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### COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR Elizabeth Peabody House FY22: 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Reinforcement Design

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Elizabeth Peabody House requests CPA funds for continued preservation of the historic building in which its programs are housed. A building assessment in 2019 (prepared with CPA funds) found that the second floor does not meet the State Building Code for assembly spaces. Strengthening the beam under the second floor will increase the currently limited occupancy capacity, enabling EPH to utilize this space for its programs. The funds requested in FY22 will cover the cost of architectural drawings, structural reports, and inspections in order to move forward with future renovations.

#### ELIGIBILITY

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

#### RECOMMENDATION

On November 17, 2021 by a vote of 8-0-0 the Community Preservation Committee recommended that Elizabeth Peabody House be awarded \$30,000 of Community Preservation Act funds for design to enable the reinforcement of the second floor of its building, as described in their application presented in October, 2021 from the following accounts:

Category: Historic Preservation	Recommended Funding Source	Amount
Elizabeth Peabody House FY22: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Reinforcement Design	Historic Preservation Reserve	\$30,000

#### FUNDING CONDITIONS

- The design must be in compliance with the Secretary of Interior Standards for Historic Preservation.
- ADA and MAAB regulations must be considered in all construction plans.

## ALIGNMENT WITH COMMUNITY NEEDS

The Elizabeth Peabody House is Winter Hill non-profit that serves a range of urgent community needs including food, childcare, and gathering space for community activities. Continuing upon work funded through previous CPA grants, the project will help to preserve the historic building and ensure that the building can continue to house the organization's programs and services.

## PROJECT BUDGET AND SCOPE

CPA Expenses	Amount
Design	\$30,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>
Sources	
CPA funds	\$30,000
Other	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>

## MEASURES OF SUCCESS

The goals of this project are to:

- Assemble a team of architects, structural engineers, contractors, and other necessary personnel to complete the work.
- Work with the team to conduct all surveys and reports.
- Compile a comprehensive design plan for securing the second floor, including architectural drawings, structural evaluations, and a timeline for future construction.

*The full original proposal is available at:*

<https://s3.amazonaws.com/ifa.somervillema.gov/documents/cpa/fy22-cpa-application-elizabeth-peabody-house-1.pdf>