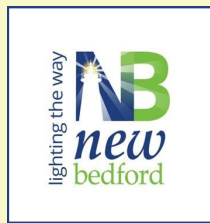


FY24

Community Preservation Act Funding Recommendations



COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE



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ABOUT THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT

The Community Preservation Act (CPA) was adopted by the voters of New Bedford in 2014. The CPA is a state law (Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44B) that helps communities preserve open space and historic resources; create community housing; and develop outdoor recreational facilities. The CPA provides for an annual contribution of state funds from the Community Preservation Trust Fund to each participating municipality.

In New Bedford, CPA funds are generated by a 1.5% surcharge on annual tax assessments. The surcharge is calculated on the value of the property after deducting the first \$100,000 of value. Low-income households and low- and moderate-income senior households may annually apply to be exempted from the surcharge. The median yearly CPA surcharge using the City's FY23 tax rate was \$45.08, or \$11.27 per quarter. In addition to the local surcharge, the state provides matching funds that are not less than 5% and not more than 100% of the funds collected by the city.

In accordance with the terms of the CPA and the City of New Bedford's Community Preservation Committee (CPC) Ordinance, the CPC was formed in 2016 and is comprised of nine members: four (4) members of the general public appointed by the Mayor and five (5) required members from each of the following: Conservation Commission, Historical Commission, Park Board, Planning Board, and Housing Authority.

CPC MEMBER	REPRESENTATION
Janine da Silva, Chair	Historical Commission
Jody Seivert, Vice Chair	General Public
Melissa Chester-Letendre, Clerk	General Public
Christopher Amaral	General Public
vacant	General Public
Arthur Glassman	Planning Board
Peter Blanchard	Conservation Commission
Leona Fisher	Housing Authority
Diane Berube	Park Board

By law, the Community Preservation Committee is the entity which administers the City's community preservation fund; writes and adopts the annual Community Preservation Plan to guide CPA funding decisions; receives and reviews applications from the community for CPA funding; and recommends projects to City Council for funding approval.

The City Council has the final authority to award CPC recommended projects in one of three ways:

1. approve the project as recommended;
2. reduce the recommended project funding;
3. or reject the project recommended.

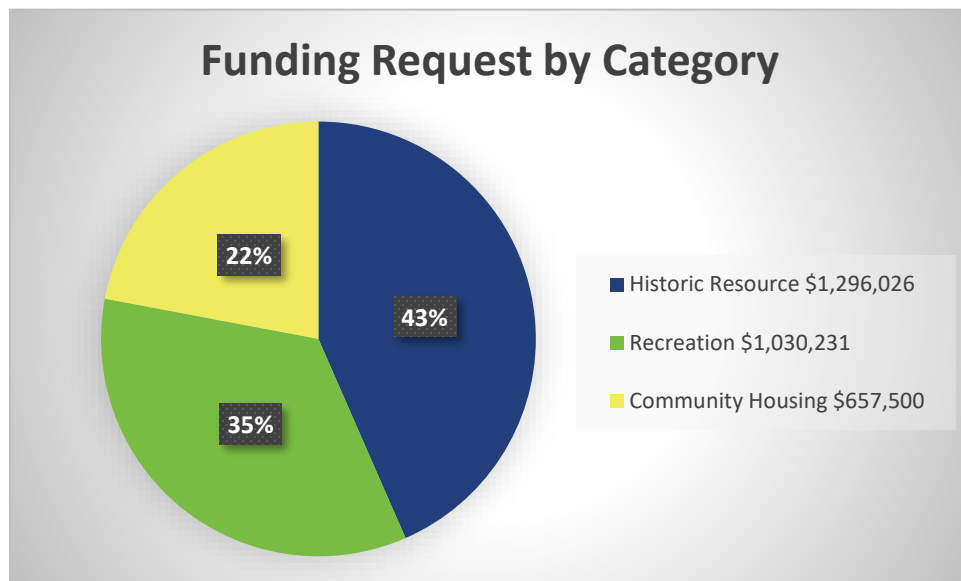
The City Council cannot increase the amounts recommended by the CPC nor can the City Council act on projects the CPC has not recommended.

To guide its decision-making process each year, the CPC utilizes the Community Preservation Plan. The Plan outlines the community's goals and objectives for using CPA funds. The Plan is reviewed and updated annually after a public hearing and is available on the CPC website <https://www.newbedford-ma.gov/planning/community-preservation/>.

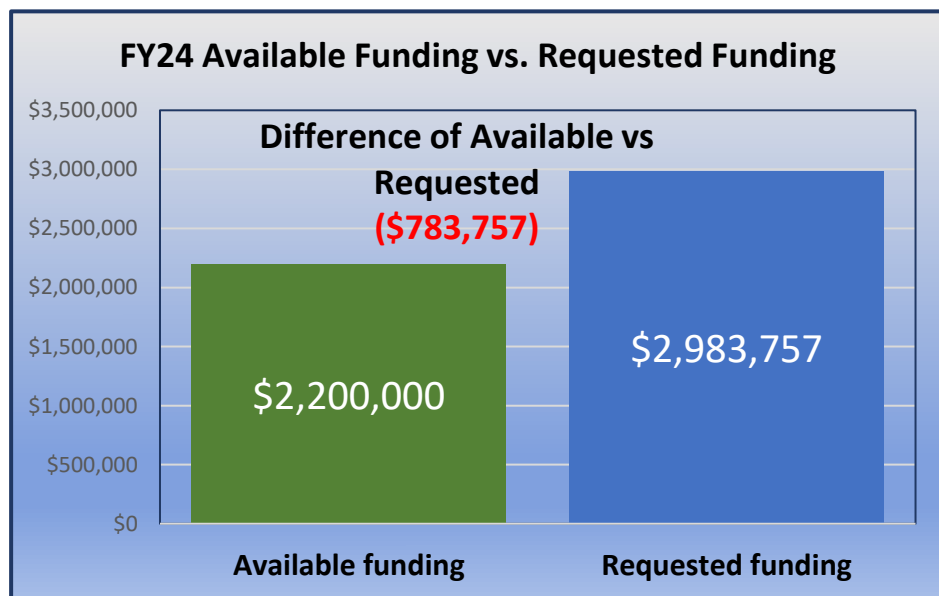
CPA FUNDING REQUESTS

The FY24 Application Cycle began in September 2023. The CPC received twenty-seven (27) Step I Eligibility Determination Forms for review. All twenty-seven (27) projects were determined to be eligible under CPA and were invited to submit a Step II Application.

In November 2023, the CPC received twenty-two (22) Step II Project Applications, seeking a total of \$2,983,757 in funding for a variety of projects which would benefit the City. These applications can be found at <https://www.newbedford-ma.gov/planning/application-info/>.



As in previous years, the amount requested exceeded the total available funding.



CPC FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

In FY24, there is \$2,200,000 available for the CPC to recommend for grant award appropriations in the CPA categories: Recreation/Open Space, Historic Resource, and Community Housing.

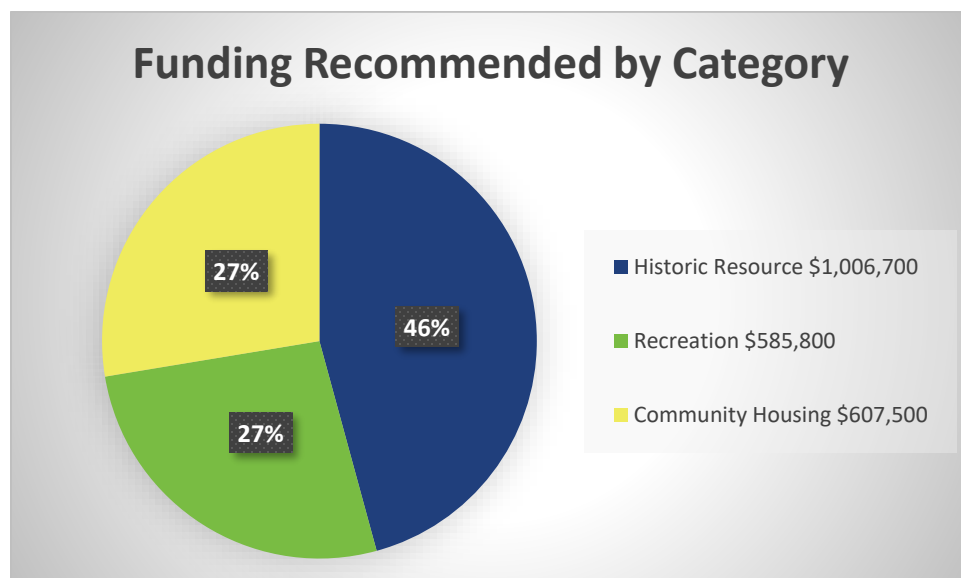
In deciding how to allocate funds through a competitive application process, the CPC evaluated projects against the priorities established in the FY24 Community Preservation Plan and took into consideration other relevant factors such as the amount of funding available; the ability to fully or partially fund projects which could impact the project's success and completion; if the project was shovel ready with a project timeline within the next fiscal year; the applicant's history with CPA funding; the applicant's ability to successfully execute the project; if the project provided a public benefit; if the project had public support; and the project's ability to leverage non-CPA funding.

The CPC reviewed the project applications over the course of several months and held three public meetings in January 2024 at which the applicants were invited to present their proposals to the CPC and the community. These public meetings were filmed for broadcast by New Bedford Cable Access.

At its February 15, 2024 meeting, the CPC voted to recommend to the City Council \$2,200,000 in CPA award appropriations to twenty-two (22) project applicants. The CPC determined, among other factors, that the recommended projects met the goals in the Community Preservation Plan, provided a public benefit, addressed a critical need, were shovel-ready, and demonstrated the ability to leverage non-CPA funds.

If approved by the City Council, all recommended projects must enter into an agreement with the City and submit regular progress reports. Additional specific conditions applicable to each project are listed within this document.

