



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

March 13, 2023

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an appropriation Order in the total amount of FORTY MILLION, SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIX THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$40,676,455) from Fiscal Year 2023 community preservation fund revenues for community preservation projects at the recommendation of the City of Boston Community Preservation Committee (“CPC”).

The Fund was created upon the adoption of the Community Preservation Act, Massachusetts General Laws chapter 44B, (the “Act”) in November 2016 and is funded by the 1% property tax-based surcharge on residential and business property tax bills that took effect in July 2017 and an annual state distribution from the Massachusetts Community Preservation Trust Fund. Section 5 of the Act provides that in each fiscal year, upon receiving recommendations from the CPC, the City Council shall take action and approve such appropriations from the Community Preservation Fund as needed to implement the recommendations.

The CPC is recommending \$20,491,834 in affordable housing projects, \$10,182,600 in historic preservation projects, and \$10,002,021 in open space and recreational use projects. Since adopting the Community Preservation Act, the CPC has awarded over \$117 million to 237 projects spanning every neighborhood in the City of Boston. Your approval of this appropriation request will increase the total amount awarded to over \$157 million to 293 projects since the first funding round in 2018. Since 2018, only thirteen awarded projects have withdrawn, which placed over \$2 million dollars back into reserve for future projects. These projects are renovating playgrounds in our neighborhoods, creating and improving open spaces – including parks, community gardens, and urban farms – planting trees to increase Boston’s tree canopy, saving and preserving historic buildings, supporting affordable housing programming, and building affordable housing for our city. Each of these projects is supporting and having an impact on all of Boston’s neighborhoods and communities in countless ways.

I urge your Honorable Body to pass this order expeditiously so that the CPC may fund important affordable housing, historic preservation, recreational use, and open space projects in the City of Boston prior to the close of the Fiscal Year 2023.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

AN ORDER ADOPTING THE RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATIONS, TOTALING FORTY MILLION, SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIX THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$40,676,455), FROM THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023

ORDERED: That, upon the recommendation of the City of Boston Community Preservation Committee, pursuant to G.L. c. 44B, § 5, and in order to undertake community preservation projects with Community Preservation Fund revenues for Fiscal Year 2023, the respective sums of money specified in the schedules hereinafter set out be, and the same hereby are, appropriated for expenditure under the direction of the Community Preservation Committee for the several specific projects hereinafter designated being made out of the Community Preservation Fund’s budgeted reserve for Fiscal Year 2023.

Appropriations

Affordable Housing - 10 Projects

| <u>NEIGHBORHOOD</u> | <u>PROJECT NAME</u> | <u>ORGANIZATION</u> | <u>RECOMMENDED AMOUNT</u> |
|----------------------------|--|--|----------------------------------|
| Chinatown | Parcel R-1 (Ownership) | City of Boston Mayor’s Office of Housing | \$3,000,000 |
| Chinatown | Parcel R-1 (Rental) | City of Boston Mayor’s Office of Housing | \$1,266,513 |
| Jamaica Plain | 361 Centre Street (Blessed Sacrament - Rental) | City of Boston Mayor’s Office of Housing | \$3,000,000 |
| Mattapan | Blue Hill Ave - B1 Parcels (Ownership) | City of Boston Mayor’s Office of Housing | \$1,500,000 |
| Mattapan | Blue Hill Ave - B1 Parcels (Rental) | City of Boston Mayor’s Office of Housing | \$1,306,591 |
| Mattapan | Brooke House at Olmsted Village (Rental) | City of Boston Mayor’s Office of Housing | \$2,500,000 |
| Roxbury | Copeland Corner (Ownership) | City of Boston Mayor’s Office of Housing | \$1,918,730 |
| Roxbury | 84 Warren Street (Ownership) | City of Boston Mayor’s Office of Housing | \$1,500,000 |
| Roxbury | 2085 Washington Street (Ownership) | City of Boston Mayor’s Office of Housing | \$2,000,000 |

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

| | | | |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|---|---------------------|
| South Boston | McDevitt Senior Homes (Rental) | City of Boston Mayor's Office of Housing | \$2,500,000 |
| | TOTAL | | \$20,491,834 |

