

**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 18th, 2009

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

SECTION 1. PROJECT CONTACTS

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SECTION 2. PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project title: **Newton Centre Playground Pathway, Phase V: Tennis Courts/HC Bubbler to Centre Street**

Project location (*full street address with zip code*):

Newton Centre Playground, Tyler Terrace, N. Centre, MA 02459

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

CDBG Access funds requested: **\$50,000**

Other funds to be used: n/a

Total project cost: **\$50,000**

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.

This proposed pathway is the next segment to be built, based on the 2006 N. Centre Playground Accessibility Plan. This segment, to be constructed of asphalt, will provide an accessible route from the entrance to the tennis courts/hc bubbler, easterly to Centre Street. This then will enable a user to travel the entire route from Centre Street to Mason-Rice School and back.

Using the master plan, the Engineering Dept. will draw up construction plans and details as required to execute the project. These drawings would also be needed to go before the Conservation Commission for a Request for Determination, as this segment of redesigned pathway would fall within the 100' buffer zone of the brook. This project would require some regarding at the segment along the brook in order to make it accessible. The project would need to be bid out to a private contractor to be built. The P&R department would maintain this walkway.

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	FY13/ Sept. 2012	Limited area topo survey done in-house/plans drawn up
	November 2012	Go before Conservation Commission for RDA
	January 2013	Finalize specs & plans
	January, February, March 2013	Put out to bid
	May 2013	Construct walkway segment
Completion	June 2013	Project complete

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

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?

According to the 2000 Census there are 3,394 Newton residents with physical disabilities; the 2005-2007 Census, estimates there will be 3,967 Newton residents with physical disabilities.

SECTION 5. PROJECT BUDGET

Item	CDBG	Other Funds	Source of Other Funds	Total
<i>Topo survey/ design plan/bid specs</i>		<i>In-house</i>		--
Construct walkway	\$50,000			\$50,000
Total CDBG Request	\$50,000			\$50,000
Total Other Funds				
Grand Total				\$50,000

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? n/a

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?

Yes, using in-house staff for survey and design. CDBG would be an appropriate use of funding for this access project as the MCPD has committed funds to this overall plan before.

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.

Refer to Newton Centre Playground Master Accessibility Plan.

SECTION 7. PROJECT MANAGER

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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:

Signature

Date

NEWTON CENTRE PLAYGROUND: AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH

