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COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR Grace Baptist Church FY26 Historic Preservation Improvements

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Somerville Hispanic Association for Community Development (SHA4CD) requests CPA funds for continued preservation of the historic Grace Baptist Church, 59 Cross Street, in which its programs are housed. The funds requested in FY26 will substantially complete the weatherproofing and stabilization of the building's exterior, including window restoration; gutters, and repointing of deteriorated masonry.

ELIGIBILITY

Historic Resources: This project would preserve and rehabilitate a historic building.

RECOMMENDATION

On 12/29/25 by a vote of 5-0, the Community Preservation Committee recommended approval to City Council that the Somerville Hispanic Association for Community Development be awarded \$480,000 of Community Preservation Act funds from the Budgeted Reserve to continue the preservation of the former Grace Baptist Church, as described in their FY26 application.

FUNDING CONDITIONS

The project will follow the General Conditions outlined in a Grant Agreement between the City and the Grantee. No project-specific conditions apply to this project.

The full original proposal is available at:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1onv8SACMHIcc8xrvLbJ_Z5vYfQEXnhIE/view?usp=drive_link