

**NEWTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT  
Newton Housing and Community Development Program  
Planning and Development Department  
APPLICATION FOR FY11-FY15 CDBG ACCESS FUNDING**

Application must be completed electronically and submitted with original signature by 12 p.m. Friday December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009

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Before completing this application please read the document entitled "Important Information on CDBG Access funding."

**SECTION 1. PROJECT CONTACTS**

Name(s): **Farlow Tot Lot**

Organization/City Department: **Parks and Recreation**

Mailing address: **70 Crescent St., Newton, MA 02466**

Phone: **617-796-1500**

Email: **Spelkowsky@newtonma.gov**

**SECTION 2. PROJECT OVERVIEW**

Project title: **Farlow Tot Lot Access**

Project location (*full street address with zip code*):  
124 Vernon St. Newton, MA 02458

Year CDBG Funds requested: **FY11**    FY12    FY13    FY14    FY15

CDBG Access funds requested: **\$5,000**

Other funds to be used: **Request for additional funds to the Newton Corner Advisory Committee on spring 2010 Agenda in the amount of \$5,000.**

Total project cost: **\$10,000**

Project Summary (*the project summary should: describe how the project addresses the removal of barriers to access, specify the company, contractor, non-profit, or City department that will complete design work, construction, installation and/or provide materials and explain who will be responsible for maintaining the project*). Note: bids in the amount of \$5,000 and over must go through a public bidding process. Projects over \$2,000 are subject to Davis-Bacon Act federally prevailing wages.

**To install rubberized surfacing replacing the manufactured wood fiber to key areas on the play structures for accessibility. It has been brought to our attention that manufactured wood carpet used for safety surfacing is no longer acceptable for wheel chair and other accessible uses. The Parks and Recreation take pride in our efforts to have accessible playgrounds. Unfortunately, there never has and we don't foresee in the future sufficient funding to install, replace or upgrade playgrounds. Any new or updated playgrounds are community driven through fundraising. The Parks and Recreation Department along with Newton's Planning Department will design the route & put together bid documents. When the project is completed the maintenance of the entire areas will fall under the jurisdiction of the Parks and Recreation Department.**

**SECTION 3. PROJECT TIMELINE**

Use the table below to provide a project timeline (including proposed start, completion dates, and any other steps):

| Date/Season |            | Description of Step |
|-------------|------------|---------------------|
| Start       | April 2010 | Project Design      |
|             | June 2010  | Prepare bid package |
|             | Sept. 2010 | Award contract      |
| Completion  | Oct. 2010  | Install surfacing   |

If the fiscal year CDBG assistance awarded is different than the year requested, will the department/organization still be able to implement the project?

**Yes, if the appropriate funding is available.**

**SECTION 4. PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

What is the total estimated number of persons to be served by this project?  
**There are 83,829 residents in the City that could potentially be served by this project.**

Of that total, what is the total estimated number of elderly persons or adults with severe disabilities that will be served by this project?

**The 2000 Census reported 3,394 Newton residents with physical disabilities: the 2005 - 2007 Census estimates there will be 3,967 residents with disabilities.**

**SECTION 5. PROJECT BUDGET**

| Item   | CDBG     | Other Funds | Source of Other Funds | Total    |
|--|----------|-------------|-----------------------|----------|
| <i>Installation of rubberized playground surfacing</i> | \$5,000  | \$5,000     |                       | \$10,000 |
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| Total CDBG Request                                     | \$10,000 |             |                       | \$10,000 |
| Total Other Funds                                      |          |             |                       |          |
| Grand Total  |          |             |                       | \$10,000 |

If any of the "other funds" listed in the above budget have not yet been obligated to the project explain what needs to take place for this to happen?

**A request of funds for this project was proposed to the Newton Corner Area Association as a possible project in the planning of their 5 yr assessment plan. It will be on the spring 2010 agenda for further discussion and request for funding. If they do not support this it is unlikely the project will be completed.**

Has the applicant explored other (internal and/or external) funding sources for this project? If yes, please indicate why CDBG funds would be a better source of funding?

**The community fundraised over \$65,000 for the project and organized, with the direction and help of the Parks and Recreation Department, demolition of the old structure, site preparation and a community build saving approximately \$35,000 in funds to pay a contractor to perform this work. The community has gone above and beyond expectations. If awarded, the project would show both community and municipal partnership.**

## **SECTION 6. PLANS AND PHOTOGRAPHS**

Applications for construction projects must be accompanied by an architect's or engineer's plan – contact staff for more detailed information. The submission of photographs is also encouraged.

## **SECTION 7. PROJECT MANAGER**

Name: **Stephanie Pelkowsky**

Title: **Recreation Manager**

Telephone: **617-796-1528**

Email: **Spelkowsky@newtonma.gov**

I certify that all information submitted in this application is complete, true, correct, and represents the true intended usage of the funds for which the application is being submitted:

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Signature

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Date

**ATTACHMENT: FARLOW TOT LOT AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH**



