



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE



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COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR City Hall Clock Tower Restoration

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City of Somerville Capital Projects Division requests funds for repair to the clocktower and roof of Somerville City Hall. The project will restore damage caused by severe thunderstorms in October, 2023, and will stabilize the roof envelope to prevent deterioration before implementing the Building Master Plan which describes substantial restoration of City Hall. The project will comply with the Secretary of Interior Standards for Historic Preservation and will support proposed improvements for durability and energy efficiency.

ELIGIBILITY

Historic Resources: This project would preserve and restore a historic building.

RECOMMENDATION

On January 24, 2024 by a vote of 9-0, the Community Preservation Committee recommended that \$280,010 be appropriated from the Undesignated Fund to the Historic Preservation Reserve.

The Community Preservation Committee further recommended by a vote of 9-0 that the City of Somerville be awarded \$509,402 of Community Preservation Act funds from the Historic Preservation Reserve and \$140,548 from the Budgeted Reserve to make repairs to the clocktower and roof of City Hall, as described in their FY24 funding application.

Category: Historic Preservation	Recommended Funding Source	Amount
City Hall Clock Tower Restoration	Historic Preservation Reserve	\$509,402
	Budgeted Reserve	\$140,548
	Total	\$650,000

FUNDING CONDITIONS

1. The CPA-funded portion of the project must be initiated within three years unless extension is granted by the CPC.
2. CPA funds will be used only for CPA eligible expenses related to the preservation of historic elements of the City Hall cupola and slate roof with approval of the Historic Preservation Commission.
3. A permanent sign noting CPA funding will be installed at the completion of the project and a temporary sign during construction.
4. Unspent funds will be returned to the CPA fund.

DOCUMENTATION

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qBbM0ALRsZSlx6OUXh02bjmndTEW_ac0/view?usp=drive_link