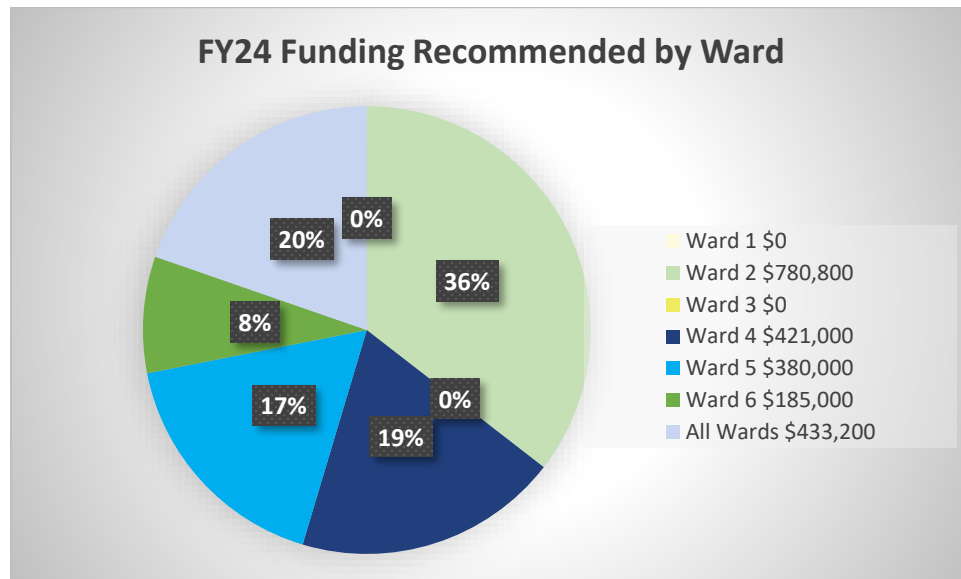
FY24 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS			
CPA Category	Number Submitted	Number Recommended	Total Recommended
Community Housing	3	3	\$607,500
Historic Resource	13	13	\$1,006,700
Recreation	6	5	\$585,800



FY24 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS			
Project #	CPA CATEGORY: HISTORIC RESOURCES	FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
2	Cape Verdean Ultramarine Band and Club	Budgeted Reserve	\$25,000
3	Capitol Theater Interior Restoration *	Historic Resource	\$250,000
4	City Clerk Record Preservation Phase III	Historic Resource	\$50,000
6	Digitization of Maritime Records Phase III	Historic Resource	\$13,200
7	First Baptist/Steeple Playhouse Exterior	Historic Resource	\$60,000
8	Howland Family Portrait Conservation	Historic Resource	\$49,121
		Budgeted Reserve	\$15,879
9	JAMI Mansard, Dormers, Cornice Restoration	Budgeted Reserve	\$95,000
10	Johnson House Electrical System	Budgeted Reserve	\$85,000
11	NB Fishing Heritage Center Archives Phase II	Budgeted Reserve	\$30,000
12	NB Superior Courthouse Façade Restoration	Fund Balance	\$285,000
15	Rotch-Jones-Duff House Securing History	Budgeted Reserve	\$23,500
16	Strand Theater Restoration	Budgeted Reserve	\$225,000
18	Underground Railroad Café and Gallery	Budgeted Reserve	\$3,722
		Fund Balance	\$21,278
19	William H. Carney Lodge #200	Budgeted Reserve	\$25,000
21	YWCA Residential Services *	Budgeted Reserve	\$102,500
Project #	CPA CATEGORY: RECREATION/OPEN SPACE	FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
1	Boys & Girls Club Playground Expansion	Budgeted Reserve	\$35,000
5	City Wide Signage for Parks	Budgeted Reserve	\$275,000
13	Riverside Park Heat Island Relief Project	Budgeted Reserve	\$50,800
14	Roberto Clemente Park Improvements	Recreation	\$172,317
		Budgeted Reserve	\$12,683
20	YMCA Renovation	Budgeted Reserve	\$40,000
Project #	CPA CATEGORY: COMMUNITY HOUSING	FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
17	Talbot Apartments	Community Housing	\$172,317
		Budgeted Reserve	\$82,683
TOTAL FUNDING RECOMMENDED			\$2,200,000

*These projects can be categorized under both Historic Resources and Community Housing, however each will be awarded from Historic Resources.

FY24 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS BY WARD			
Ward	Number Submitted	Number Recommended	TOTAL RECOMMENDED
1	0	0	\$0
2	5	4	\$780,800
3	0	0	\$0
4	9	9	\$421,000
5	2	2	\$380,000
6	1	1	\$185,000
ALL	5	5	\$433,200

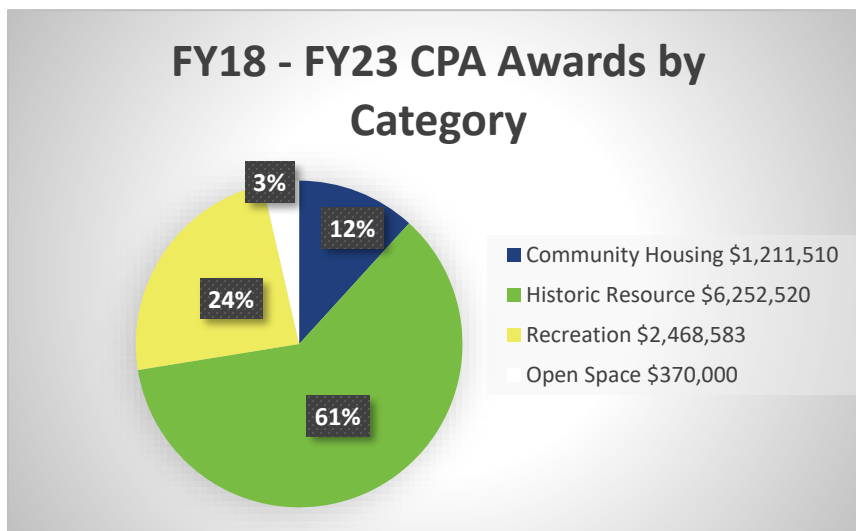


Applications were not received from all city wards. The CPC engages in outreach to encourage the submission of applications from across the City. This outreach includes public meetings, social media outreach, and community engagement. In addition, the CPA Manager provides technical assistance to organizations. The CPC takes into consideration the need to fund projects across the City for the benefit of all taxpayers when determining recommendations.

CPA FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS OVERVIEW FY18 – FY23

The FY24 application cycle represents the seventh year of CPA awards. To date, 101 grants have been recommended by the CPC and approved by City Council, totaling \$10,302,613 in CPA funds awarded to projects across the City. The award breakdown by fiscal year is as follows:

- **FY18 application cycle:** The CPC recommended seventeen (17) grants, totaling \$2,599,223, to City Council. All grants were fully approved by City Council.
- **FY19 application cycle:** The CPC recommended seventeen (17) grants, totaling \$1,547,875, to City Council. All grants were fully approved by City Council.
- **FY20 application cycle:** The CPC recommended eleven (11) grants, totaling \$1,145,011, to City Council. All grants were fully approved by City Council.
- **FY21 application cycle:** The CPC recommended eighteen (18) grants, totaling \$1,602,404 to City Council. All grants were fully approved by City Council.
- **FY22 application cycle:** The CPC recommended sixteen (16) grants, totaling \$1,600,000 to City Council. All grants were fully approved by City Council.
- **FY23 application cycle:** The CPC recommended twenty-two (22) grants, totaling \$1,808,100 to City Council. All grants were fully approved by City Council.

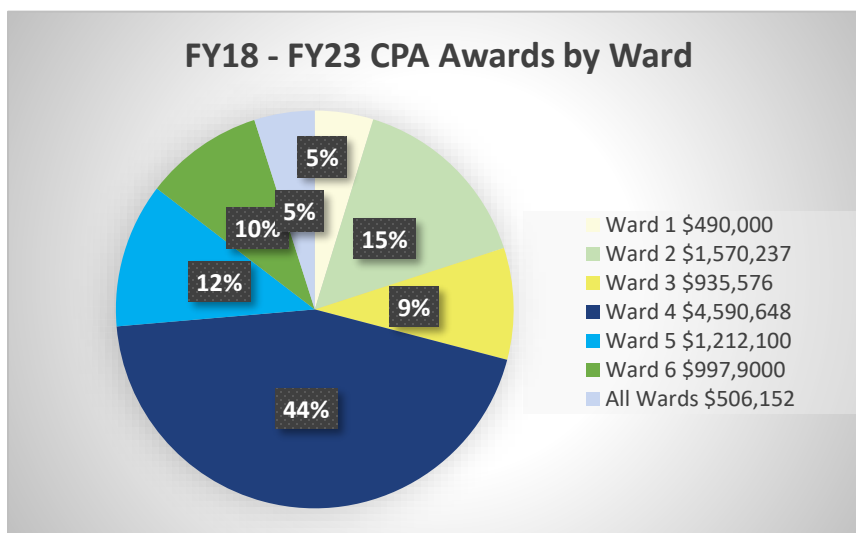


Due to the historic nature of the City, many of the applications received are in the Historic Resource category. When reviewing the applications and determining recommendations, the CPC takes into consideration the need to fund across all categories each year in order to address the goals within the CPA Plan.

FY18 – FY23 CPA AWARDS BY CATEGORY			
CPA Category	Number Of Grants Awarded	Total Awards	Percentage of Total Awards
Community Housing	6	\$1,211,510	12%
Historic Resource	70	\$6,252,520	61%
Open Space	1	\$370,000	3%
Recreation	24	\$2,468,583	24%
	101	\$ 10,302,613	100.0%

Awards are categorized by one category but may also qualify under a secondary category. There are nine awards which qualify both as historic preservation and community housing totaling \$2,302,337 in funding to projects creating community housing in the city.

