



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE



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COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE FY21 FUNDING RECOMMENDATION FOR *WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION CARVED WOOD BAS-RELIEF RESTORATION PROJECT, SOMERVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY*

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Somerville Public Library will hire a conservator to restore the wood bas-relief in the Central Library carved by a local artist through the Works Progress Administration program in 1939. The Library will also hire a skilled firm to install the carving in a safer, more prominent location in the Central Library

ELIGIBILITY

Historic resources: The bas-relief was determined to be historically significant by the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission.

RECOMMENDED FUNDING

On November 18, 2020 by a vote of 9-0 the Community Preservation Committee recommended appropriating \$3,500 for this project from the historic resources reserve budget to the control of the Somerville Public Library for the overall purposes summarized in this document.

Project Budget

Recommended funding amount:

Expenses	Amount
Study	\$0
Soft costs	\$3,500
Construction	\$0
Total	\$3,500
Sources	
CPA historic resources funds- requested	\$3,500
Other sources	\$0
Total	\$3,500

ALIGNMENT WITH FY21 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PLAN

The bas-relief is currently resting on a floor in a hallway where it is damaged by book carts and other objects. This project would both restore the carving as well as relocate it to a location with greater prominence that is also more protected.

FUNDING CONDITIONS

1. The Somerville Public Library will post a permanent sign noting CPA funding for the restoration of the bas-relief.

MEASURES OF SUCCESS

The goal of the project is to return the bas-relief to as close as possible to its original condition.

Success will be measured by the repair of all visible surface damage to the bas-relief.

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