



City of Boston, Massachusetts

Office of the Mayor

MICHELLE WU

March 11, 2024

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an appropriation order in the total amount of THIRTY-EIGHT MILLION, TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND, FORTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$38,277,047) from Fiscal Year 2024 Community Preservation Fund revenues for community preservation projects at the recommendation of the City of Boston Community Preservation Committee.

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 act and approve such appropriations from the Community Preservation Fund in order to implement the recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee.

The Community Preservation Committee recommends \$18,607,257 for affordable housing projects, \$9,603,843 for historic preservation projects, and \$10,065,947 for open space and recreational use projects. Since adopting the Community Preservation Act, over \$154 million has been awarded to 290 projects spanning across every neighborhood in the City of Boston. With your approval of this appropriation request, we will have awarded over \$193 million to 347 projects since the first funding round in 2018. Since 2018, only sixteen awarded projects have withdrawn, resulting in over \$5 million being placed back into the reserve for future projects.

The upcoming projects aim to enhance the quality of life in Boston neighborhoods. These projects involve renovating playgrounds, creating and improving recreational spaces such as parks, community gardens, urban farms, and restoring open spaces. Funds will be spent to plant trees to increase the city's tree canopy, preserve historic buildings, support a program for first-time homebuyers, and build affordable housing units for the residents of Boston. Each of these projects is expected to positively impact the neighborhoods and communities of Boston. I urge your Honorable Body to pass this order expeditiously so that the Community Preservation Committee 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 2024.

Sincerely,

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 2024, 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 2024.

Appropriations

Affordable Housing - 9 Projects

<u>NEIGHBORHOOD</u>	<u>PROJECT NAME</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED AMOUNT</u>
Citywide	ONE + Boston First-Time Homebuyers Program	City of Boston Mayor's Office of Housing	\$4,000,000
Dorchester	Hillsboro Live Work Condos (Ownership - Humphrey St. Studio)	City of Boston Mayor's Office of Housing	\$2,237,882
East Boston	2 Shawsheen (Ownership)	City of Boston Mayor's Office of Housing	\$1,650,000
Mattapan	Residence at Blue Hill at 1471 Blue Hill Ave (Rental)	City of Boston Mayor's Office of Housing	\$1,211,623
Mattapan	Tree House at Olmsted Village (Senior Rental)	City of Boston Mayor's Office of Housing	\$3,000,000
Mattapan	30-36 Mildred Ave (Ownership)	City of Boston Mayor's Office of Housing	\$882,752
Mission Hill	Parcel 25 - Phase 3 (Rental)	City of Boston Mayor's Office of Housing	\$2,250,000
Roslindale	4200 Washington Street (Rental)	City of Boston Mayor's Office of Housing	\$1,875,000
Roxbury	Nehemiah (157 Humboldt Ave) (Rental)	City of Boston Mayor's Office of Housing	\$1,500,000
		TOTAL	\$18,607,257

Historic Preservation - 25 Projects

<u>NEIGHBORHOOD</u>	<u>PROJECT NAME</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED AMOUNT</u>
Allston-Brighton	Shaloh House Building Repairs	Shaloh School Oholei Torah	\$246,400
Allston-Brighton	Shim Gum Do Temple	American Buddhist Shim Gum Do Association, Inc	\$340,342
Back Bay	Preserving Boston's LGBTQ+ Records	The History Project: Documenting LGBTQ+ Boston	\$93,500
Beacon Hill	Beacon Hill Friends House	Beacon Hill Friends House, Inc.	\$9,680
Beacon Hill	Hill House Roof Restoration	Hill House, Inc.	\$50,133
Charlestown	Memorial Hall	Friends of Memorial Hall, Inc.	\$200,000
Dorchester	Columbia Crossing	Preservation of Affordable Housing, Inc. & Dorchester Bay Economic Development Corporation Inc.	\$400,000
Dorchester	First Haitian Baptist Church of Boston	First Haitian Baptist Church of Boston, Inc.	\$517,867
Dorchester	Humphreys Street Studios	HSS Artist Collective, Inc.	\$406,260
Dorchester	Second Church Dorchester - Steeple Restoration Phase 2	Second Church in Dorchester: A Church of the Nazarene	\$790,000
Downtown	Old Corner Bookstore Building	Historic Boston Inc.	\$500,000
Downtown	Tremont Temple Baptist	Tremont Temple Baptist Church	\$375,000
Fenway-Kenmore	Ruggles Baptist Church Restoration	Ruggles Street Baptist Church	\$550,000
Jamaica Plain	Hope Central Church	Hope Central Church	468,600
Roslindale	The Substation	Substation Community Supporters Inc.	\$365,695
Roxbury	Edward Everett Hale House	BENNU ARTS, LLC	\$575,000
Roxbury	Charles St. AME Church Restoration	Charles Street African Methodist Episcopal Church	\$495,499
Roxbury	Abbotsford - Phase 3 Restoration	National Center of Afro-American Artists Inc	\$495,605
Roxbury	Refuge Church Exterior Restoration	Refuge Church of Christ Inc.	\$203,616
Roxbury	130 Warren Street - Teen Empowerment Bldg	The Center for Teen Empowerment, Inc.	\$376,471