FY18 – FY23 CPA AWARDS BY WARD				
	Number of Applications Received	Number of Applications Awarded CPA Funds	Award Total	Percentage of Total Awards
Ward 1	4	3	\$490,000	5%
Ward 2	13	9	\$1,570,237	15%
Ward 3	13	7	\$935,576	9%
Ward 4	54	44	\$4,590,648	44%
Ward 5	22	14	\$1,212,100	12%
Ward 6	13	9	\$997,900	10%
All city	18	15	\$506,152	5%
	137	101	\$10,302,613	100.0%



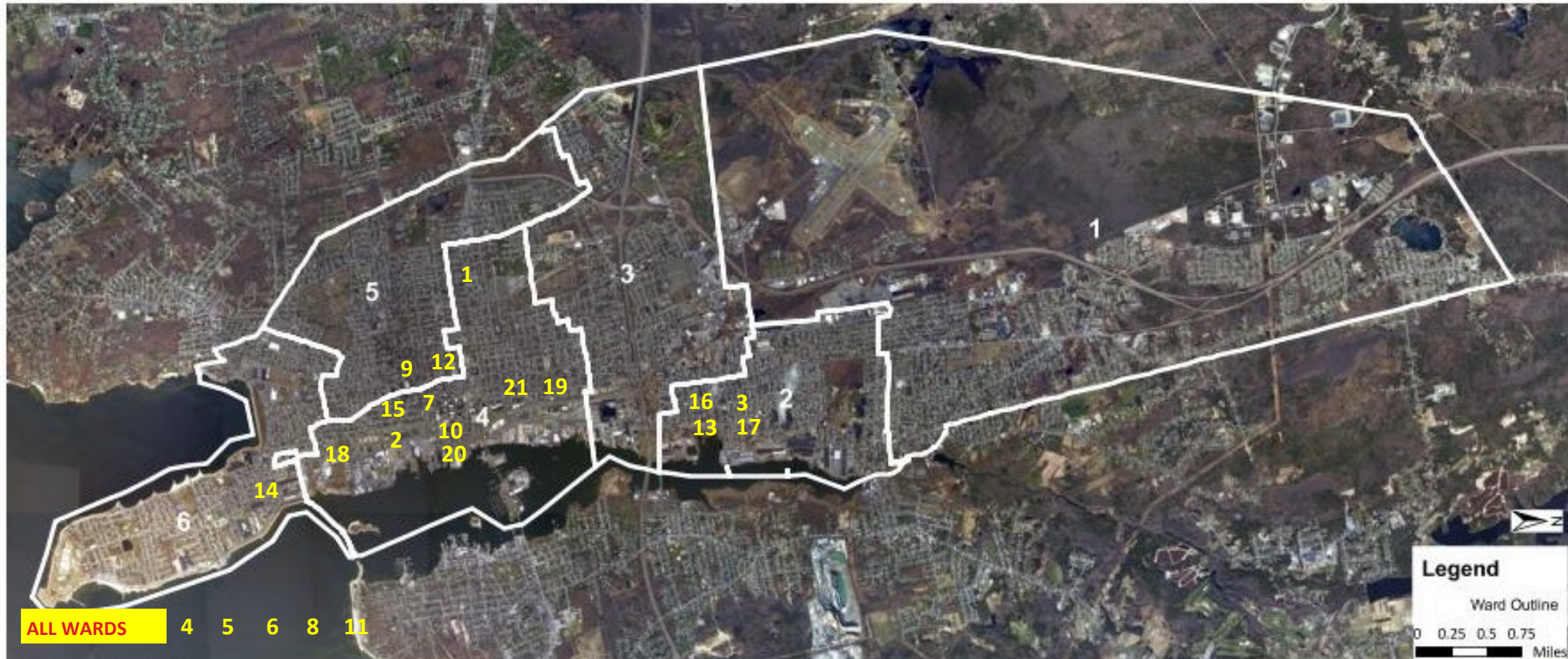
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Leveraged Funding: CPA awards can be used to leverage monies from other funding sources such as state and federal agencies, other local funds, foundations, and private donors. CPA funds may be used as a match for those funds or as an example of the local commitment to a project.

The impact of CPA awards leveraging outside funds is significant as only 33% of the grants have reported receiving leveraged funds. Of the 101 grants awarded to date, thirty-four (34) grants have received additional outside funding as a result of receiving the CPA award. To date, these grantees have received **\$3,766,308** in CPA funds, yet have leveraged an additional **\$12,388,046** from other sources – *over three times the CPA amount awarded to these projects.*

These outside funds have resulted in a **110% match of all CPA funds** (\$10,302,613) awarded to date. This additional funding strengthens CPA's impact in the city and ensures the success of the projects.

FY24 CPC RECOMMENDED PROJECTS



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| 1. Boys & Girls Club Playground | 9. JAMI Exterior Preservation | 17. Talbot Apartments Restoration |
| 2. Cape Verdean Ultramarine Band & Club | 10. Johnson House Electrical System | 18. Underground Railroad Café & Gallery |
| 3. Capitol Theater | 11. NBFHC Archives Phase II | 19. William H. Carney Lodge #200 |
| 4. City Clerk Record Preservation Phase II | 12. NB Superior Courthouse Façade Restoration | 20. YMCA Renovation |
| 5. City Wide Signage for Parks | 13. Riverside Park Heat Island Relief Project | 21. YWCA Residential Services |
| 6. Digitization of Maritime Records | 14. Roberto Clemente Park Improvements | |
| 7. First Baptist/Steeple Playhouse | 15. Rotch-Jones-Duff House Securing History | |
| 8. Howland Family Portrait Conservation | 16. Strand Theater Restoration | |



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COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE FY24 FUNDING RECOMMENDATION

Date: March 7, 2024
To: The Honorable City Council

PROJECT #1

PROJECT TITLE	Boys & Girls Club Playground				
PROJECT LOCATION	166 Jenney Street				
APPLICANT/ORGANIZATION	Boys & Girls Club of Greater New Bedford				
FUNDING AMOUNT	\$35,000	CPA CATEGORY	Recreation	CITY WARD	4

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Boys & Girls Club of Greater New Bedford seeks to expand the outdoor playground structure for youth ages 7 to 13 years of age and rehabilitate the basketball court; amenities will be available to be used by club members and the general public. This project recommendation will fund the purchase and installation of additional playground equipment and the basketball court rehabilitation.

RECOMMENDED FUNDING

On February 15, 2024, by a vote of 7-0, the Community Preservation Committee recommended appropriating **\$35,000 from the Budgeted Reserve Fund** for a grant to Boys & Girls Club of Greater New Bedford for the Boys & Girls Club Playground project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Community Preservation Act Grant Agreement, and for the overall purposes summarized in this document.

ALIGNMENT WITH FY24 CPA PLAN

This project aligns with the FY24 CPA Plan needs, priorities, and criteria by expanding the range of recreational opportunities for residents of all ages and abilities by rehabilitating a recreational facility open to all City residents.

MEASURES OF SUCCESS

The success of the project will be measured by the successful completion of the playground expansion, rehabilitation of the basketball court, and the usage by club program participants and the general public.

FUNDING CONDITIONS

1. CPA funds are only to be used for the purchase and installation of the additional playground structure and rehabilitation of the basketball court and amenities located at 166 Jenney Street.
2. The Grantee agrees to provide public access to the playground including during club operating hours when not in use for club programming.
3. Other conditions as deemed necessary and defined within the Community Preservation Act Grant Agreement.

PROJECT BUDGET SUBMITTED WITH APPLICATION						
FUNDING SOURCES		EXPENSES				
		STUDY	SOFT COSTS*	ACQUISITION	CONSTRUCTION**	TOTAL
1	NEW BEDFORD CPA- REQUESTED			\$25,000	\$10,000	\$35,000
2	Foundations/Fundraising				\$20,000	\$20,000
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS				\$25,000	\$30,000	\$55,000
* Soft costs include design, professional services, permitting fees, closing costs, legal, etc. ** Construction refers to new construction, rehabilitation, preservation, restoration work, and/or accessibility related expenses.						

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PROJECT #2

PROJECT TITLE	Cape Verdean Ultramarine Band and Club				
PROJECT LOCATION	185 Acushnet Avenue				
APPLICANT/ORGANIZATION	Kenneth and Ramona Silva/ Cape Verdean Ultramarine Band and Club				
FUNDING AMOUNT	\$25,000	CPA CATEGORY	Historic Resource	CITY WARD	4

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Cape Verdean Ultramarine Band and Club is a social, cultural, political, and literary establishment in the heart of New Bedford's earliest Cape Verdean community. Located at 185 Acushnet Avenue, the building was built in 1854 and is home to what may be the oldest Cape Verdean social club in the United States. This project recommendation will fund a building envelope assessment and the creation of architectural drawings.

RECOMMENDED FUNDING

On February 15, 2024, by a vote of 7-0, the Community Preservation Committee recommended appropriating **\$25,000 from the Budgeted Reserve Fund** for a grant to the Cape Verdean Ultramarine Band and Club and Kenneth and Ramona Silva for the Cape Verdean Ultramarine Band and Club project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Community Preservation Act Grant Agreement, and for the overall purposes summarized in this document.

ALIGNMENT WITH FY24 CPA PLAN

This project aligns with the FY24 CPA Plan needs, priorities, and criteria by facilitating the restoration of a significant historic building in a visually prominent location that is an indicator of the future well-being of the neighborhood; and has the potential to benefit the community at large.

MEASURES OF SUCCESS

The success of this project will be measured by the successful completion of an envelope assessment and the development of architectural drawings and cost estimate.

FUNDING CONDITIONS

1. CPA funds are to be used for a building envelope assessment, creation of architectural drawing specifications, and a preliminary cost estimate by a licensed design professional for the property located at 185 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford.
2. Grantee agrees to execute the project complying with the Secretary of the Interior Standards for Rehabilitation.
3. No disbursement of funds may occur until the assessment has begun.
4. Other conditions as deemed necessary and defined within the Community Preservation Act Grant Agreement.

PROJECT BUDGET SUBMITTED WITH APPLICATION						
FUNDING SOURCES		EXPENSES				
		STUDY	SOFT COSTS*	ACQUISITION	CONSTRUCTION**	TOTAL
1	NEW BEDFORD CPA- REQUESTED	\$20,000			\$45,250	\$65,250
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS		\$20,000			\$45,250	\$65,250
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PROJECT #3

PROJECT TITLE	Capitol Theater Interior Restoration				
PROJECT LOCATION	1414-1440 Acushnet Avenue				
APPLICANT/ORGANIZATION	Community Economic Development Center of Southeastern Massachusetts, Inc.				
FUNDING AMOUNT	\$250,000	CPA CATEGORY	Historic Resource	CITY WARD	2

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Capitol Theater project is the transformative rehabilitation and restoration of the 1920 Classical Revival film theater into six (6) units of affordable housing, retail space, non-profit offices, and a resource hub for the North End. This building was deemed eligible by the Massachusetts Historical Commission to be included for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. This project recommendation will fund the interior restoration of the historic lobby, ticket booth, and theater entrance.

