



City of Cambridge Community Preservation Act FY 2022 Project Funding Application

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Completed forms and attachments may be emailed to jmathews@cambridgema.gov. **Deadline for submission is Wednesday, July 14, 2021.**

CPA CATEGORIES & ALLOWABLE USES

CPA funds can only be used for certain purposes:

- ❖ Affordable Housing (also called Community Housing)
- ❖ Historic Resources
- ❖ Open Space
- ❖ Recreational Land

For a description of the CPA categories and the allowable uses of CPA funds in each project category, please review the state [Department of Revenue Allowable Uses Chart](#). Also note the following regarding potential **affordable housing and **historic projects**:**

- Cambridge Affordable Housing Trust (CAHT): Absent extraordinary circumstances, CPA funding for affordable housing flows through the CAHT. For more information, including on applying for funding, visit: <https://www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/housing/housingtrust>.
- Cambridge Historical Commission Preservation Grant Program: CPA funding for historic projects on private property is available through the Preservation Grant Program. If you are applying for historic funding for a private property, please explain why Preservation Grant funding is insufficient or unavailable. For more information, visit: <https://www.cambridgema.gov/historic/permitsApplications/preservationgrants>.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name(s): _____

Applicant Organization, if applicable: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

PROJECT INFORMATION

- ❖ Applicants are encouraged to attach any maps, photographs, designs, renderings, budget documents, or other images or plans related to the project when submitting their application form.
- ❖ Letters of support from community members or organizations may also be attached.
- ❖ Actual quotes for project costs are strongly encouraged. Estimates may be used, so long as the basis for the estimate is explained in detail.

Project Title: _____

Project Address: _____

CPA Category:

- Affordable Housing
- Historic Resources
- Open Space
- Recreation

Previous CPA Funding Received, if applicable: _____

CPA Funding Amount Requested: _____

Project Description:

Please submit a separate word document or pdf with the following project details:

- Goals/Purpose
- Property Ownership/Site Control

If you are not the property owner, please submit site control documentation, a memorandum of agreement (MOA), or a letter of support from the relevant public agency (e.g., the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation) as an attachment. Projects for City of Cambridge-owned property must be submitted by a City Department.

- Community Support
 - Total Project Budget
 - Other Funding Description (amount, source of funds, etc.)
 - Project Timeline
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Goals/Purpose

- Rafferty Park is a community park in the Cambridge Highlands neighborhood, which is used by Cambridge residents as well as patients at the abutting hospital and health care facilities, and students from area schools. Rafferty Park has some of the oldest equipment in the City and is in need of significant updates. Comprehensive renovation of the park would include new equipment, improved park accessibility, and field improvements.
- The City anticipates two years of CPA funding requests for the Rafferty Street Park project. This first year of funding would go toward design costs. Finalizing design first will allow the City to make a more informed further funding request in FY23.

Property Ownership/Site Control

- City-owned park

Community Support

- The City's Open Space Committee has identified Rafferty Park as a priority site given the condition of the park and age of its equipment.
- City staff have also received requests from the head of the Cambridge Highlands Neighborhood Association advocating for improvements to the park and students from the Fayerweather School regarding their interest in adding a new use to the park.
- City staff will also work with the designer on a thorough community process to inform the park renovation and address community needs.

Total Project Budget

- \$2,012,500
- This estimated project total is based on the City's expertise and experience with park projects similar in scope. However, construction costs often change markedly year to year. By first funding design work through the FY22 request, the Open Space Committee will be able to present a more detailed budget proposal regarding construction costs in FY23.

Other Funding Description (amount, source of funds, etc.)

- N/A. There is no additional funding at this time, but the Open Space Committee regularly submits its projects for City capital funding consideration as well as CPA funding.

Project Timeline

- Fall 2021: Go out to bid for design
- Winter 2021/Spring 2022: Community process to inform park design
- Early Summer 2022: Design complete
- Summer 2022: FY23 CPA funding request for initial construction costs, informed by design