

SOMERVILLE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND (SAHTF) – SELECTED SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY
FOR ACTIVITIES DURING 3rd CALENDAR YEAR QUARTER, 2018 (JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER 2018)

At the request of the City Council's appointee to the SAHTF, Trust staff prepare the information below summarizing actions taken at Trust meetings on a quarterly basis, in an effort to keep City Council members and the public abreast of Trust activity over the course of the year.

July 2018

Tenancy Stabilization Program – Trustees approved a request from Just-a-Start Inc. for \$60,000 in additional Trust funds to continue operating the Tenancy Stabilization Program during their existing contract term. In addition to demand from lower-income households that the program targets, Just-a-Start had also seen a high level of demand for move-in assistance from income-eligible households moving in to inclusionary units.

Community Preservation Act (CPA) Housing Development RFP proposal – Trustees approved a request from the Somerville Community Corporation for \$171,000 of CPA funds to support acquisition of 31-35 Richardson Street, which will create two units of affordable housing as well as open space.

Community Preservation Act (CPA) Housing Support Programs RFP proposals – Trustees approved four requests from the following housing program providers to make rental housing affordable for low and very low income households in Somerville and to prevent homelessness. Total CPA funds awarded for the four housing programs was \$373,984. Two of the funding awards are for renewing programs and two are for new programs.

- Somerville Homeless Coalition – CPA PASS Expansion: Prevention and Stabilization Services: \$199,952 to support two-years of rental subsidy for Somerville households at risk of homelessness, or in transition out of emergency shelter system into apartments. The program is designed to work with Somerville residents experiencing a housing crisis (for instance, burdensome rental increases and/or losses in income) to allow them to remain in the City (renewing program).
- Somerville Homeless Coalition – Leasing Differential Program: \$65,523 to provide rent assistance on behalf of formerly homeless households at scattered sites around Somerville. Assistance helps to fill the gap between HUD-funded rental payments and market-rate rents (renewing program).
- Heading Home – Somerville Better Homes 3, Permanent Supportive Housing Program: \$45,000 to provide rent assistance on behalf of formerly homeless households at scattered sites around Somerville. Assistance helps to fill gap between HUD-funded rental payments and market-rate rents (new program).
- Community Action Agency of Somerville – Homelessness Prevention Assistance Fund: \$50,000 to provide assistance to households at risk of homelessness in the form of grants and loans to cover first and last month's rent, security deposits and/or rental arrears (new program).

August 2018

SHA Director Designee to the Trust – Somerville Housing Authority (SHA) Senior Housing Manager Kathryn Gallant was sworn in as the Trustee designated by the Executive Director of the SHA.

September 2018

Trust Semi-Annual Report to the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) – Trust staff from the OSPCD-Housing Division submitted a semi-annual report on Trust activities to the CPC including updates on the FY18 CPA Housing Program Funding Awards from June 2018. The report also summarized 100 Homes Initiative activity noting that SCC had completed acquisition of 48 units of the 100 that was set as the program's initial affordable unit production goal.