

# City of New Bedford asks for public comment on Community Preservation Act FY24 applications

“~ Community Preservation Act (CPA) FY24 Applications to be Presented at Virtual Public Meetings ~

Mayor Jon Mitchell and the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) invite all interested community members to review the FY24 Community Preservation Act (CPA) applications submitted for funding consideration and to provide public comment at three virtual public meetings in January.

The FY24 application process began in September with Step I: Eligibility Determination. Eligible applicants were invited to submit Step II: Project Applications in November. Twenty-two applications seeking over \$2.9 million in CPA funding were received by the deadline. For FY24, there is \$2.2 million available to be awarded by the CPC. During January, the CPC invites applicants to present their projects at a public meeting and allows the community to comment in this public setting. Once the CPC has completed its application review, the committee will vote on the projects to recommend for funding and submit their recommendations to the City Council for their consideration and vote.

**All meetings will be held via Zoom. To participate, go to:**

<https://zoom.us/j/82545448651>

*Meeting ID: 825 4544 8651*

*Passcode: 897001*

*Or call: (646) 931-3860*

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The project applicants will present at the following meeting dates:

**Tuesday, January 9, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m. via Zoom Project Applications:**

- New Bedford Superior Courthouse Façade Restoration
- Rotch-Jones-Duff House Securing History
- Digitization of Maritime Records Phase III
- Johnson House Electrical Upgrade
- First Baptist Church/Steeple Playhouse Restoration
- Fishing Heritage Center Archives Phase II
- YMCA Recreational Space

**Thursday, January 18, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m. via Zoom Project Applications:**

- Riverside Park Heat Island Relief Project
- Brooklawn Park Pickleball Courts
- City Wide Signage for Parks
- Roberto Clemente Park Improvements
- Howland Family Portrait Conservation
- City Clerk Record Preservation Phase III
- YWCA Residential Services Handicap Access
- James Arnold Mansion Mansard, Cornice, & Dormer Restoration

**Tuesday, January 23, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m. via Zoom Project Applications:**

- William H. Carney Lodge #200 Restoration
- Underground Railroad Café & Gallery Restoration
- Boys & Girls Club Playground Expansion & Upgrade
- Talbot Apartments Restoration
- Strand Theater Restoration
- Capitol Theater Interior Restoration
- Cape Verdean Ultramarine Band and Club Restoration

To review the FY24 applications, please visit the CPC webpage at:

<https://www.newbedford-ma.gov/planning/community-preservation/>

**Public comment must be received by January 26, 2024, and can be provided by:**

- Attending the virtual meeting for the project you wish to comment on. Public comment will be allowed after each project presentation.
- Emailing your comment to CPA@NewBedford-MA.gov
- Mailing your comment to:

*CPC*

*Department of City Planning  
133 William Street Room 303  
New Bedford, MA 02740*

For more information, call the CPA Manager at (508) 979.1488 or email CPA@NewBedford-MA.gov.

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### **About the Community Preservation Act (CPA):**

*The Community Preservation Act (CPA) was adopted by New Bedford voters through a ballot question in November 2014. This statewide enabling legislation allows communities to create dedicated funding for: Open Space, Outdoor Recreational Facilities, Historic Preservation, and Community Housing projects in the City.*

Oversight of this process rests with the Community Preservation Committee (CPC), the body established by the City to oversee the CPA program in New Bedford.

Since FY18, the CPC has recommended, and the City Council has approved, 101 grants totaling over \$10.3 million in CPA funding to projects that have preserved historic resources and open space; created community housing opportunities; and both improved and created recreational facilities throughout the

City."-City of New Bedford.