



City of Somerville

Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDATION FOR Veterans Cemetery FY26 Restoration

Project Description

The City of Somerville Department of Veterans' Services requests funding to restore the Veterans Memorial Cemetery and veterans monuments located throughout the city, implementing the recommendations of a preservation conservator who prepared a treatment plan for the appropriate preservation and restoration of monuments which honor Somerville residents who have served the country over many wars.

Eligibility

Historic Resources: This project would preserve monuments which were found by the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission to be significant to the history of Somerville.

Recommendation

On January 28, 2026 by a vote of 9-0, the Community Preservation Committee recommended that \$237,250 be appropriated from the Community Preservation Act Undesignated Fund Balance to the Historic Preservation Reserve.

Further, by a vote of 8-0 (with one member unavailable), the Community Preservation Committee recommended to City Council that the Department of Veterans' Services be awarded \$306,250, of Community Preservation Act funds from the Historic Preservation Reserve to restore the Veterans Memorial Cemetery and veterans monuments.

Funding Conditions

The project will follow the General Conditions outlined in a Memorandum of Agreement with the responsible department. Project-specific conditions include the following:

- The Grantee will consent to general conditions provided in the Memorandum of Agreement, which shall include a provision to ensure long-term preservation of the historic assets.
- The Veterans' Department will coordinate with PSUF for the preservation of the Veterans Cemetery and monuments in City parks, and with DCR for monuments located on property under DCR's jurisdiction.

The full original proposal is available at:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1S5jSKtRphmC-EAOH10oA8XZBGSmjVvHg/view?usp=drive_link