RECOMMENDED FUNDING

On February 15, 2024, by a vote of 7-0, the Community Preservation Committee recommended appropriating **\$250,000 from the Historic Resource Reserve Fund** for a grant to the Community Economic Development Center of Southeastern Massachusetts, Inc. for the Capitol Theater Interior Restoration project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Community Preservation Act Grant Agreement, and for the overall purposes summarized in this document.

ALIGNMENT WITH FY24 CPA PLAN

This project aligns with the FY24 CPA Plan needs, priorities, and criteria by restoring a significant historic building which is located in a visually prominent location that is an indicator for the future well-being of the neighborhood; has the potential to benefit the community at large; and is a resource of notable and distinctive architecture.

MEASURES OF SUCCESS

The success of this project will be measured by the successful restoration and rehabilitation of the interior lobby, ticket booth and theater entrance.

FUNDING CONDITIONS

1. CPA funds are only to be used for rehabilitation and restoration of the historic lobby, ticket booth, and theater entrance for the building located at 1414-1440 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford.
2. No disbursement of funds may occur until the project has received all necessary permits and approvals.
3. Grantee agrees to execute and record a Preservation Restriction on the property located at 1414-1440 Acushnet Avenue.
4. Grantee agrees to execute the project complying with the Secretary of the Interior Standards for Rehabilitation.
5. Other conditions as deemed necessary and defined within the Community Preservation Act Grant Agreement.

PROJECT BUDGET SUBMITTED WITH APPLICATION						
FUNDING SOURCES		EXPENSES				
		STUDY	SOFT COSTS*	ACQUISITION	CONSTRUCTION**	TOTAL
1	NEW BEDFORD CPA- REQUESTED				\$300,000	\$300,000
2	New Bedford CPA FY19, FY20, FY23			\$350,000	\$470,827	\$820,827
3	MassDev UPP/TDI Equity/Collaborative Wksp		\$200,000		\$1,825,000	\$2,025,000
4	Federal & MA Historic Tax Credits		\$457,800		\$2,925,724	\$3,383,524
5	New Bedford Brownfields				\$442,202	\$442,202
6	NB ARPA Under Utilized Property				\$1,640,000	\$1,640,000
7	Mortgage & Other funds			\$100,000	\$2,598,667	\$2,698,667
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS			\$ 657,800	\$ 450,000	\$10,202,420	\$11,310,220
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PROJECT #4

PROJECT TITLE	City Clerk Record Preservation Phase II				
PROJECT LOCATION	133 William Street				
APPLICANT/ORGANIZATION	City of New Bedford City Clerk's Office				
FUNDING AMOUNT	\$50,000	CPA CATEGORY	Historic Resource	CITY WARD	All

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City Clerk is legally required to maintain, and make available to the public, certain permanent records in perpetuity. The current condition of many records hinders the ability to make the records available. Records dating as far back to the late 1700s are in urgent need of preservation. This project recommendation will fund Phase III of the microfilming of these records according to industry standards.

RECOMMENDED FUNDING

On February 15, 2024, by a vote of 7-0, the Community Preservation Committee recommended appropriating **\$50,000 from the Historic Resource Reserve Fund** for a grant to the City of New Bedford City Clerk's Office for the City Clerk Record Preservation Phase III project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Community Preservation Act Municipal Project Memorandum of Agreement, and for the overall purposes summarized in this document.

ALIGNMENT WITH FY24 CPA PLAN

This project aligns with the FY24 CPA Plan needs, priorities, and criteria by protecting, preserving, and enhancing a historic and cultural resource - each record - while also benefiting the community at large by expanding public access.

MEASURES OF SUCCESS

The success of this project will be measured by the successful completion of Phase II, the microfilming of the invaluable City records, the creation of two sets of microfilm, and increased public access.

FUNDING CONDITIONS

1. CPA funds are only to be used for the preservation of city records.
2. Other conditions as deemed necessary and defined within the Community Preservation Act Municipal Project Memorandum of Agreement.

PROJECT BUDGET SUBMITTED WITH APPLICATION						
FUNDING SOURCES		EXPENSES				
		STUDY	SOFT COSTS*	ACQUISITION	CONSTRUCTION**	TOTAL
1	NEW BEDFORD CPA- REQUESTED		\$ 50,000			\$50,000
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS			\$50,000			\$50,000
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PROJECT #5

PROJECT TITLE	City Wide Signage for Parks				
PROJECT LOCATION	Abolition Row, Ashley, Brooklawn, Buttonwood, Ft. Taber, Hazelwood, Riverside				
APPLICANT/ORGANIZATION	New Bedford Department of Parks, Recreation and Beaches				
FUNDING AMOUNT	\$275,000	CPA CATEGORY	Recreation	CITY WARD	ALL

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

City parks and recreational areas lack a comprehensive, standardized, and accessible signage system to provide visitors with relevant information such as activities at the park, field usage, rules, and maps. The signage would increase access to the parks for underserved populations especially those with disabilities; provide visitors of all ages and abilities with the information needed to enjoy the parks; and provide this information in various languages including Braille. This project recommendation will fund the first phase of the construction and installation of signage at seven city parks.

RECOMMENDED FUNDING

On February 15, 2024, by a vote of 7-0, the Community Preservation Committee recommended appropriating **\$275,000 from the Budgeted Reserve Fund** for a grant to the New Bedford Department of Parks, Recreation and Beaches for the City Wide Signage for Parks project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Community Preservation Act Municipal Project Memorandum of Agreement, and for the overall purposes summarized in this document.

ALIGNMENT WITH FY24 CPA PLAN

This project aligns with the FY24 CPA Plan needs, priorities, and criteria by expanding the range of outdoor recreational opportunities available to residents of all ages and abilities by creating accessible signage, improving community access to all opportunities, and removing barriers for residents with disabilities.

MEASURES OF SUCCESS

The success of this project will be measured by the successful installation of signage at the identified parks and the increased usage by residents of all ages and abilities.

FUNDING CONDITIONS

1. CPA funds are only to be used for the construction and installation of the new standardized, comprehensive signage system at the city parks.
2. No disbursement of funds until construction has begun.
3. Other conditions as deemed necessary and defined within the Community Preservation Act Municipal Project Memorandum of Agreement.

PROJECT BUDGET SUBMITTED WITH APPLICATION						
FUNDING SOURCES		EXPENSES				
		STUDY	SOFT COSTS*	ACQUISITION	CONSTRUCTION**	TOTAL
1	NEW BEDFORD CPA- REQUESTED				\$322,510.58	\$322,510.58
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS						\$322,510.58
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PROJECT #6

PROJECT TITLE	Digitization of Maritime Records: Logbooks and Journals Phase III				
PROJECT LOCATION	New Bedford Free Public Library				
APPLICANT/ORGANIZATION	New Bedford Free Public Library				
FUNDING AMOUNT	\$13,200	CPA CATEGORY	Historic Resource	CITY WARD	ALL

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The New Bedford Free Public Library owns the third-largest collection of whaling logbooks in the world. This collection is a significant resource for the City as well as for historians, genealogists, and researchers as it contains historic meteorological data and presents the American whaling industry's impact on the social, economic, and cultural life of New Bedford. This project recommendation will fund the third phase of the preservation and digitization of the whaling logbooks and journals in the collection, providing world-wide digital access to those resources.

RECOMMENDED FUNDING

On February 15, 2024, by a vote of 7-0, the Community Preservation Committee recommended appropriating **\$13,200 from the Historic Resource Reserve Fund** for a grant to the New Bedford Free Public Library for the Digitization of Maritime Records Phase II project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Community Preservation Act Municipal Project Memorandum of Agreement, and for the overall purposes summarized in this document.

ALIGNMENT WITH FY24 CPA PLAN

This project aligns with the FY22 CPA plan needs, priorities, and criteria by preserving a significant historical and cultural resource, protecting a city owned resource of historical significance, and providing public access to the resource.

MEASURES OF SUCCESS

The success of this project will be measured by the preservation of the logbooks; the tracking of use of the resource on digital platforms; and the tracking of the circulation statistics.

FUNDING CONDITIONS

1. CPA funds are to be used for the digitization, conservation, and archiving of the logbook and journal collection.
2. The Grantee agrees to provide public access to the collection through an on-line platform such as Digital Commonwealth.
3. No disbursement of funds may occur until the project has received all necessary approvals.
4. Other conditions as deemed necessary and defined with the Community Preservation Act Municipal Project Memorandum of Agreement.

PROJECT BUDGET SUBMITTED WITH APPLICATION						
FUNDING SOURCES		EXPENSES				
		STUDY	SOFT COSTS*	ACQUISITION	CONSTRUCTION**	TOTAL
1	NEW BEDFORD CPA- REQUESTED		\$200		\$13,000	\$13,200
2	In-Kind Contribution		\$2,000			\$2,000
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS			\$2,200		\$13,000	\$15,200
* Soft costs include design, professional services, permitting fees, closing costs, legal, etc. ** Construction refers to new construction, rehabilitation, preservation, restoration work, and/or accessibility related expenses.						

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PROJECT #7

PROJECT TITLE	First Baptist/Steeple Playhouse Restorations				
PROJECT LOCATION	159 William Street				
APPLICANT/ORGANIZATION	Your Theatre, Inc.				
FUNDING AMOUNT	\$60,000	CPA CATEGORY	Historic Resource	CITY WARD	4

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

First Baptist Church, built in 1829, is the birthplace of *Robert's Rules of Order* and was named a National Treasure by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. It is also listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Now the home to Your Theatre, Inc. as well as community partners, the adaptive re-use of the church is serving as a catalyst for change in the Upper William Street area. All work has complied with the Secretary of the Interior Standards for Rehabilitation. This project recommendation will fund the restoration of the cast iron fence, railing, and stone wall as well as the rehabilitation of the main entrance roof.

