



*City of Northampton
Community Preservation Committee
210 Main Street, City Hall
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City Council President
210 Main Street, Room 16
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Re: Community Preservation Committee Expedited and Small Grant Recommendations for Funding, Autumn 2022

The Community Preservation Committee began reviewing project proposals submitted for Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding consideration in Fall 2022 in mid-September. Two of these are brought forward now as funding recommendations to City Council, totaling \$123,000. One application was submitted as part of the Small Grants review process, and another as a time-sensitive project for which funding is essential now.

Small Grants are for projects requesting not more than \$3,000 in CPA funding, with a total project cost that is not more than \$6,000. The small grant process was developed to be simpler and less time consuming than the traditional application process, and recommendations from the CPC are presented to City Council in advance of the rest of the round's recommendations to allow these discrete projects to begin right away. Historic Northampton's Collection Storage project meets these criteria and is recommended for \$3,000 in funding.

The Expedited Review projects allows for applications for work that require fast-track funding due to time constraints such as a deadline for matching or leveraging funds in a grant opportunity. The Canal Greenway Retaining Wall project has already received a state MassTrails grant award, and allocation of CPA funds will allow a contract to be signed to ensure this necessary work will be able to be completed in time to utilize these state funds.

The Community Preservation Committee will continue review of an additional twelve grant applications submitted for review this fall, and will return in December with additional funding recommendations. There is sufficient funding available to be able to fund all remaining applications, should the CPC find that recommendations are warranted even given the funding recommendations previously submitted up to this date and currently pending before Council.

The CPC encourages Councilors and the public to visit <https://northamptonma.gov/1048/Community-Preservation-Committee> to view the full applications submitted for each project funded this round, as well as meeting minutes, the City's Community Preservation Plan, information about the CPA, financial documents and other project materials can be accessed on the CPC's webpage.

Please do not hesitate to contact myself, or our staffer Sarah LaValley with any questions about the projects, the Committee's recommendations, or if additional information is needed.

Thank you,

Brian Adams
Chair, City of Northampton Community Preservation Committee