



# CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE



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## COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE FY21 REAPPROPRIATION FUNDING RECOMMENDATION FOR COLLECTION CARE, SOMERVILLE MUSEUM

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Somerville Museum informed the CPC that around January 29th, their contractors, Stack Design Build, hit a stone ledge while drilling beneath the Museum’s Westwood Road porch. The scope of the Collection Care project will be amended to allow for CPA funds to be used exclusively for the elevator construction project.

### ELIGIBILITY

*Historic resources:* The Somerville Museum is a local historic district and is currently not ADA accessible.

### RECOMMENDED FUNDING

On February 24, 2021 by a vote of 7-1 the Community Preservation Committee recommended reappropriating \$87,114 awarded to the Somerville Museum for Collection Care, to the elevator construction project to construct an elevator addition.

### Project Budget

*Recommended funding amount:*

Expenses	Amount
Study	\$0
Soft costs	\$0
Construction	\$87,114
<b>Total</b>	\$87,114
<b>Sources</b>	
CPA historic resources funds- <b>requested</b>	\$100,608
Capital Campaign Contribution	\$ 535,000
<b>Total</b>	\$635,608

### **ALIGNMENT WITH FY21 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PLAN**

The Somerville Museum collections and the interior of the building cannot currently be enjoyed by all Somerville residents because the building is not currently ADA accessible.

### **FUNDING CONDITIONS**

1. Execution, and recording, of an historic preservation restriction, which includes a provision for public access, that was required by the FY15 CPA grant.
2. Upon commencement of the Project and as appropriate, the Somerville Museum agrees to post a sign stating that the Project was funded through the City of Somerville's Community Preservation Act program.
3. CPA funds will only go towards the construction of the elevator addition.

### **MEASURES OF SUCCESS**

The goal of this project is to make the Somerville Museum building, events, exhibitions, and other cultural offerings accessible to all.

The success of the ADA project will be physically evident when visitors in wheelchairs are able to access the building's cultural events and with the increased number of public organizations that can hold their cultural events at the Museum. Once the Palladian window is installed as described, it will be a success.

*The full proposal is available at: <https://www.somervillema.gov/cpa>*