



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE



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COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE FY19 FUNDING RECOMMENDATION FOR *GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, SOMERVILLE HISPANIC ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT*

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Somerville Hispanic Association for Community Development will repair the existing slate roof surfaces and related flashing and brick masonry. SHA4CD will also create a new accessible ramp from the sidewalk to the building.

ELIGIBILITY

Historic resources: The Somerville Hispanic Association for Community Development operates out of the historic Grace Baptist Church, a local historic district.

RECOMMENDED FUNDING

On December 11, 2018 by a vote of 6-0 the Community Preservation Committee recommended appropriating \$500,000 for this project, \$184,215 from the historic resources reserve budget and \$315,785 from the budgeted reserve, to the control of the Somerville Hispanic Association for Community Development for the overall purposes summarized in this document.

Project Budget

Expenses	Amount
Study	\$0
Soft costs	\$83,100
Construction	\$554,000
Total	\$637,100
Sources	
CPA historic resources funds- requested	\$637,100
Other sources	\$0
Total	\$637,100

ALIGNMENT WITH FY19 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PLAN

The Grace Baptist Church building is home to the SHA4CD food pantry, a bilingual day care that accepts vouchers, and a family homeless shelter. SHA4CD received a \$50,000 grant from the Massachusetts Historic Commission during the first phase of the project and is seeking a second grant for the second phase.

FUNDING CONDITIONS

1. Execution and recording of a perpetual historic preservation restriction that would be held by the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission.
2. The Somerville Hispanic Association for Community Development will post a permanent sign noting CPA funding for the restoration of the Grace Baptist Church building.

MEASURES OF SUCCESS

The goals of the project are to:

1. Repair the roofing slate and associated flashing to keep water from damaging the structure and finishes within the building
2. Provide full accessibility to all major areas of the building (long term goal)

Achievement of these goals will be measured through:

1. Properly installed new roof and flashing systems
2. New accessible sidewalk

The full proposal is available at: <https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/community-preservation-act/2019-cpa-projects>