Historic Preservation - 27 Projects

| <u>NEIGHBORHOOD</u> | <u>PROJECT NAME</u> | <u>ORGANIZATION</u> | <u>RECOMMENDED AMOUNT</u> |
|---------------------|--|--|-------------------------------|
| Allston-Brighton | American Buddhist Association | American Buddhist Shim Gum Do Association, Inc | \$500,000 |
| Back Bay | First Baptist Church | The First Baptist Church of Boston | \$575,000 |
| Back Bay | Gibson House Museum | The Gibson Society | \$69,500 |
| Beacon Hill | Beacon Hill Friends House | Beacon Hill Friends House | \$500,000 |
| Charlestown | Charlestown Boys and Girls Club | Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston, Inc. | \$50,000 |
| Chinatown | St. James the Greater Church | St. James the Greater Church | \$400,000 |
| Dorchester | Greenwood Memorial Church | Greenwood Memorial United Methodist Church | \$600,000 |
| Dorchester | First Parish Church Dorchester Meetinghouse | First Parish Church | \$115,000 |
| Dorchester | First Haitian Baptist Church | Chinatown Community Land Trust, Inc. | \$416,0000 |
| Dorchester | Global Ministries Christian Church | Global Ministries Christian Church | \$300,000 |
| Dorchester | Humphreys Street Studios | New Atlantic Development, LLC | \$611,518 |
| Dorchester | Pleasant Hill Baptist Church | Pleasant Hill Baptist Church | \$80,000 |
| Dorchester | Unity Sports And Cultural Club | Unity Sports And Cultural Club | \$211,800 |
| Dorchester | Pierce House | Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities | \$50,125 |
| Downtown | Tremont Temple Baptist | Tremont Temple Baptist Church | \$750,000 |
| Hyde Park | Riverside Theater Building | Inspire Arts & Music, Inc | \$550,000 |
| Jamaica Plain | First Church Jamaica Plain | First Congregational Society | \$500,000 |

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

| | | | |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------|
| Jamaica Plain | Boston Firefighter Memorial Monument | Charitable Association of the Boston Fire Department | \$27,000 |
| Jamaica Plain | First Baptist Church in Jamaica Plain | First Baptist Church in Jamaica Plain | \$148,825 |
| Jamaica Plain | Bethel AME Church | Bethel AME Church | \$500,000 |
| Jamaica Plain | Community Care Collaborative Building | Community Service Care Inc | \$160,882 |
| Roxbury | Shirley-Eustis House Stable | Shirley-Eustis House Association | \$650,000 |
| Roxbury | Abbotsford Museum | National Center of Afro-American Artists | \$675,000 |
| Roxbury | Twelfth Baptist Church | Twelfth Baptist Church, Inc | \$679,150 |
| South Boston | Congress Street Fire Station | Boston Sparks Association, Inc. | \$395,500 |
| South End | Union Church | Union United Methodist Church | \$500,000 |
| West Roxbury | Theodore Parker Church | Theodore Parker Unitarian Church | \$167,300 |
| | TOTAL | | \$10,182,600 |

Open Space and Recreational Use - 19 Projects

| <u>NEIGHBORHOOD</u> | <u>PROJECT NAME</u> | <u>ORGANIZATION</u> | <u>RECOMMENDED AMOUNT</u> |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| Beacon Hill | Peter Faneuil House | Peter Faneuil Development Group, Inc | \$280,000 |
| Boston Harbor Islands | Georges Island Pavilion | Boston Harbor Now, Inc. | \$49,900 |
| Charlestown | Little Mystic Channel Plaza | Mystic River Watershed Association | \$250,000 |
| Charlestown | Wolcott Cutler Memorial Garden | St. John's Episcopal Church | \$150,000 |
| Charlestown | John J. Ryan Park in Charlestown | City of Boston Parks and Recreation Department | \$1,000,000 |
| Charlestown | Gardens for Charlestown | Gardens for Charlestown, Inc | \$60,000 |
| Citywide | Boston Open Space Acquisition Fund | City of Boston Parks and Recreation Department | \$1,200,000 |

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

| | | | |
|---------------|---|---|---------------------|
| Dorchester | Franklin Field Elders Garden | Boston Public Housing Corporation | \$495,000 |
| Dorchester | Washington Street Urban Forest | Urban Guild, Inc | \$450,000 |
| Dorchester | Norwell Street Park | City of Boston Parks and Recreation Department | \$660,000 |
| Dorchester | Cedar Grove Cemetery | The Proprietors of Cedar Grove Cemetery | \$85,000 |
| Jamaica Plain | Mary E. Curley K-8 School Playground | City of Boston Mary E. Curley K-8 Public School | \$1,000,000 |
| Jamaica Plain | Jackson Square Redevelopment Greenway | Jackson Square Partners LLC | \$450,000 |
| Mattapan | Steven P. Odom Serenity Garden | City of Boston Parks and Recreation Department on behalf of the Planning Office for Urban Affairs, Inc. | \$406,123 |
| Roslindale | Bethany Church Public Park | Bethany First United Methodist Church | \$485,998 |
| Roxbury | William Monroe Trotter Elementary School Playground | City of Boston William Monroe Trotter Elementary School | \$1,000,000 |
| Roxbury | Roxbury Community College Recreational Space | Roxbury Community College | \$450,000 |
| Roxbury | Nathan Hale School Playground | City of Boston Nathan Hale Public School | \$1,000,000 |
| West Roxbury | Sophia Snow Place | Roxbury Home for Aged Women | \$530,000 |
| | TOTAL | | \$10,002,021 |

**I HEREBY CERTIFY
THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.**

BY 
ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL