

City of New Bedford to present community preservation act applications in virtual public meetings

Mayor Jon Mitchell and the City's Community Preservation Committee (CPC) are inviting all interested community members to review the Fiscal Year 2022 Community Preservation Act (CPA) applications and provide public comment at three virtual public meetings this month.

The FY22 application process began last September with Step I: Eligibility Determination. Eligible applicants then were invited to submit Step II: Project Applications in November. Seventeen applications—seeking more than \$2.7 million in CPA funding, in total—were received by the deadline.

There is \$1.6 million available for the CPC to award among the FY22 applications. During the month of January, the CPC is inviting applicants to present their project at a public meeting, with public comment welcomed from community members. 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 New Bedford City Council for final consideration and awarding of funds.

All meetings will be held via Zoom, at:
<https://zoom.us/j/84596031271>

Meeting ID: 845 9603 1271 **Passcode:** 624603

Members of the public also can call in, via: Call (646) 558-8656 Meeting ID: 845 9603 1271 Passcode: 624603

Project applicants will present at virtual Zoom meetings detailed in the attached flyer, starting tonight at 6 p.m. and

continuing on Jan. 11 and Jan. 20.

To review the FY22 applications, please visit the CPC webpage at: <http://www.newbedford-ma.gov/plan.../community-preservation/>

Public comment must be received by January 24, 2022, 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 Coordinator at (508) 979-1488 or email CPA@NewBedford-MA.gov.

ABOUT:

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 Affordable Housing activities 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.

FY22 CPA Application Presentations – All are welcome to attend!

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The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) is hosting three virtual community meetings to review this year's CPA applications. Applicants will present their project, allowing the public to learn about and comment on each.

The public is invited to attend via Zoom and provide comments for any of the project applications. Comments may also be sent via email to CPA@NewBedford-MA.gov or by mail to: *CPC Department of City Planning 133 William St. Room 303 New Bedford MA 02740* by January 24, 2022.

All FY22 CPA project applications are available for review and are posted on the City's website: <https://www.newbedford-ma.gov/planning/application-info/>

Wednesday, January 5th 6:00 p.m.

- Save the Bells
- City Wide Signage
- Brooklawn Skate Park Design
- Rotch-Jones-Duff House Masonry Repairs
- Digitization of Milton Silvia Negative Collection Part II
- First Baptist Church Restoration Project

Tuesday, January 11th 6:00 p.m.

- Digitization of Maritime Records
- Temple Landing II
- Cliftex II
- James Arnold Mansion Roof Final Phase
- Gallery X Painting

Thursday, January 20th 6:00 p.m.

- NB Whaling Museum: Bourne Building Masonry Repairs
- Holy Family Apartments
- George Washington Portrait Conservation
- LGBTQ* Community Center Handicap Accessibility
- Strand Theater Restoration

