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**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE FY16 FUNDING RECOMMENDATION FOR
*SOMERVILLE MUSEUM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 5, SOMERVILLE MUSEUM***

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project will provide resources for the Somerville Museum to become ADA compliant and care for its historic collections. This will include building an elevator to meet ADA requirements, reinstalling the Museum’s original Palladian window that was removed in 1986 per a deed restriction with the Massachusetts Historical Society, upgrading security systems, inventorying the museums holdings, and planning for Phase 6 of the Museum’s strategic plan.

ELIGIBILITY

Historic resources: This project will preserve, rehabilitate and restore historic resources. The Museum is working with the Historic Preservation Commission and the Massachusetts Historical Commission to ensure the project adheres to the US Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation. The HPC determined both the Somerville Museum and its collections are of historical significance. The Museum building is also a local historic district.

RECOMMENDED FUNDING

On March 23, 2016 by a vote of 6-0 the Community Preservation Committee recommended appropriating \$423,480 for this project: \$329,973 from the historic resources reserve budget and \$93,507 from the undesignated fund balance to the control of the Somerville Museum for the overall purposes summarized in this document.

Project Budget

Expenses	Amount
Soft costs	\$385,766
Construction	\$288,803
Total	\$674,569
Sources	
CPA historic resources funds- requested	\$423,480
Wallace Foundation	\$67,219
MCFE	\$40,000
Repurposed CPA FY 15 funds for wheelchair lift	\$24,970
Match in-kind	\$118,900
Total	\$674,569

ALIGNMENT WITH FY16 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PLAN

The Community Preservation Plan prioritizes historic resources projects that address crucial, longstanding needs in Somerville's historic landmarks and properties, especially those at risk. The project will improve the accessibility of all three floors of the Museum for all members of the community to bring the building into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The project will also protect the historic collections through upgrades in security and a collection inventory and will work with Peter Quinn Architects to plan for the next phase of collection care. This includes proper storage, access and climate control of historic collections.

FUNDING CONDITIONS

1. The Somerville Museum must secure all necessary permits and approvals from the Historic Preservation Commission, Massachusetts Historical Commission, the Planning Board and all other necessary approvals for the project before funds are disbursed.
2. Upon commencement of the Project and as appropriate, the Grantee agrees to post a sign stating that the Project was funded through the City of Somerville's Community Preservation Act program.

The full proposal is available at: <http://www.somervillema.gov/cpa/projects/2016>