RECOMMENDED FUNDING

On February 15, 2024, by a vote of 7-0, the Community Preservation Committee recommended appropriating **\$60,000 from the Historic Resource Reserve Fund** for a grant to Your Theatre, Inc. for the First Baptist/Steeple Playhouse Restoration project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Community Preservation Act Grant Agreement, and for the overall purposes summarized in this document.

ALIGNMENT WITH FY24 CPA PLAN

This project aligns with the FY24 CPA Plan needs, priorities, and criteria by restoring major building features with historical value, located in a visually prominent location, and supports the continued adaptive reuse of this historic building.

MEASURES OF SUCCESS

The success of the project will be measured by successful restoration of all exterior historic elements which will support the public use of this historic building by Your Theatre, Inc. and other non-profit arts and cultural organizations.

FUNDING CONDITIONS

1. CPA funds are to be used for the restoration of the cast iron fence; installation of handrails; stone wall restoration; and rehabilitation of the main entrance roof at 149 William Street.
2. Grantee agrees to execute the project complying with the Secretary of the Interior Standards for Rehabilitation and secure contractors who have demonstrated experience successfully completing projects to these standards.
3. No disbursement of funds may occur until the project has received all necessary permits and approvals.
4. Other conditions as deemed necessary and defined within the Community Preservation Act Grant Agreement.

PROJECT BUDGET SUBMITTED WITH APPLICATION						
FUNDING SOURCES		EXPENSES				
		STUDY	SOFT COSTS*	ACQUISITION	CONSTRUCTION**	TOTAL
1	NEW BEDFORD CPA-REQUESTED				\$61,321	\$61,321
2	1772 Foundation				\$5,000	\$5,000
3	Crapo Foundation				\$5,000	\$5,000
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS					\$71,321	\$71,321
* Soft costs include design, professional services, permitting fees, closing costs, legal, etc.						
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PROJECT #8

PROJECT TITLE	Howland Family Portrait Conservation				
PROJECT LOCATION	New Bedford Free Public Library				
APPLICANT/ORGANIZATION	New Bedford Free Public Library				
FUNDING AMOUNT	\$65,000	CPA CATEGORY	Historic Resource	CITY WARD	ALL

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

New Bedford Free Public Library is the steward of the only museum-quality art collection in the area that is free to the public, promoting access to the arts for all. The project scope includes five pieces related to the Howland Family of New Bedford: Portraits of the fourth Mayor of New Bedford, George Howland, Jr. (Matthew Henry Wilson 1857); George Howland, Sr. (William Allen Wall 1844); and the first Mayor of New Bedford, Abraham Howland, Sr. (William Allen Wall 1852); and busts of Sylvia Ann Howland (Charles E. Aldean 1914) and George Howland, Jr. (unknown 1855). All five pieces must undergo conservation to be preserved for public display. This project recommendation will fund the conservation of the paintings, frames and busts.

RECOMMENDED FUNDING

On February 15, 2024, by a vote of 7-0, the Community Preservation Committee recommended appropriating **\$49,121 from the Historic Resource Reserve Fund and \$15,879 from the Budgeted Reserve Fund** for a \$65,000 grant to the New Bedford Free Public Library for the Howland Family Portrait Conservation project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Community Preservation Act Municipal Project Memorandum of Agreement, and for the overall purposes summarized in this document.

ALIGNMENT WITH FY24 CPA PLAN

This project aligns with the FY24 CPA Plan needs, priorities, and criteria by protecting, preserving, and enhancing a historic and cultural resource of notable and distinctive cultural significance which requires immediate attention without which the resources are at risk for additional significant damage or loss if unaddressed and has the potential to benefit the community at large in terms of aesthetic contribution and historical value.

MEASURES OF SUCCESS

The success of this project will be measured by the successful conservation of the portraits and busts and the increased public access to this city owned artwork.

FUNDING CONDITIONS

1. CPA funds are only to be used for conservation of the paintings, frames, and busts listed in the application.
2. No disbursement of funds may occur until the project has received all necessary approvals.
3. Other conditions as deemed necessary and defined with the Community Preservation Act Municipal Project Memorandum of Agreement.

PROJECT BUDGET SUBMITTED WITH APPLICATION						
FUNDING SOURCES		EXPENSES				
		STUDY	SOFT COSTS*	ACQUISITION	CONSTRUCTION**	TOTAL
1	NEW BEDFORD CPA- REQUESTED				\$65,000	\$65,000
2	Abraham H. Howland Lodge				\$15,000	\$15,000
3	In-Kind Contribution		\$1,000			\$1,000
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS			\$1,000		\$80,000	\$81,000
* Soft costs include design, professional services, permitting fees, closing costs, legal, etc.						
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PROJECT #9

PROJECT TITLE	James Arnold Mansion Mansard, Dormer and Cornices Repair				
PROJECT LOCATION	427 County Street				
APPLICANT/ORGANIZATION	James Arnold Mansion, Inc.				
FUNDING AMOUNT	\$95,000	CPA CATEGORY	Historic Resource	CITY WARD	5

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The James Arnold Mansion, Inc. is dedicated to the preservation, restoration, and maintenance of the 1821 mansion. This phase of the restoration will address the needed restoration and rehabilitation of the mansard, dormer, and cornices. This project recommendation will fund the restoration and rehabilitation of the Mansion's mansard, dormer, and cornice.

RECOMMENDED FUNDING

On February 15, 2024, by a vote of 7-0, the Community Preservation Committee recommended appropriating **\$95,000 from the Budgeted Reserve Fund** for a grant to the James Arnold Mansion, Inc. for the James Arnold Mansion Mansard, Dormer, and Cornices Repair project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Community Preservation Act Grant Agreement, and for the overall purposes summarized in this document.

ALIGNMENT WITH FY24 CPA PLAN

This project aligns with the FY24 CPA Plan needs, priorities, and criteria by preserving and restoring a historic and architectural resource of significance located at a visually prominent location; benefiting the community at large through the building's historic value and aesthetic contribution; and addressing the building envelope which requires immediate attention without which the resource is at risk for significant damage or loss if unaddressed.

MEASURES OF SUCCESS

The success of this project will be measured by the successful repairs to the mansard, dormers, and cornices.

FUNDING CONDITIONS

1. CPA funds are to be used for the rehabilitation and restoration of the mansard, dormer, and cornices of the building located at 427 County Street.
2. The Grantee agrees to execute and record a Preservation Restriction on the property located at 427 County Street, New Bedford.
3. No disbursement of funds may occur until the project has received all necessary permits and approvals.
4. Grantee agrees to execute the project complying with the Secretary of the Interior Standards for Rehabilitation and secure contractors who have demonstrated experience successfully completing projects to these standards.
5. Other conditions as deemed necessary and defined within the Community Preservation Act Grant Agreement.

PROJECT BUDGET SUBMITTED WITH APPLICATION						
FUNDING SOURCES		EXPENSES				
		STUDY	SOFT COSTS*	ACQUISITION	CONSTRUCTION**	TOTAL
1	NEW BEDFORD CPA- REQUESTED				\$95,000	\$95,000
2	JAMI Fundraising				\$5,000	\$5,000
3	NB CPA FY23	\$1,650	\$17,500		\$155,850	\$175,000
4	Mass Historic – 1772 Match				\$10,000	\$10,000
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS		\$1,650	\$17,500		\$265,850	\$285,000
* Soft costs include design, professional services, permitting fees, closing costs, legal, etc. ** Construction refers to new construction, rehabilitation, preservation, restoration work, and/or accessibility related expenses.						

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PROJECT #10

PROJECT TITLE	Johnson House Electrical Upgrade				
PROJECT LOCATION	21 Seventh Street				
APPLICANT/ORGANIZATION	New Bedford Historical Society				
FUNDING AMOUNT	\$85,000	CPA CATEGORY	Historic Resource	CITY WARD	4

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Nathan and Mary Johnson House is a National Historic Landmark as well as a state landmark for its role in the Underground Railroad. It is also the first home in freedom for Frederick and Anna Douglass. It is one of the most significant properties with the City, located directly across from Abolition Row Park in the Abolition Row Historic District. It serves as the home of the New Bedford Historical Society, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to documenting and celebrating the history, legacy, and presence of African Americans, Cape Verdeans, Native Americans, West Indians, and other people of color in New Bedford. This project recommendation will fund the upgrade to the electrical system and necessary restoration post installation.

RECOMMENDED FUNDING

On February 15, 2024, by a vote of 7-0, the Community Preservation Committee recommended appropriating **\$85,000 from the Budgeted Reserve Fund** for a grant to New Bedford Historical Society for the Johnson House Electrical Upgrade project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Community Preservation Act Grant Agreement, and for the overall purposes summarized in this document.

ALIGNMENT WITH FY24 CPA PLAN

This project aligns with the FY24 CPA Plan needs, priorities, and criteria by preserving this unique, significant, and distinct historic resource.

MEASURES OF SUCCESS

The success of this project will be measured by the successful completion of the upgrade of the electrical system and necessary post installation restoration.

FUNDING CONDITIONS

1. CPA funds are to be used for the electrical upgrade and associated repairs to the interior and exterior for the property located at 21 Seventh Street, New Bedford.
2. No disbursement of funds may occur until the project has received all necessary permits and approvals.
3. Grantee agrees to execute the project complying with the Secretary of the Interior Standards for Rehabilitation and secure contractors who have demonstrated experience successfully completing projects to these standards.
4. Other conditions as deemed necessary and defined within the Community Preservation Act Grant Agreement.

