



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE



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COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR Somerville Museum FY24 Storage Renovation Increased Funds #2

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

For the second time, the Somerville Museum requests additional funds to close a budget gap for the CPA-funded Collections Storage Renovation project. As the project nears completion, additional change-orders and an unforeseen requirement to restore basement-level windows have resulted in further increases in the cost of renovating the museum’s storage area, beyond previous CPA grants and the funding they have been able to raise from other sources. A previous request for increased funds in July of 2023 underestimated the full cost to close out the project. Somerville Museum has requested a second round of additional CPA funds to complete the building renovations.

ELIGIBILITY

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

RECOMMENDATION

On September 27, 2023 by a vote of 8-0, the Community Preservation Committee recommended approval to City Council that Somerville Museum be awarded \$67,478 of Community Preservation Act funds to complete the renovation of their collection storage area, as described in their FY22 funding application from the following account:

Category: Historic Preservation	Recommended Funding Source	Amount
Somerville Museum FY24 Storage Renovation Increased Funds #2	Historic Preservation Reserve	\$67,478
	Total	\$67,478

FUNDING CONDITIONS

1. The CPA-funded portion of the project must be initiated within three years unless extension is granted by the CPC.
2. CPA funds will be used only for CPA eligible expenses.
3. The Somerville Museum will install a permanent sign noting CPA funding at the completion of the project and a temporary sign during construction.
4. Unspent funds will be returned to the CPA fund.

DOCUMENTATION

- [FY24 Off-Cycle Funding Request #2](#)
- [FY24 Off-Cycle Funding Request #1](#)
- [FY 22 Application](#)
- [FY22 Off-Cycle Application](#)