

**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 VI: Homer Street to Little League Field**

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

Newton Centre Playground, Tyler Terrace, Newton Centre 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 pathway is the next segment from the 2006 N. Centre Playground Accessibility Plan to be designed and constructed. This accessible route, to be constructed of asphalt, will provide accessibility from the Homer Street entrance to the Little League field bleacher area. To make this major and well-used entrance accessible will require a good deal of fill to raise the grade appropriately.

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. The project would need to be bid out to a private contractor to be built. The parks department would maintain this asphalt 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	FY14/ Sept. 2013	Engineering surveys area topo and draws up plan
	November 2013	Go before Conservation Commission for RDA
	Dec 2013/Jan 2014	Finalize specs & plans
	January, February, March 2014	Put out to bid
	April 2014	Project start-up
	May 2014	Construct walkway
Completion	June/July 2014	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.

SECTION 5. PROJECT BUDGET

Item	CDBG	Other Funds	Source of Other Funds	Total
<i>Survey/design/bid</i>		<i>In-house</i>		
<i>Construct new pathway</i>	\$50,000	--		<i>\$50,000</i>
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. It's an appropriate use of access funds and is a continuation of a project CDBG has committed funds to previously.

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