeiux, Chief Financial Officer

FROM: Liam Hurley, Assistant Superintendent / Chief Financial and Administrative Officer

DATE: 1/13/2026

RE: Docket Request – Foster Care Transportation

A vote of the City Council is requested to appropriate the state reimbursement of \$17,600 for Foster Care Transportation to the School Department. Current receipts are housed in the following general revenue accounts.

0130101-433008
FY25 \$17,600

The memo requesting this vote to the School Committee as well as the vote from school committee is attached.

Thank you.



Office of Business, Finance and Planning
100 Walnut Street
Newton, MA 02460
617-559-9025

TO: Maureen Lemeiux, Chief Financial Officer

FROM: Liam Hurley, Assistant Superintendent / Chief Financial and Administrative Officer

DATE: 1/13/26

RE: Docket Request – Helpsy Textile Bins

A vote of the City Council is requested to appropriate the funds collected from the Helpsy Textile bins to the School Department. Current receipts in the amount of \$ 43,800.68 are housed in the following general revenue accounts.

0130101-432046
FY25 \$43,800.68

The memo requesting this vote to the School Committee as well as the vote from school committee is attached.

Thank you.



NEWTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

WARD

I	Rajeev Parlikar
II	Christopher Brezski, Chair
III	Anping Shen
IV	Tamika Olszewski
V	Emily Prenner, Vice-Chair
VI	Paul Levy
VII	Alicia Piedalue
VIII	Vacant

MAYOR RUTHANNE FULLER— EX OFFICIO

MEMO

To: Liam Hurley, Assistant Superintendent/Chief Financial & Administrative Officer
From: Lisa Mazzola
Re: School Committee Approval
Date: September 25, 2025

On September 24, 2025 the School Committee voted to approve the following items:

1. Reimbursement for Foster Care Transportation
2. Transfer Textile Recycling Funds

Motion to approve was made by Parlikar and seconded by Levy.

The motion passed 6-0.

Lisa Mazzola

Secretary, School Committee



Office of Business, Finance and Planning
100 Walnut Street
Newton, MA 02460
617-559-9025

TO: School Committee
FROM: Liam Hurley, Assistant Superintendent / Chief Financial and Administrative Officer
DATE: September 24, 2025
RE: Vote to Accept Foster Care Transportation

We are requesting that the School Committee vote to approve a request to the Mayor's Office, asking that a vote be docketed with the City Council to appropriate the state reimbursement of \$17,600 to the School Department.

Current receipts are housed in the following general revenue accounts.

0130101-433008
FY25 \$17,600

Appropriating these funds to the School Department will allow the district to directly offset a portion of the cost of bus transportation in FY26.

CC: Stephen Curley, Comptroller
Maureen Lemeux, Chief Financial Officer



Office of Business, Finance and Planning
100 Walnut Street
Newton, MA 02460
617-559-9025

TO: School Committee
FROM: Liam Hurley, Assistant Superintendent / Chief Financial and Administrative Officer
DATE: September 24, 2025
RE: Vote to Transfer Textile Recycling Funds

We are requesting a vote of the School Committee to approve a request to the Mayor's office to docket a vote of City Council to appropriate the funds collected from the Helpsy Textile bins.

Current receipts in the amount of \$43,800.68 are housed in the following general revenue account.

0130101-432046
FY25 \$43,800.68

Helpsy collects unwanted textiles for reuse and recycling. Since 2022, Helpsy textile collection bins have been placed at several school buildings throughout the city. NPS is paid .11 per pound of collected materials and receives quarterly payments for the collected materials. This revenue will be used to support sustainability initiatives and Green Team Leaders in the schools.

CC: Stephen Curley, Comptroller
Maureen Lemeiux, Chief Financial Officer

CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

DRAFT

ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee through its Chair Rebecca Walker Grossman, authorization to appropriate seventeen thousand six hundred dollars (\$17,600) from Acct# 0001-3240, June 30, 2025 Certified Free Cash, to Newton Public Schools Acct# 01C30106-538301, Foster Care Transportation, for disadvantaged student transportation, be and is hereby approved.

FROM:	Free Cash (0001-3240).....	.\$17,600.00
TO:	Foster Care Transportation (01C30106-538301)\$17,600.00

Under Suspension of Rules
Readings Waived and Approved
DRAFT

(SGD) DREW WILLISON
City Clerk

(SGD) MARC LAREDO
Mayor

Date: _____



Marc C. Laredo
Mayor

City of Newton, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor

#66-26

Telephone
(617) 796-1100
Fax
(617) 796-1113
TDD/TTY
(617) 796-1089
Email
mayor@newtonma.gov

January 26, 2026

Honorable City Council
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton Centre, MA 02459

Honorable City Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting authorization to transfer the sum of \$66,000 from Acct # 0160251-511001, Parks and Recreation Full-Time Salaries and \$16,000 from Acct # 0160251-57HLTH, Parks and Recreation Health Insurance to Acct #'s 0111601-511001, Arts and Culture Full-Time Salaries and 0111601-57HLTH, Arts and Culture Health Insurance, respectively.

Docket # 32-26, approved by the City Council on January 20, 2026, established the Department of Arts and Culture, while Docket # 25-26 approved the appointment of Meryl Kessler as the Director of the department.

Approval of this request will now provide the funding for Director Kessler through Fiscal Year 2026.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Mayor Marc C. Laredo

CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

DRAFT

ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Programs and Services Committee through its Chair Joshua Krintzman and the Finance Committee through its Chair Rebecca Walker Grossman, authorization to transfer the sum of sixty-six thousand dollars (\$66,000) from Acct# 0160251-511001, Parks and Recreation Full-Time Salaries, and sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000) from Acct# 0160251-57HLTH, Parks and Recreation Health Insurance, to Acct# 0160480-511001, Arts and Culture Full-Time Salaries, and Acct# 0160480-57HLTH, Arts and Culture Health Insurance, respectively to provide funding for Arts and Culture Director Meryl Kessler through Fiscal Year 2026, be and is hereby approved.

FROM:	Parks and Recreation Full Time Salaries (0160251-511001).....	\$66,000.00
	Parks and Recreation Health Insurance (0160251-57HLTH)	\$16,000.00
TO:	Arts and Culture Full Time Salaries (0160480-511001).....	\$66,000.00
	Arts and Culture Health Insurance (0160480-57HLTH)	\$16,000.00

Under Suspension of Rules
Readings Waived and Approved
DRAFT

(SGD) DREW WILLISON
City Clerk

(SGD) MARC LAREDO
Mayor

Date: _____