PROJECT BUDGET SUBMITTED WITH APPLICATION						
FUNDING SOURCES		EXPENSES				
		STUDY	SOFT COSTS*	ACQUISITION	CONSTRUCTION**	TOTAL
1	NEW BEDFORD CPA-REQUESTED				\$85,000	\$85,000
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS					\$85,000	\$85,000
* Soft costs include design, professional services, permitting fees, closing costs, legal, etc.						
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PROJECT #11

PROJECT TITLE	New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center Archives Phase II				
PROJECT LOCATION	38 Bethel Street				
APPLICANT/ORGANIZATION	New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center				
FUNDING AMOUNT	\$30,000	CPA CATEGORY	Historic Resource	CITY WARD	ALL

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center's mission is to preserve and present the story of the commercial fishing industry. The Center has amassed a significant collection of local fishing community history and culture which includes oral histories; a digital collection of 20,000 images; charts; logbooks; ledgers; settlement sheets; union records; scrapbooks; and other items such as fossils, tools, and boat models. This project recommendation will fund Phase II of the project including the accessioning and cataloging of the collection and completion of a Collections Management Plan, allowing the collection to be made publicly available.

RECOMMENDED FUNDING

On February 15, 2024, by a vote of 7-0, the Community Preservation Committee recommended appropriating **\$30,000 from the Budgeted Reserve Fund** for a grant to New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center for the New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center Archives Phase II project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Community Preservation Act Grant Agreement, and for the overall purposes summarized in this document.

ALIGNMENT WITH FY24 CPA PLAN

This project aligns with the FY24 CPA Plan needs, priorities, and criteria by preserving this unique, significant historic resource and provides a public benefit by creating public access to the resource.

MEASURES OF SUCCESS

The success of this project will be measured by the successful completion of the Collection Management Plan, the accession and cataloging of the archive, and the digital tracking of access to the online archive.

FUNDING CONDITIONS

1. CPA funds are to be used for funding an archivist to create a Collections Management Plan and accession, catalogue, digitize and make publicly available the archive.
2. No disbursement of funds may occur until the project has received all necessary permits and approvals.
3. Other conditions as deemed necessary and defined within the Community Preservation Act Grant Agreement.

PROJECT BUDGET SUBMITTED WITH APPLICATION						
FUNDING SOURCES		EXPENSES				
		STUDY	SOFT COSTS*	ACQUISITION	CONSTRUCTION**	TOTAL
1	NEW BEDFORD CPA-REQUESTED		\$25,000	\$5,000		\$30,000
2	NB Fishing Heritage Center		\$13,925	\$4,200		\$18,125
3	Henry H. Crapo Fund			\$5,000		\$5,000
4	In-Kind Contributions		\$32,500			\$32,500
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS			\$71,425	\$14,200		\$85,625
* Soft costs include design, professional services, permitting fees, closing costs, legal, etc.						
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PROJECT #12

PROJECT TITLE	New Bedford Superior Courthouse Façade Restoration				
PROJECT LOCATION	441-443 County Street				
APPLICANT/ORGANIZATION	Bristol County Commissioners				
FUNDING AMOUNT	\$285,000	CPA CATEGORY	Historic Resource	CITY WARD	4

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The New Bedford Superior Courthouse is the second oldest operating courthouse in the State, having been built between 1828 - 1831 during the height of the whaling era. The Courthouse was designed by renowned Providence architect Russell Warren. This prominent Greek Revival institutional building is located within the County Street Historic District and has both architectural and historical significance. This project recommendation will fund the exterior façade rehabilitation of this historic building.

RECOMMENDED FUNDING

On February 15, 2024, by a vote of 7-0, the Community Preservation Committee recommended appropriating **\$285,000 from the Fund Balance** for a grant to the Bristol County Commissioners for the New Bedford Superior Courthouse Façade Restoration project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Community Preservation Act Grant Agreement, and for the overall purposes summarized in this document.

ALIGNMENT WITH FY24 CPA PLAN

This project aligns with the FY24 CPA Plan needs, priorities, and criteria by preserving and protecting a significant historical and cultural resource located in a pivotal and visually prominent location whose condition is an indicator for the future wellbeing or decline of a neighborhood; has potential to benefit the community at large in terms of historical, cultural, and social value; is a resource of notable and distinctive architectural significance; and requires the addressing of the façade which is at risk for significant loss or damage if not addressed.

MEASURES OF SUCCESS

The success of this project will be measured by the successful restoration of the Courthouse façade according to the Secretary of the Interior Standards.

FUNDING CONDITIONS

1. CPA funds are to be used for the restoration and rehabilitation of the exterior façade as detailed in the application for the building located at 441-443 County Street, New Bedford.
2. The Grantee agrees to execute and record a Preservation Restriction on the property located at 441-443 County Street, New Bedford.
3. Grantee agrees to execute the project complying with the Secretary of the Interior Standards for Rehabilitation and secure contractors who have demonstrated experience successfully completing projects to these standards.
4. No disbursement of funds may occur until the project has received all necessary permits and approvals.
5. Other conditions as deemed necessary and defined within the Community Preservation Act Grant Agreement.

PROJECT BUDGET SUBMITTED WITH APPLICATION						
FUNDING SOURCES		EXPENSES				
		STUDY	SOFT COSTS*	ACQUISITION	CONSTRUCTION**	TOTAL
1	NEW BEDFORD CPA- REQUESTED				\$422,972	\$422,972
2	Bristol County Commissioners		\$29,605		\$264,882	\$294,487
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS			\$29,605		\$687,854	\$717,459
* Soft costs include design, professional services, permitting fees, closing costs, legal, etc. ** Construction refers to new construction, rehabilitation, preservation, restoration work, and/or accessibility related expenses.						

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PROJECT #13

PROJECT TITLE	Riverside Park Heat Island Relief Project				
PROJECT LOCATION	Riverside Park, Belleville Avenue				
APPLICANT/ORGANIZATION	City of New Bedford Department of Parks Recreation and Beaches				
CO-APPLICANT/ORGANIZATION	Groundwork Southcoast				
FUNDING AMOUNT	\$50,800	CPA CATEGORY	Recreation	CITY WARD	2

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project applicants are partnering to address the community needs around access to open space and recreation by providing access to cool outdoor areas which have a profound impact on resident well-being and community health. This project will employ near-term cooling solutions with the installation of sunshades and use of heat reflecting paint on the existing basketball court. This project recommendation will fund the purchase and installation of the sunshades, the rehabilitation of the basketball court with heat reflecting paint, and community outreach to educate about cooling solutions and identify community-led expansion.

RECOMMENDED FUNDING

On February 15, 2024, by a vote of 7-0, the Community Preservation Committee recommended appropriating **\$50,800 from the Budgeted Reserve Fund** for a grant to the City of New Bedford Department of Parks Recreation and Beaches and Groundwork Southcoast for the Riverside Park Heat Island Relief project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Community Preservation Act Municipal Project Memorandum of Agreement, and for the overall purposes summarized in this document.

ALIGNMENT WITH FY24 CPA PLAN

This project aligns with the FY24 CPA Plan needs, priorities, and criteria by increasing access to the park during warm weather by reducing barriers for the use of the park for both active and passive recreational activities.

MEASURES OF SUCCESS

The success of this project will be measured by the successful installation of the sunshades and paint, increased use of the spaces during warm weather, and the effect each has on the surface temperatures in each area.

FUNDING CONDITIONS

1. CPA funds are only to be used for the construction and installation of the shade structure; the rehabilitation of the basketball court; and community outreach.
2. No disbursement of funds until project receives all necessary permits and approvals.
3. Other conditions as deemed necessary and defined within the Community Preservation Act Municipal Project Memorandum of Agreement.

PROJECT BUDGET SUBMITTED WITH APPLICATION						
FUNDING SOURCES		EXPENSES				
		STUDY	SOFT COSTS*	ACQUISITION	CONSTRUCTION**	TOTAL
1	NEW BEDFORD CPA- REQUESTED		\$87,328		\$12,672	\$100,000
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS			\$87,328		\$12,672	\$100,000
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PROJECT #14

PROJECT TITLE	Roberto Clemente Park Improvements				
PROJECT LOCATION	635-679 S. First Street				
APPLICANT/ORGANIZATION	City of New Bedford Department of Parks Recreation and Beaches				
FUNDING AMOUNT	\$185,000	CPA CATEGORY	Recreation	CITY WARD	6

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Located in an environmental justice neighborhood, the Roberto Clemente Park is used by the neighborhood for passive and active recreational activities. The park amenities need to be upgraded and replaced in order to accommodate visitors of all abilities. The improvements will revitalize this park, opening new opportunities for programming in the underserved neighborhood. This project recommendation will fund the replacement of the basketball court; converting the half court to a 3v3 court; installation of ADA walkway to the gazebo; restoration of the gazebo; and installation of picnic tables, a water bottle filling station, lighting, and new landscaping including the burying of the main electrical wires to make the park eligible for future State grants.

RECOMMENDED FUNDING

On February 15, 2024, by a vote of 7-0, the Community Preservation Committee recommended appropriating **\$172,317 from the Recreation/Open Space Reserve Fund and \$12,683 from the Budgeted Reserve Fund** for a \$185,000 grant to City of New Bedford Department of Parks Recreation and Beaches for the Roberto Clemente Park Improvements project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Community Preservation Act Municipal Project Memorandum of Agreement, and for the overall purposes summarized in this document.

ALIGNMENT WITH FY24 CPA PLAN

This project aligns with the FY24 CPA Plan needs, priorities, and criteria by preserving and rehabilitating recreational space and increasing access to active and passive recreation activities for residents of all ages and abilities.

MEASURES OF SUCCESS

The success of this project will be measured by the successful completion of the improvements outlined, the increased use of the park by residents and the increase in programming at the park.

FUNDING CONDITIONS

1. CPA funds are only to be used for the improvements detailed in the application.
2. No disbursement of funds until project receives all necessary permits and approvals.
3. Other conditions as deemed necessary and defined within the Community Preservation Act Municipal Project Memorandum of Agreement.

PROJECT BUDGET SUBMITTED WITH APPLICATION						
FUNDING SOURCES		EXPENSES				
		STUDY	SOFT COSTS*	ACQUISITION	CONSTRUCTION**	TOTAL
1	NEW BEDFORD CPA- REQUESTED				\$186,656.17	\$186,656.17
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS					\$186,656.17	\$186,656.17
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PROJECT #15

PROJECT TITLE	Rotch-Jones-Duff House Securing History				
PROJECT LOCATION	396 County Street				
APPLICANT/ORGANIZATION	Rotch-Jones-Duff House and Garden Museum, Inc.				
FUNDING AMOUNT	\$23,500	CPA CATEGORY	Historic Resource	CITY WARD	4

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Rotch-Jones-Duff House and Garden Museum is the only extant whaling mansion and garden estate in the city. The property is a National Historic Landmark and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The RJD grounds are open to the public and the museum hosts special events, private events, and school groups year-round. This project recommendation will fund the upgrade of the smoke, fire, and security systems.

