



CITY OF BOSTON • MASSACHUSETTS

MARTIN J. WALSH
MAYOR

April 6, 2020

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an appropriation order in the amount of \$782,392.00 for the administrative and operating expenses of the City of Boston Community Preservation Committee ("CPC") for Fiscal Year 2021, and a further appropriation order in the amount of \$25,517,608.00 from the Community Preservation Fund's ("the Fund") estimated annual revenues for Fiscal Year 2021, to be appropriated and reserved for future appropriation.

The Fund was created upon the adoption of the Community Preservation Act (the "Act") in November 2016 and is funded in part 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. General Laws chapter 44B, § 6, provides that in each fiscal year, the Council shall make annual appropriations from the Fund as it deems necessary for the administrative and operating expenses of the CPC, and such appropriations shall not exceed 5% of the Fund's annual revenues. The Fund's estimated annual revenues for Fiscal Year 2021 are \$26,300,000.00. An appropriation in the amount of \$782,392.00 is therefore requested to fund CPC operations for Fiscal Year 2021, or 3.0% of Fiscal Year 2020 estimated annual revenues.

In addition, in order to appropriate or reserve funds for future spending in Fiscal Year 2021, funds must be appropriated before the tax rate is set for Fiscal Year 2021. Therefore, an appropriation in the amount of \$25,517,608.00 is requested to be appropriated into a budgeted reserve for future recommendation by the CPC and appropriation by City Council consistent with the Act.

I urge your Honorable Body to pass these orders expeditiously so that the CPC may fund its operations for Fiscal Year 2021 and may make recommendations to the Council for expenditures from the Fund in Fiscal Year 2021.

Sincerely,

Martin J. Walsh
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 meet the administrative and operating expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021, the amount of SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND NINETY TWO AND DOLLARS ZERO CENTS (\$782,392.00) be appropriated from the Fiscal Year 2021 Community Preservation Fund annual revenues.

AND FURTHER ORDERED: That the sum of TWENTY-FIVE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND EIGHT DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$25,517,608.00) be appropriated and reserved from the Fiscal Year 2021 Community Preservation Fund annual revenues for further appropriation upon the recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT
THE FOREGOING, IF PASSED IN
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW

BY


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