



# CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE



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## COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE FY20 FUNDING RECOMMENDATION FOR ELEVATOR FUNDING REQUEST, SOMERVILLE MUSEUM

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Somerville Museum will construct an elevator, the design of which has been approved by the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board and the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission.

### ELIGIBILITY

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

### RECOMMENDED FUNDING

On November, 2019 by a vote of 9-0 the Community Preservation Committee recommended appropriating \$73,518 from the historic resources reserve budget and \$131,918 from the budgeted reserve for a total of \$205,436, to the control of the Somerville Museum for the overall purposes summarized in this document.

### Project Budget

*Recommended funding amount:*

<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Study	\$0
Soft costs	\$165,589
Construction	\$1,422,959
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,588,548</b>
<b>Sources</b>	
CPA historic resources funds- <b>requested</b>	\$292,737
CPA FY20 Emergency funds	\$300,000
Wallace Foundation	\$22,684
Mass. Cultural Facilities Fund	\$40,000
CPA FY15 grant funds	\$17,710
CPA FY16 grant funds	\$327,573
MCFE FY20	\$250,000
Charitable Donations	\$300,000
Museum Indirect Costs	\$37,844
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,588,548</b>

## **ALIGNMENT WITH FY20 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 public access agreement, 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 costs directly related to the construction of the elevator.

## **MEASURES OF SUCCESS**

The goal of this project is to make the Somerville Museum building, events, exhibitions, and other cultural offerings accessible to all. In addition, the project will install the Palladian window removed in 1986 from the Westwood Road entrance to the West façade of the building as required by a Massachusetts Historical Commission deed restriction.

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/departments/community-preservation-act/2020-cpa-projects>*