RECOMMENDED FUNDING

On February 15, 2024, by a vote of 7-0, the Community Preservation Committee recommended appropriating **\$23,500 from the Budgeted Reserve Fund** for a grant to the Rotch-Jones-Duff House and Garden Museum, Inc. for the Rotch - Jones-Duff House Securing History project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Community Preservation Act Grant Agreement, and for the overall purposes summarized in this document.

ALIGNMENT WITH FY24 CPA PLAN

This project aligns with the FY24 CPA Plan needs, priorities, and criteria by meeting the goals of preserving and rehabilitating an architecturally significant building; is located in a pivotal location; has the potential to benefit the community at large; is a resource of notable and distinctive architecture; and the building is at risk of significant damage or loss, if unaddressed.

MEASURES OF SUCCESS

The success of this project will be measured by the successful installation of the smoke, fire, and security systems.

FUNDING CONDITIONS

1. CPA funds are to be used for the installation of an comprehensive alarm system as detailed in the application at the building located at 396 County Street, New Bedford.
2. Grantee agrees to execute the project complying with the Secretary of the Interior Standards for Rehabilitation and secure contractors who have demonstrated experience successfully completing projects to these standards.
3. No disbursement of funds may occur until the project has received all necessary permits and approvals.
4. Other conditions as deemed necessary and defined within the Community Preservation Act Grant Agreement.

PROJECT BUDGET SUBMITTED WITH APPLICATION						
FUNDING SOURCES		EXPENSES				
		STUDY	SOFT COSTS*	ACQUISITION	CONSTRUCTION**	TOTAL
1	NEW BEDFORD CPA- REQUESTED				\$23,500	\$23,500
2	1772 Foundation				\$10,000	\$10,000
3	RJD Capital Reserve Funds				\$14,800	\$14,800
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS					\$48,300	\$48,300
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PROJECT #16

PROJECT TITLE	Strand Theater Restoration				
PROJECT LOCATION	1157 Acushnet Avenue				
APPLICANT/ORGANIZATION	Cape Verdean Association in New Bedford				
FUNDING AMOUNT	\$225,000	CPA CATEGORY	Historic Resource	CITY WARD	2

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Cape Verdean Association in New Bedford owns the historic Strand Theater, one of the few surviving theaters of its era in the North End and is currently transforming the building into the Cape Verdean Cultural Center. The Center will provide arts and cultural programming that celebrates and educates the public about the city's diverse cultures and communities. This project recommendation will fund the installation of an ADA- accessible entrance on the south elevation and construction of an ADA-accessible bathroom.

RECOMMENDED FUNDING

On February 15, 2024, by a vote of 7-0, the Community Preservation Committee recommended appropriating **\$225,000 from the Budgeted Reserve Fund** for a grant to the Cape Verdean Association in New Bedford for the Strand Theater Restoration project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Community Preservation Act Grant Agreement, and for the overall purposes summarized in this document.

ALIGNMENT WITH FY24 CPA PLAN

This project aligns with the FY24 CPA Plan needs, priorities, and criteria by restoring and preserving a historic building with distinctive architectural merit; is located at a pivotal site; benefits the community at large in terms of historical, social, and cultural value; and addresses urgent repairs needed to the building envelope without which the resource is at risk for significant damage or loss if unaddressed.

MEASURES OF SUCCESS

The success of this project will be measured by the installation of the ADA-accessible entrance and bathroom at the Strand Theatre in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior Standards for Treatment of Historic Properties and contributing to the revitalization of the entry to the Acushnet Avenue Commercial District Area.

FUNDING CONDITIONS

1. CPA funds are to be used for the installation of an ADA-accessible entrance on the south elevation and the construction of an ADA-compliant bathroom at the building located at 1157 Acushnet Avenue.
2. Grantee agrees to execute the project complying with the Secretary of the Interior Standards for Rehabilitation and secure contractors who have demonstrated experience successfully completing projects to these standards.
3. No disbursement of funds may occur until the project has received all necessary permits and approvals.
4. Other conditions as deemed necessary and defined within the Community Preservation Act Grant Agreement.

PROJECT BUDGET SUBMITTED WITH APPLICATION (edited)						
FUNDING SOURCES		EXPENSES				
		STUDY	SOFT COSTS*	ACQUISITION	CONSTRUCTION**	TOTAL
1	NEW BEDFORD CPA- REQUESTED				\$235,000	\$235,000
2	CPA FY18 FY19 FY22 FY23				\$690,000	\$690,000
3	Capital Campaign/Foundations		\$96,000		\$799,000	\$895,000
4	MCC Cultural Facilities Fund		\$140,000		\$300,000	\$440,000
5	State Historic Tax Credits		\$50,000		\$541,185	\$591,185
6	City and State ARPA				\$700,000	\$700,000
7	MassDevelopment		\$286,000		\$50,000	\$50,000
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS			\$286,000		\$3,315,185	\$3,601,185
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PROJECT #17

PROJECT TITLE	Talbot Apartments Restoration				
PROJECT LOCATION	1168 Acushnet Avenue				
APPLICANT/ORGANIZATION	Community Action for Better Housing				
FUNDING AMOUNT	\$255,000	CPA CATEGORY	Community Housing	CITY WARD	2

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Talbot Apartments, historically known as the Hotel Waverly and Tourraine Hotel, is a historically and architecturally significant building and has been listed in the National Register of Historic Places since 1990. The property suffered a fire in November 2022, leaving the building uninhabitable with 26 mixed income units affected. This project recommendation will fund the restoration of the building including windows, gutters, siding, and interior and exterior painting.

RECOMMENDED FUNDING

On February 15, 2024, by a vote of 7-0, the Community Preservation Committee recommended appropriating **\$172,317 from the Community Housing Reserve fund and \$82,683 from the Budgeted Reserve Fund** for a \$255,000 grant to the Community Action for Better Housing for the Talbot Apartments Restoration project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Community Preservation Act Grant Agreement, and for the overall purposes summarized in this document.

ALIGNMENT WITH FY24 CPA PLAN

This project aligns with the FY24 CPA Plan needs, priorities, and criteria by restoring and preserving a historic building located at a pivotal and visually prominent site that is an indicator of the future wellbeing or decline of the neighborhood; is a building with distinctive architectural and historical merit; benefits the community at large in terms of historical, social, and cultural value; and addresses urgent repairs needed to the building envelope without which the resource is at risk for significant damage or loss if unaddressed.

MEASURES OF SUCCESS

The success of this project will be measured by the successful restoration and creation of 26 low to very low-income housing units in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior Standards for Treatment of Historic Properties and contributing to the revitalization of the entry to the Acushnet Avenue Commercial District Area.

FUNDING CONDITIONS

1. CPA funds are to be used for the rehabilitation and replacement of windows, gutters, and siding, and the painting of the interior and exterior of the building.
2. No disbursement of funds may occur until the project has received all necessary permits and approvals.
3. Disbursement of funds will begin only after the project's other required funding sources have been committed to the project and construction has begun.
4. The Grantee agrees to execute and record an Affordable Housing Restriction for the housing units.
5. The Grantee agrees to execute and record a Preservation Restriction for this building.
6. Other conditions as deemed necessary and defined with the Community Preservation Act Grant Agreement.

PROJECT BUDGET SUBMITTED WITH APPLICATION (edited)						
FUNDING SOURCES		EXPENSES				
		STUDY	SOFT COSTS*	ACQUISITION	CONSTRUCTION**	TOTAL
1	NEW BEDFORD CPA- REQUESTED				\$255,000	\$255,000
2	General Star Indemnity Company				\$1,284,132	\$1,284,132
3	Fall River Diocese		\$402,630		\$1,385,666	\$1,788,296
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS			\$402,630		\$2,924,798	\$3,327,428
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PROJECT #18

PROJECT TITLE	Underground Railroad Café & Gallery				
PROJECT LOCATION	213 Acushnet Avenue				
APPLICANT/ORGANIZATION	Underground Railroad Café & Gallery LLC				
FUNDING AMOUNT	\$25,000	CPA CATEGORY	Historic Resource	CITY WARD	4

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Underground Railroad Café & Gallery is a contributing historic resource located within the County Street National Register District. Built in 1887, this 2½ story hipped roof structure has long served the Cape Verdean community as a market, soda fountain, grocer, and restaurant. This project recommendation will fund a building envelope assessment and the creation of architectural drawings.

RECOMMENDED FUNDING

On February 15, 2024, by a vote of 7-0, the Community Preservation Committee recommended appropriating **\$3,722 from the Budgeted Reserve fund and \$21,278 from the Fund Balance** for a \$25,000 grant to the Underground Railroad Café & Gallery LLC for the Underground Railroad Café & Gallery project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Community Preservation Act Grant Agreement, and for the overall purposes summarized in this document.

ALIGNMENT WITH FY24 CPA PLAN

This project aligns with the FY24 CPA Plan needs, priorities, and criteria by facilitating the restoration of a significant historic building which is located in a visually prominent location that is an indicator for the future well-being of the neighborhood; has the potential to benefit the community at large; and is a resource of notable and distinctive architecture.

MEASURES OF SUCCESS

The success of this project will be measured by the successful completion of an envelope assessment and the development of architectural drawings and cost estimate.

FUNDING CONDITIONS

1. CPA funds are to be used for a building envelope assessment, creation of architectural drawing specifications, and a preliminary cost estimate by a licensed professional for the property located at 213 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford.
2. Grantee agrees to execute the project complying with the Secretary of the Interior Standards for Rehabilitation.
3. No disbursement of funds may occur until the assessment has begun.
4. Other conditions as deemed necessary and defined within the Community Preservation Act Grant Agreement.

PROJECT BUDGET SUBMITTED WITH APPLICATION (edited)						
FUNDING SOURCES		EXPENSES				
		STUDY	SOFT COSTS*	ACQUISITION	CONSTRUCTION**	TOTAL
1	NEW BEDFORD CPA- REQUESTED				\$45,783	\$45,783
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS					\$45,783	\$45,783
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PROJECT #19

PROJECT TITLE	William H. Carney Lodge #200				
PROJECT LOCATION	293 Cottage Street				
APPLICANT/ORGANIZATION	William H. Carney Lodge #200 I.B.P.O.W.				
FUNDING AMOUNT	\$25,000	CPA CATEGORY	Historic Resource	CITY WARD	4

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The William H. Carney Lodge #200 building was constructed in 1905 as the George E. Macomber's ice cream factory. The Lodge purchased the building in 1973 and it has since served as the cultural, political, and social meeting place within the West End neighborhood where it is located. This project recommendation will fund installation of a roof.

RECOMMENDED FUNDING

On February 15, 2024, by a vote of 7-0, the Community Preservation Committee recommended appropriating **\$25,000 from the Budgeted Reserve fund** for a grant to the William H. Carney Lodge #200 I.B.P.O.W. for the William H. Carney Lodge #200 project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Community Preservation Act Grant Agreement, and for the overall purposes summarized in this document.

ALIGNMENT WITH FY24 CPA PLAN

This project aligns with the FY24 CPA Plan needs, priorities, and criteria by facilitating the restoration of a significant historic building which is located in a visually prominent location that is an indicator for the future well-being of the neighborhood; has the potential to benefit the community at large in terms of historical, social, and cultural value; and addresses urgent repairs needed to the building envelope without which the resource is at risk for significant damage or loss if unaddressed.

MEASURES OF SUCCESS

The success of this project will be measured by the successful installation of a roof.

FUNDING CONDITIONS

1. CPA funds are to be used for roof construction for the property located at 293 Cottage Street, New Bedford.
2. Grantee agrees to execute the project complying with the Secretary of the Interior Standards for Rehabilitation.
3. No disbursement of funds may occur until all necessary permits and approvals have been obtained.
4. Other conditions as deemed necessary and defined within the Community Preservation Act Grant Agreement.

PROJECT BUDGET SUBMITTED WITH APPLICATION (edited)						
FUNDING SOURCES		EXPENSES				
		STUDY	SOFT COSTS*	ACQUISITION	CONSTRUCTION**	TOTAL
1	NEW BEDFORD CPA- REQUESTED	\$20,000			\$84,000	\$104,000
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS		\$20,000			\$84,000	\$104,000
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PROJECT #20

PROJECT TITLE	YMCA Renovation				
PROJECT LOCATION	25 S. Water Street				
APPLICANT/ORGANIZATION	YMCA Southcoast, Inc.				
FUNDING AMOUNT	\$40,000	CPA CATEGORY	Recreation	CITY WARD	4

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The YMCA Southcoast is currently developing a design to renovate the New Bedford facility including the open space/green space along Union Street. Plans to develop this area into a public/private interactive space could enhance Union Street, creating passive and active recreation space, and extend facility programming outside for members, summer camp attendees, and the day care facility. This project recommendation will fund a feasibility study to include detailed landscape architecture designs that will maximize public access and use.

RECOMMENDED FUNDING

On February 15, 2024, by a vote of 7-0, the Community Preservation Committee recommended appropriating **\$40,000 from the Budgeted Reserve Fund** for a grant to YMCA Southcoast, Inc. for the YMCA Renovation project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Community Preservation Act Grant Agreement, and for the overall purposes summarized in this document.

ALIGNMENT WITH FY24 CPA PLAN

This project aligns with the FY24 CPA Plan needs, priorities, and criteria by expanding the range of recreational opportunities for residents of all ages.

MEASURES OF SUCCESS

The success of the project will be measured by the successful completion of the feasibility study.

FUNDING CONDITIONS

1. CPA funds are to be used for the feasibility study for this public recreation project to be located at 25 S. Water Street, New Bedford.
2. Other conditions as deemed necessary and defined within the Community Preservation Act Grant Agreement.

PROJECT BUDGET SUBMITTED WITH APPLICATION						
FUNDING SOURCES		EXPENSES				
		STUDY	SOFT COSTS*	ACQUISITION	CONSTRUCTION**	TOTAL
1	NEW BEDFORD CPA- REQUESTED		\$40,000			\$ 40,000
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS			\$40,000			\$ 40,000
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PROJECT #21

PROJECT TITLE	YWCA Residential Services				
PROJECT LOCATION	549 County Street				
APPLICANT/ORGANIZATION	YWCA Southeastern Massachusetts				
FUNDING AMOUNT	\$102,500	CPA CATEGORY	Historic Resource	CITY WARD	4

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Aldred Kempton House (circa 1850) is a well-preserved Italianate structure located within the County Street Historic National Register District. Originally a single-family home, it was later used as a funeral home then converted into a boarding house. Purchased in February 2023 by the applicant, it is now the YWCA Drayton House and will house 12 low-income women. Each resident will have a fully furnished bedroom and shared common area, kitchen, and bathroom. This project recommendation will fund the installation of an ADA-compliant entrance and the conversion of a residential unit, a bathroom, common area, and kitchen to create an ADA-compliant unit.

RECOMMENDED FUNDING

On February 15, 2024, by a vote of 7-0, the Community Preservation Committee recommended appropriating **\$102,500 from the Budgeted Reserve Fund** for a grant to YWCA Southeastern Massachusetts for the YWCA Residential Services project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Community Preservation Act Grant Agreement, and for the overall purposes summarized in this document.

ALIGNMENT WITH FY24 CPA PLAN

This project aligns with the FY24 CPA Plan needs, priorities, and criteria by preserving this unique, significant, and distinct historic resource located at a pivotal and visually prominent site whose location is an indicator of the future wellbeing of the neighborhood; the building is of notable and distinctive architectural design; and will increase the supply of ADA-compliant housing.

MEASURES OF SUCCESS

The success of this project will be measured by the successful completion of the installation and conversion of the building to create an ADA-compliant unit.

FUNDING CONDITIONS

1. CPA funds are to be used for the addition of handicap access to the building, residential unit, bathroom, and common areas as detailed in the application at the building located at 549 County Street, New Bedford.
2. Grantee agrees to execute the project complying with the Secretary of the Interior Standards for Rehabilitation and secure contractors who have demonstrated experience successfully completing projects to these standards.
3. No disbursement of funds may occur until the project has received all necessary permits and approvals.
4. The Grantee agrees to execute and record a Preservation Restriction for this building.
5. Other conditions as deemed necessary and defined within the Community Preservation Act Grant Agreement.

PROJECT BUDGET SUBMITTED WITH APPLICATION						
FUNDING SOURCES		EXPENSES				
		STUDY	SOFT COSTS*	ACQUISITION	CONSTRUCTION**	TOTAL
1	NEW BEDFORD CPA- REQUESTED				\$102,500	\$102,500
2	Carney Family Charitable Foundation		\$14,000			\$14,000
3	Amelia Peabody Charitable Foundation				\$100,000	\$100,000
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS			\$14,000		\$202,500	\$216,500
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FY24 CPA SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS WITH CPC FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

PROJECT	APPLICANT	REQUEST	CPC RECOMMENDATION	CPA CATEGORY
Boys & Girls Club Playground	Boys & Girls Club of Greater New Bedford	\$35,000	\$35,000	Recreation
Cape Verdean Ultramarine Band and Club	New Cape Verdean Ultramarine Band and Club, Inc.	\$65,250	\$25,000	Historic Resource
Capitol Theater Interior Restoration	CEDC of Southeastern Massachusetts, Inc.	\$300,000	\$250,000	Historic Resource
City Clerk Record Preservation Phase II	City Clerk's Office	\$50,000	\$50,000	Historic Resource
City Wide Signage for Parks	New Bedford Parks Recreation and Beaches	\$322,510	\$275,000	Recreation
Digitization of Maritime Records Phase III	New Bedford Free Public Library	\$13,200	\$13,200	Historic Resource
First Baptist/Steeple Playhouse Restoration	Your Theatre, Inc.	\$61,321	\$60,000	Historic Resource
Howland Family Portrait Conservation	New Bedford Free Public Library	\$65,000	\$65,000	Historic Resource
James Arnold Mansion Mansard, Dormer and Cornice Repair	James Arnold Mansion, Inc.	\$95,000	\$95,000	Historic Resource
Johnson House Electrical System Upgrade	New Bedford Historical Society, Inc.	\$85,000	\$85,000	Historic Resource
New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center Archives Phase II	NB Fishing Heritage Center, Inc.	\$30,000	\$30,000	Historic Resource
New Bedford Superior Courthouse Façade Restoration	Bristol County Commissioners	\$422,972	\$285,000	Historic Resource
Riverside Park Heat Island Relief Project	New Bedford Parks Recreation and Beaches/ Groundwork Southcoast	\$100,000	\$50,800	Recreation
Roberto Clemente Park Improvements	New Bedford Parks Recreation and Beaches	\$186,656	\$185,000	Recreation
Rotch-Jones-Duff House Securing History	Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum, Inc.	\$23,500	\$23,500	Historic Resource
Strand Theater Restoration	Cape Verdean Association in New Bedford, Inc.	\$235,000	\$225,000	Historic Resource
Talbot Apartments Restoration	Community Action for Better Housing, Inc.	\$255,000	\$255,000	Community Housing
Underground Railroad Café and Gallery	Underground Railroad Café and Gallery, LLC	\$45,783	\$25,000	Historic Resource
William H. Carney Lodge #200	William H. Carney Lodge #200	\$104,000	\$25,000	Historic Resource
YMCA Renovation	YMCA Southcoast, Inc.	\$40,000	\$40,000	Recreation
YWCA Residential Services	YWCA Southeastern Massachusetts, Inc.	\$102,500	\$102,500	Historic Resource
Brooklawn Park Pickleball Courts	NB Parks Recreation and Beaches	\$346,064	Not recommended	Recreation