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COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR Kennedy Schoolyard Design

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The request is for additional funds to supplement a project previously granted CPA funds in FY19. The City of Somerville will develop a new playground landscape plan for the front playground located at Sartwell and Cherry. The design services will explore the feasibility of creating a more modern playground with more accessible elements to be used by all children. The new design will be developed in collaboration with the Kennedy School staff, parent groups, and the local community. It is anticipated that the new layout will incorporate space for active recreation, elements to facilitate less structured play, age-appropriate play structures, new tree plantings, green spaces, outdoor classrooms, and quiet areas for student social interaction. Including the FY19 grant, the total budget for the design project is \$100,000.

ELIGIBILITY

Open Space/Recreation: This project would rehabilitate land for recreational use.

RECOMMENDATION

On December 13, 2023 by a vote of 9-0-0, the Community Preservation Committee recommended approval to City Council that the City of Somerville OSPCD Division of Public Space and Urban Forestry be awarded \$35,000 of Community Preservation Act funds for design of a new schoolyard for the Kennedy School, as described in their funding request Memorandum, from the following account:

Category: Open Space/Recreation	Recommended Funding Source	Amount
Kennedy Schoolyard	Open Space Reserve	\$35,000
	Total	\$35,000

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.
3. A permanent sign must be installed noting CPA funding at the completion of the project and a temporary sign during construction.
4. Unspent funds will be returned to the CPA fund.

DOCUMENTATION

- [FY19 Application Kennedy Schoolyard](#)
- [FY 24 Kennedy Schoolyard Additional Funding Request Memorandum](#)