



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 Since 2018, only thirteen awarded projects have withdrawn, which placed over \$2 million dollars back into reserve for future projects.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

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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

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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

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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

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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