Roxbury	Christ Temple Church Structural Stabilization	Christ Temple Church of Personal Experience	\$575,000
South End	League of Women	League of Women for Community Service	\$711,392
South End	United South End Settlements	United South End Settlements	\$350,000
South End	Wally's Cafe	Walcott Family Trust	\$370,283
Roxbury	7 Kenilworth St (Historic Home Pilot Program)	7 Kenilworth St - Homeowner	\$137,500
		TOTAL	\$9,603,843

Open Space and Recreational Use - 23 Projects

<u>NEIGHBORHOOD</u>	<u>PROJECT NAME</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED AMOUNT</u>
Allston-Brighton	Chandler Pond Restoration Phase 1 - (BPRD)	City of Boston Parks and Recreation Department	\$275,000
Boston Harbor Islands	Camp Harbor View Campus Recreational Space	Camp Harbor View Foundation, Inc.	\$119,747
Charlestown	Little Mystic Channel Plaza	Mystic River Watershed Association, Inc.	\$202,500
Chinatown	Phillips Square Plaza	Boston Transportation Department	\$700,000
Chinatown	Chinatown Stream Fountain Repair	Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway Conservancy, Inc.	\$250,000
Citywide	Boston Open Space Acquisition Fund	City of Boston Parks and Recreation Department	\$1,000,000
Citywide	Emerald Necklace Tree Planting	Emerald Necklace Conservancy, Inc.	\$55,500
Dorchester	Holmes Innovation School Playground Project	City of Boston Public Schools	\$1,000,000
Dorchester	Savin Hill Wildlife Garden	Boston Food Forest Coalition, Inc.	\$101,198
Dorchester	Codman Burial Ground Park	Second Church in Dorchester: A Church of the Nazarene	\$385,000
East Boston	Mario Umana Academy Inclusive Play Space	City of Boston Public Schools	\$993,021
East Boston	Orient Heights Overlook Park - (BHA)	Boston Housing Authority Corporation	\$247,500
Jamaica Plain	Mildred C. Hailey -- Play Area & Plaza	Boston Housing Authority Corporation	\$500,000
Jamaica Plain	Youth Enrichment Services Headquarters Renovation	Youth Enrichment Services, Inc.	\$400,000
Mattapan	30-36 Mildred Ave Community Garden	Norfolk Design and Construction LLC	\$186,562
Roslindale	Archdale Family Development Park and Playground	Boston Housing Authority Corporation	\$695,620
Roxbury	Orchard Gardens K-8 Pilot School Playground Renovation	City of Boston Public Schools	\$970,000
Roxbury	Harriet Tubman Freedom Park	Mass Liberation Inc	\$323,577

Roxbury	E.L. Cooper Garden & Education Center	Edward L. Cooper Community Gardening and Education Center, Inc.	\$324,082
Roxbury	Lawson Park Redesign	City of Boston Parks and Recreation Department	\$696,740
Roxbury	Winthrop Playground - Basketball Scoreboard	City of Boston Parks and Recreation Department	\$26,400
South Boston	Christopher Lee - N St. Field Restoration	City of Boston Parks and Recreation Department	\$586,000
West End	WE Tree Boston Inc Restoring Thoreau Path	WE Tree Boston Inc.	\$27,500
		TOTAL	\$10,065,947

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

BY 
**ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL**