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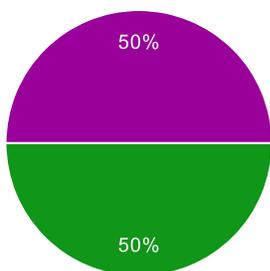
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## Summary

### Application Experience

In your experience, how clear were the requirements of the application process?

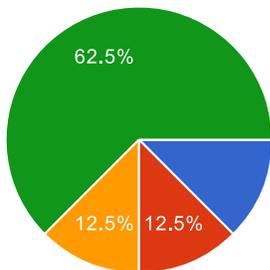


Very difficult to understand	0	0%
Somewhat difficult to understand	0	0%
In between	0	0%
Fairly clear	4	50%
Very clear	4	50%

How can we improve the clarity of the application process?

Not needed.

In your experience, how easy/difficult was the application process?

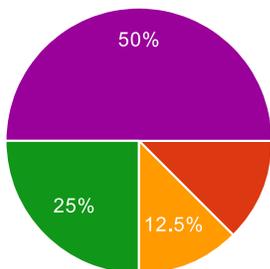


Very difficult	1	12.5%
Somewhat difficult	1	12.5%
In between	1	12.5%
Fairly easy	5	62.5%
Very easy	0	0%

How can we increase the ease of the application process?

Don't require applications to be submitted as PDFs.  
 compared to other gov't grant applications, quite reasonable process.  
 hold an application information workshop?

**In your experience, how useful was the feedback you received during the application process?**

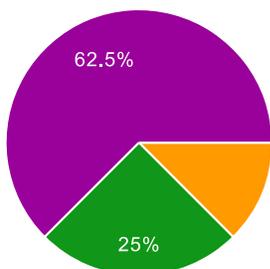


Not at all useful	0	0%
Somewhat useful	1	12.5%
In between	1	12.5%
Fairly useful	2	25%
Very useful	4	50%

**How can we increase the usefulness of the feedback you receive during the application process?**

not needed.

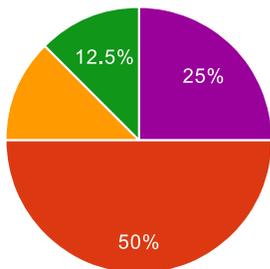
**In your experience, how transparent was the application process?**



Not at all transparent	0	0%
Somewhat transparent	0	0%
In between	1	12.5%
Fairly transparent	2	25%
Very transparent	5	62.5%

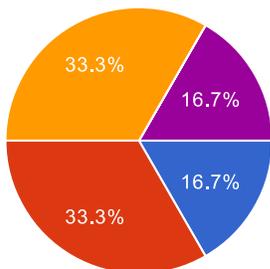
**How can we increase the transparency of the application process?**

**How much time did you spend in total on the application process?**



Hours	Count	Percentage
15-20 hours	1	12.5%
More than 20 hours	2	25%

**Where did you hear about the CPA application process?**



Source	Count	Percentage
CPA Newsletter	1	16.7%
City of Somerville social media	2	33.3%
Word of mouth	2	33.3%
Posted flyer	0	0%
Other	1	16.7%

**If "other," please describe.**

City department application  
colleagues

**Do you have any other feedback on how to improve the application process?**

If you have experience with other grant funding options this application process is relatively simple.

Maybe more clarity about who can apply and what happens if there's a proposal that involves city-owned land.

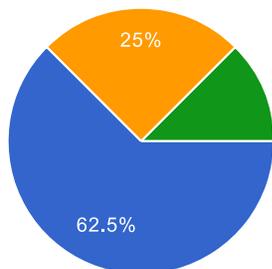
The application process is significantly easier for the City to complete than for organizations outside the City. This gives the City and unfair advantage in terms of the number of applications they can submit in any year. I don't have any ideas on how to improve the situation, but it should be taken into account somehow.

no.

not at this time

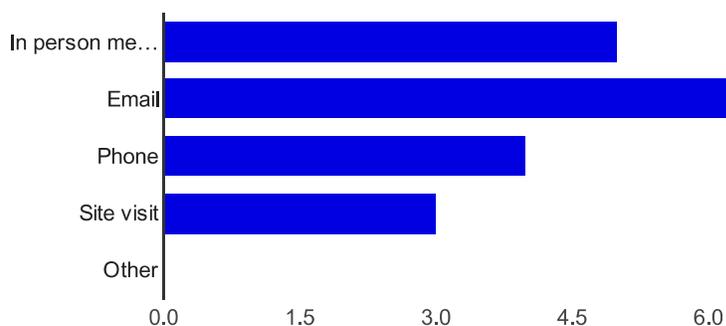
# CPA Manager

**How frequently did you interact with the CPA Manager while you were developing your application?**



1-3 times	5	62.5%
Quarterly	0	0%
Monthly	2	25%
Weekly	1	12.5%

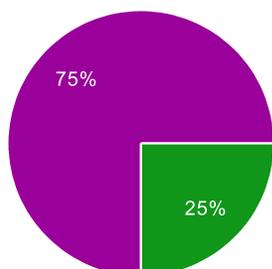
**In what formats did you interact with the CPA Manager? (check all that apply)**



In person meetings	5	62.5%
Email	7	87.5%
Phone	4	50%
Site visit	3	37.5%
Other	0	0%

**If "other," please describe.**

**In your experience, how useful was the support of the CPA Manager?**



Not at all useful	0	0%
Somewhat useful	0	0%
In between	0	0%
Fairly useful	2	25%
Very useful	6	75%

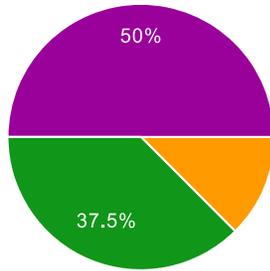
**How can the CPA Manager increase the usefulness of support provided to applicants?**

doing a great job already!

provided accurate information

**Community Preservation Committee (CPC)**

**As a whole, how knowledgeable did you find the CPC in your project area?**



Not at all knowledgeable	0	0%
Somewhat knowledgeable	0	0%
In between	1	12.5%
Fairly knowledgeable	3	37.5%
Very knowledgeable	4	50%

**Please share any additional feedback you have for the CPC.**

At the meetings I attended, it seems that quite a few of the CPC members were not in attendance.

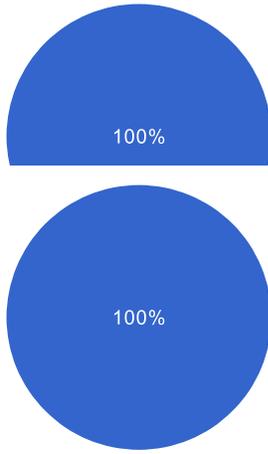
**Final feedback**

**Please share any additional feedback you have for Somerville's CPA Program.**

Does not seem like there's enough project management staff to actually do the funded projects.

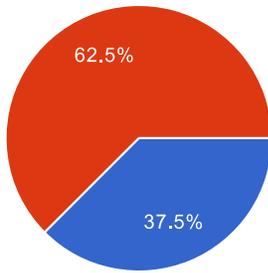
**Were you invited to submit a full application?**

Yes	8	100%
No	0	0%



Yes	8	100%
No	0	0%

### What type of organization do you represent?



Community organization	3	37.5%
City department	5	62.5%

### Number of daily responses

