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### COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR Somerville Museum FY22: Historic Collections Storage Renovation

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Somerville Museum requests CPA funds to complete the design and renovation of the museum's collection storage areas. Currently the museum's historic art and artifacts are in storage in a warehouse off site while the elevator installation and other renovations take place. To enable the collections to be returned to the museum, the storage areas must be renovated to provide for climate control, flood protection, and space optimization, and to upgrade electrical circuitry, lighting, and storage furniture.

#### ELIGIBILITY

*Historic Resources:* This project would rehabilitate a historic building, enabling it to be used for its intended purpose.

#### RECOMMENDATION

On November 17, 2021 by a vote of 8-0-0 the Community Preservation Committee recommended approval to City Council that the Somerville Museum be awarded \$157,352 of Community Preservation Act funds for rehabilitation of its collection storage area, as described in their application presented in October, 2021 from the following accounts:

Category: Historic Preservation	Recommended Funding Source	Amount
Grace Baptist Church Historic Preservation Improvements FY22	Historic Preservation Reserve	\$157,352

#### FUNDING CONDITIONS

- Where relevant, improvements must be compliant with ADA and MAAB regulations.
- Upon commencement of the Project and as appropriate, the Somerville Museum will post a sign stating that the Project was funded through the City of Somerville's Community Preservation Act program.

## ALIGNMENT WITH COMMUNITY NEEDS

The Somerville Museum serves Somerville residents, as well as school students, researchers, artists, musicians, historians, and cultural organizations throughout the city. The project will enable the museum to continue to provide educational programming, community gathering space, and awareness of Somerville history in a building which is currently undergoing accessibility improvements including the installation of an elevator, which are also partly funded with previously awarded CPA funds.

## PROJECT BUDGET AND SCOPE

CPA Expenses	Amount
Construction	\$157,352
Soft Costs and Supplies	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$157,352</b>
Sources	
CPA funds	\$157,352
Private Donations and Grants	\$285,944
In-kind Contributions and Indirect Costs	\$81,499
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$542,795</b>

## MEASURES OF SUCCESS

The goals of this project are to:

- Create a functional storage room that provides adequate conservation conditions and collections access in accordance with criteria established by the International Center for the Study of Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property

***The full original proposal is available at:***

<https://s3.amazonaws.com/ifa.somervillema.gov/documents/cpa/somerville-museum-cpa-fy22-application-final-1.pdf>