



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

April 06, 2026

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an appropriation order in the amount of \$1,763,090.00 for the administrative and operating expenses of the City of Boston Community Preservation Committee (“CPC”) for Fiscal Year 2027, and a further appropriation order in the amount of \$39,587,798.00 from the Community Preservation Fund’s (“the Fund”) estimated annual revenues for Fiscal Year 2027, 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 2027 are \$41,350,888.00. An appropriation in the amount of \$1,763,090.00 is therefore requested to fund CPC operations for Fiscal Year 2027, or 4.3% of Fiscal Year 2027 estimated annual revenues.

In addition, in order to appropriate or reserve funds for future spending in Fiscal Year 2027, funds must be appropriated before the tax rate is set for Fiscal Year 2027. Therefore, an appropriation in the amount of \$39,587,798.00 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 2027 and may make recommendations to the Council for expenditures from the Fund in Fiscal Year 2027.


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 meet the administrative and operating expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the amount of ONE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE THOUSAND NINETY DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$1,763,090.00) be appropriated from the Fiscal Year 2027 Community Preservation Fund annual revenues; and be it

FURTHER ORDERED: That the sum of THIRTY-NINE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$39,587,798.00) be appropriated and reserved from the Fiscal Year 2027 Community Preservation Fund annual revenues for further appropriation upon the recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY
THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.**
BY  **MICHAEL FIRESTONE**
CORPORATION COUNSEL 3/31/26