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COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE FY17 FUNDING RECOMMENDATION FOR *GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH RESTORATION, SOMERVILLE HISPANIC ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT*

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Somerville Hispanic Association for Community Development will rehabilitate the roof of the historic Grace Baptist Church. The building is home to the association and the food pantry it runs, a family homeless shelter, a day care and two religious congregations that rent the use of the sanctuary space from the association.

ELIGIBILITY

Historic resources: This project will rehabilitate and restore the historic Grace Baptist Church, a local historic district.

RECOMMENDED FUNDING- PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION

On February 22, 2017 by a vote of 5-0 the Community Preservation Committee recommended appropriating \$350,000 for this project- \$339,758 from the historic resources reserve and \$10,242 from the undesignated CPA fund balance to the control of the Somerville Hispanic Association for Community Development for the overall purposes summarized in this document.

Project Budget

Expenses	Amount
Study	\$0
Soft costs	\$191,027
Construction	\$467,644
Total	\$658,671
Sources	
CPA historic resources funds- requested	\$553,378
Other sources- secured (seeking funding from MPPF, CDBG)	\$0
Total	\$553,378

ALIGNMENT WITH FY17 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PLAN

The Community Preservation Plan prioritizes historic resources projects that address crucial, longstanding needs in Somerville's historic landmarks and properties, especially those at risk. The Grace

Baptist Church building is currently facing water infiltration and has other challenges that put the building at risk.

FUNDING CONDITIONS

1. The Somerville Hispanic Association for Community Development must receive all necessary approvals and permits for this project, including from the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board, the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission, and the Inspectional Services Division.
2. The Somerville Hispanic Association for Community Development agrees to execute and record a perpetual preservation restriction on its property, the historic Grace Baptist Church.
3. Upon commencement of the Project and as appropriate, the Somerville Hispanic Association for Community Development agrees to post a sign stating that the Project was funding through the City of Somerville's Community Preservation Act program.

MEASURES OF SUCCESS

The goal for this project is to bring the beautiful Romanesque building back to its original grandeur.

Success will be measured by:

- Successful final inspection
- Successful close out with contractors

The full proposal is available at: <http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/community-preservation-act/2017-cpa-projects> .