



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

March 16, 2026

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an appropriation order in the total amount of **THIRTY-TWO MILLION, SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS** (\$32,600,000) from Fiscal Year 2026 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 Community Preservation Committee, the City Council shall take action and approve such appropriations from the Community Preservation Fund in order to implement the recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee.

The CPC is recommending \$16,300,000 in affordable housing projects, \$8,150,000 in historic preservation projects, and \$8,150,000 in open space and recreational use projects. Since adopting the Community Preservation Act, over \$230 million has been awarded to 397 projects spanning across every neighborhood in the City of Boston. With your approval of this appropriation request, we will have awarded over \$260 million to 442 projects since the first funding round in 2018. Since 2018, only eighteen awarded projects have been withdrawn, resulting in more than \$5 million being returned to the reserve for future projects.

The upcoming projects will aim to improve the quality of life across Boston neighborhoods. Plans include renovating playgrounds and enhancing or creating recreational spaces such as parks, community gardens, and urban farms. In addition, these projects will plant trees to grow the city’s tree canopy, preserve historic buildings and artifacts, support a program for affordable first-time homebuyers and construct new affordable housing units for residents. Together, these efforts are expected to deliver a meaningful and lasting positive impact on Boston’s neighborhoods and communities.

I urge your Honorable Body to pass this order expeditiously so that the CPC may fund important



affordable housing, historic preservation, open space and recreational use projects in the City of Boston prior to the close of the Fiscal Year 2026.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Wu', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDERED: That, upon the recommendation of the City of Boston Community Preservation Committee and in order to undertake community preservation projects with Community Preservation Fund revenues for Fiscal Year 2026, 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 2026.

Appropriations

Affordable Housing - 6 Projects

<u>NEIGHBORHOOD</u>	<u>PROJECT NAME</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED AMOUNT</u>
Charlestown	Austin Street - Building B	Mayor's Office of Housing	\$3,700,000
Citywide	ONE + Boston First-Time Homebuyers Program Funding (MOH)	Mayor's Office of Housing	\$5,000,000
Jamaica Plain	Rogerson-Beaufort	Mayor's Office of Housing	\$2,000,000
Jamaica Plain	294 Hyde Park Avenue	Mayor's Office of Housing	\$2,000,000
Roslindale	1198 Centre Street (aka 1200 Centre Street)	Mayor's Office of Housing	\$2,000,000
West End	151 Cambridge Street (West End Library)	Mayor's Office of Housing	\$1,600,000
		TOTAL	\$16,300,000

Historic Preservation - 23 Projects

<u>NEIGHBORH OOD</u>	<u>PROJECT NAME</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED AMOUNT</u>
Allston-Brighton	Brighton Allston Congregational Church	Brighton Allston Congregational Church (United Church of Christ)	\$500,000
Back Bay	Community Church - Phase III	The Community Church of Boston	\$100,540
Back Bay	Guild of Boston	Guild of Boston Artists, Inc.	\$242,880
Back Bay	First Baptist Church	The First Baptist Church of Boston	\$595,540
Charlestown	Charlestown Working Theater	Charlestown Working Theater, Inc.	\$213,172
Citywide	Archival Preservation at the CLA	American Congregational Association	\$56,980
Citywide	Hyde Park Historical Society Archives Preservation	The Hyde Park Historical Society, Inc.	\$231,000
Dorchester	Greater Love Tabernacle	Greater Love Tabernacle Church	\$274,716
Dorchester	First Haitian Baptist Church	First Haitian Baptist Church of Boston	\$597,850
Dorchester	Capen House Acquisition	City of Boston Office of Historic Preservation	\$100,000
Dorchester	G{Code} Tech - Carriage House	G Code, Inc.	\$528,040
Downtown	Old State House	Revolutionary Spaces, Inc.	\$278,019
Hyde Park	Riverside Theater Building	Inspire Arts and Music, Inc.	\$625,331
Hyde Park	B.F. Sturtevant Blower Works Powerhouse	Roundhead Brewing, LLC	\$285,482
Hyde Park	Phillips Brooks Memorial Reading Room Acquisition	Historic Boston Incorporated	\$500,000
Jamaica Plain	Hope Central Church - Phase III	Hope Central Church	\$595,000
Jamaica Plain	Community Care Collaborative	Community Service Care, Inc.	\$190,331
Roxbury	Ionic Hall	The Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts	\$812,307
Roxbury	Paige Academy	Paige Company, Inc.	\$92,405

Roxbury	Accessibility at 130 Warren Street	The Center for Teen Empowerment, Inc.	\$146,654
South Boston	Boston Wharf Co. Sign	263 Summer Street Development LLC	\$465,453
South End	Haley House Roof Repair	Haley House, Inc.	\$291,500
West Roxbury	Centre Street Jewish Cemeteries	The Jewish Cemetery Association of Massachusetts, Inc.	\$426,800
		TOTAL	\$8,150,000

Open Space and Recreational Use - 16 Projects

<u>NEIGHBORH OOD</u>	<u>PROJECT NAME</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED AMOUNT</u>
Charlestown	Harborwalk Extension at Little Mystic Channel	Boston Redevelopment Authority	\$500,000
Chinatown	Chinatown Immigrant Heritage Center	Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association of New England, Inc.	\$148,379
Dorchester	Up Academy Playground	Boston Public Schools	\$1,100,000
Dorchester	Everett Elementary School	Boston Public Schools	\$250,000
Dorchester	Trina Persad Community Park	Dudley Neighbors Incorporated	\$721,240
Dorchester	Norwell-Radcliffe Food Forest	Boston Food Forest Coalition, Inc.	\$573,388
East Boston	McLean Playground	Boston Parks and Recreation Department	\$198,000
Mattapan	Mass Audubon Boston Nature Center	Massachusetts Audubon Society, Inc.	\$499,998
Mission Hill	Mission Hill Pathway - Phase II	Mayor's Office of Housing	\$646,929
Roslindale	Conley School Playground	Boston Public Schools	\$1,100,000
Roslindale	Fairy Hollow Community Garden	Sherman Street Green Space Conservancy & Boston Food Forest Coalition, Inc.	\$62,440

Roxbury	Trotter Elementary School Phase II	Boston Public Schools	\$1,100,000
Roxbury	Denita Morris Memorial Hope Park	Boston Parks and Recreation Department	\$891,000
Roxbury	Dudley Kenilworth Pocket Park	Greensmith Development LLC	\$193,341
Roxbury	48 Townsend St. - Retaining Wall Rehabilitation	Boston Redevelopment Authority & Garrison-Trotter Neighborhood Association, Inc.	\$110,000
West End	Thoreau Path	WE Tree Boston, Inc.	\$55,285
		TOTAL	\$8,150,000

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

BY _____ (MFT)
**MICHAEL FIRESTONE
CORPORATION COUNSEL**