



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE



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COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE FY19 FUNDING RECOMMENDATION FOR SOMERVILLE MUSEUM: COLLECTION PRESERVATION, SOMERVILLE MUSEUM

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Somerville Museum will make climate control improvements, improve fire safety systems, and remediate mold in the building in order to protect its historic Museum collection.

ELIGIBILITY

Historic resources: The Somerville Museum is a local historic district and its collections have been determined to be historically significant by the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission.

RECOMMENDED FUNDING

On December 11, 2018 by a vote of 6-0 the Community Preservation Committee recommended appropriating \$100,000 for this project from the historic resources reserve budget to the control of the Somerville Museum for the overall purposes summarized in this document.

Project Budget

Recommended funding amount:

Expenses	Amount
Study	\$0
Soft costs	\$321,766
Construction	\$0
Total	\$321,766
Sources	
CPA historic resources funds- requested	\$137,283
Institute of Museum and Library Services (application to be submitted)	\$160,883
Somerville Museum (in-kind)	\$23,600
Total	\$321,766

ALIGNMENT WITH FY19 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PLAN

The Somerville Museum collections are at risk of being lost as a result of the poor climate conditions in the basement, where they are stored.

FUNDING CONDITIONS

1. Execution, and recording, of an historic preservation restriction, including a public access agreement, that was required by the FY15 CPA grant.

MEASURES OF SUCCESS

The goal of this project is to provide greater use of the collections by the public.

Success will be measured through timely completion of the project and lack of mold found on collection items after packing has occurred.

The full proposal is available at: <https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/community-preservation-act/2019-cpa-projects>