



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

March 10, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an appropriation order in the total amount of **THIRTY-EIGHT MILLION, ONE HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHT THOUSAND, AND FIFTY-TWO DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$38,148,052)** from Fiscal Year 2025 community preservation fund revenues for community preservation projects at the recommendation of the City of Boston Community Preservation Committee ("CPC").

The Fund was created upon the adoption of the Community Preservation Act, Massachusetts General Laws chapter 44B, (the "Act") in November 2016 and is funded by the 1% property tax-based surcharge on residential and business property tax bills that took effect in July 2017 and an annual state distribution from the Massachusetts Community Preservation Trust Fund. Section 5 of the Act provides that in each fiscal year, upon receiving recommendations from the Community Preservation Committee, the City Council shall take action and approve such appropriations from the Community Preservation Fund in order to implement the recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee.

The Community Preservation Committee is recommending the following allocations: \$19,074,026 for affordable housing projects, \$9,537,013 for historic preservation projects, and \$9,537,013 for open space and recreational use projects. Since the adoption of the Community Preservation Act, over \$192 million has been awarded to 345 projects across every neighborhood in the City of Boston. With your approval of this appropriation request, we will have allocated over \$230 million to 397 projects since the first funding round in 2018. Since 2018, only eighteen awarded projects have been withdrawn, resulting in more than \$5 million being returned to the reserve for future projects.

The upcoming projects aim to enhance the quality of life in Boston neighborhoods. These include renovating playgrounds and improving and creating recreational spaces such as parks, community gardens, and urban farms. Additionally, these projects will help restore open spaces, plant trees to expand the city's tree canopy, preserve historic buildings, support a program for affordable first-time homebuyers, and construct affordable housing units for Boston residents. Each of these projects is anticipated to have a positive impact on the neighborhoods and communities of Boston. I strongly urge your Honorable Body to pass this order promptly, enabling the Community Preservation Committee to fund essential projects related to affordable housing, historic preservation, recreational use, and open spaces in the City of Boston before the end of Fiscal Year 2025.



Sincerely,

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

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDERED: That, upon the recommendation of the City of Boston Community Preservation Committee and in order to undertake community preservation projects with Community Preservation Fund revenues for Fiscal Year 2025, 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 2025.

Appropriations

Affordable Housing - 7 Projects

<u>NEIGHBORHOOD</u>	<u>PROJECT NAME</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED AMOUNT</u>
Allston-Brighton	65 Seattle St	City of Boston Mayor's Office of Housing	\$3,000,000
Chinatown	50 Herald Street	City of Boston Mayor's Office of Housing	\$2,500,000
Dorchester	555-559 Columbia Road	City of Boston Mayor's Office of Housing	\$2,000,000
Fenway-Kenmore	112 Queensberry Street	City of Boston Mayor's Office of Housing	\$1,500,000
Mattapan	Olmsted Village Russell House	City of Boston Mayor's Office of Housing	\$3,500,000
Roxbury	75 & 86 Marcella St	City of Boston Mayor's Office of Housing	\$2,974,026
Roxbury	Mission Hill Homeownership	City of Boston Mayor's Office of Housing	\$3,600,000
		TOTAL	\$19,074,026

