

Somerville Community Preservation Committee FY22 Application Summary



Elizabeth Peabody House

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Elizabeth Peabody House requests CPA funds for continued preservation of the historic building in which its programs are housed. A building assessment in 2019 (prepared with CPA funds) found that the second floor does not meet the State Building Code's for assembly spaces. Strengthening the beam under the second floor will increase the currently limited occupancy capacity, enabling EPH to utilize this space for its programs. The funds requested in FY22 will cover the cost of architectural drawings, structural reports, and inspections in order to move forward with future renovations.

ELIGIBILITY

Historic Resources: This project would rehabilitate a historic building, enabling it to be used for its intended purpose as a gathering space.



ALIGNMENT WITH COMMUNITY NEEDS

The Elizabeth Peabody House is Winter Hill non-profit that serves a range of urgent community needs including food, childcare, and gathering space for numerous community groups. Continuing upon work funded through previous CPA grants, the project will help to preserve the historic building and ensure that the programs and services are handicapped accessible.

PROJECT BUDGET

Expenses	Amount
Design	\$30,000
Total	\$30,000
Sources	
CPA funds requested	\$30,000
Other	\$0
Total	\$30,000

The full proposal is available at: https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/community-preservation-act.