Historic Preservation - 27 Projects

<u>NEIGHBORHOOD</u>	<u>PROJECT NAME</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED AMOUNT</u>
Allston-Brighton	Presentation School Community Center	Presentation School Foundation	\$435,024
Back Bay	Church of the Covenant	Church of the Covenant	\$550,000
Back Bay	Arlington Street Church Restoration	Arlington Street Church	\$527,000
Beacon Hill	127 Mount Vernon - Hill House	The Hill House Inc.	\$74,184
Beacon Hill	Beacon Hill Friends' House	Beacon Hill Friends House Inc.	\$491,018
Boston Harbor	Boston Harbor Islands Archaeological Climate Action Plan	City of Boston Office of Historic Preservation	\$150,000
Charlestown	Charlestown 250 Archaeology Project	City of Boston Office of Historic Preservation	\$90,000
Chinatown	Chinatown Immigrant Heritage Center	Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association of New England	\$296,428
Citywide	Elma Lewis Black Arts Movement Preservation Project	Northeastern University	\$443,534
Citywide	The West Ender: Digital Preservation	The West End Museum, Incorporated	\$2,294
Dorchester	Lemuel Clap House	Dorchester Historical Society	\$91,300
Dorchester	Unity Sports And Cultural Club	Unity Sports & Cultural Club, Inc.	\$174,570
Dorchester	WBL Artist Collective Inc	WBL Artist Collective Inc.	\$314,353
Dorchester	Second Church in Dorchester Restoration	Second Church in Dorchester, A Church of the Nazarene	\$289,000
Dorchester	First Parish Dorchester Porch Restoration	First Parish Church in Dorchester	\$235,797
Dorchester	Greater Love Tabernacle	Greater Love Tabernacle	\$281,893
Fenway-Kenmore	Ruggles Baptist Church-Phase 2	The Ruggles Street Baptist Church	\$539,000
Hyde Park	Hyde Park SDA Church Handicap Ramp	Hyde Park Seventh Day Adventist Church	\$100,430

Jamaica Plain	First Church Masonry Stabilization	First Congregational Society of Jamaica Plain	\$550,000
Jamaica Plain	St. John's Episcopal Church	St. John's Church	\$457,771
Mission Hill	Mission Grammar School	Our Lady of Perpetual Help School	\$406,842
North End	Sacred Heart Italian Church Facade Repair	ST Leonards Of Port Maurice Parish	\$508,555
Roxbury	Children's Services of Roxbury Headquarters Renovations	Children's Services of Roxbury, Inc.	\$357,500
Roxbury	St James African Orthodox Church	Roxbury Action Program	\$550,000
Roxbury	Edward Everett Hale House	Bennu Arts, LLC	\$564,850
Roxbury	Christ Temple Chapel Restoration & Window Repair	Christ Temple Church of Personal Experience	\$660,000
West End	Old West Church Accessibility	Old West Church United Methodist	\$395,670
		TOTAL	\$9,537,013

Open Space and Recreational Use - 18 Projects

<u>NEIGHBORHOOD</u>	<u>PROJECT NAME</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED AMOUNT</u>
Allston-Brighton	McKinney Playground (BPRD)	Boston Parks and Recreation Department	\$187,000
Boston Harbor	Camp Harbor View Shade Structure	Camp Harbor View Foundation, Inc.	\$162,800
Citywide	Boston Open Space Acquisition Fund (BPRD)	Boston Parks and Recreation Department	\$743,340
Dorchester	Dorchester Youth Fieldhouse Outdoor Recreational Space	Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester, Inc.	\$750,000
Dorchester	Holmes Innovation Schoolyard Improvements Phase 2 (BPS)	Boston Public Schools	\$1,866,741

Dorchester	Harambee Park Path Connection (BPRD)	Boston Parks and Recreation Department	\$465,148
Jamaica Plain	Egleston Square Peace Garden (BPRD)	Boston Parks and Recreation Department	\$703,019
Mattapan	150 River Street Garden	Planning Office for Urban Affairs, Inc.	\$161,434
Mission Hill	Mission Hill Pathway (MOH)	Mayor's Office of Housing	\$353,071
Roxbury	8 Townsend St. Community Garden	Garrison-Trotter Neighborhood Association, Inc.	\$201,300
Roxbury	Alma Wright Zen Garden	Boston Planning Department and Garrison-Trotter Neighborhood Association, Inc.	\$175,000
Roxbury	MLK Towers Recreational Space	Boston Public Housing Corporation, an affiliate of Boston Housing Authority	\$869,660
Roxbury	Children's Services Outdoor Recreational Space	Children's Services of Roxbury, Inc.	\$751,300
Roxbury	Amory Greene	Urban Edge Housing Corporation	\$330,000
South End	Crite Park Phase 3 (PWD)	Boston Public Works Department	\$332,247
South End	Hurley K-8 School Playground Renovation (BPS)	Boston Public Schools	\$982,649
South End	Dartmouth Green Pocket Park Renovation	Trustees of Reservations	\$172,304
West Roxbury	Sophia Snow Place Restorative Garden - Phase 3	Roxbury Home for Aged Women	\$330,000
		TOTAL	\$9,537,013

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

BY 
ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL kmw