

City of Newton
Fy08 Community Preservation Plan

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A NOTE on EDUCATION and OUTREACH

Some funders listed below specifically focus on community outreach and education, activities that are generally NOT eligible for funding under the Community Preservation Act. However, education and outreach may help to build the visible, documented community support that is critical to a successful Community Preservation proposal.

References & Resources for

Multiple Resources

- ◆ **COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT** (Chapter 44B, Commonwealth of Massachusetts General Laws), *full text available on the website of the*
- ◆ **Community Preservation Coalition**
<http://www.communitypreservation.org/index.cfm>
Statewide organization supported by grants and dues from communities that have passed the Community Preservation Act. Staff provides technical assistance to CPA communities, tracks pending legislation, collects statistics on local community preservation programs. Website includes full text of the Act with all amendments, a Frequently Asked Questions section, and Guidelines on Implementing the CPA from the Massachusetts Dept. of Revenue.

CITY OF NEWTON PLANS, PROGRAMS & REPORTS

- ◆ **Newton Community Preservation Program**
<http://www.ci.newton.ma.us/cpa>
- ◆ **Special Plans & Reports**
http://www.ci.newton.ma.us/Planning/Special_Reports.htm
Scroll down page to **Special Reports – Departmental** to find links for these documents (as PDF files), all of which can be downloaded and printed:
 - *Draft Comprehensive Plan*
 - *City of Newton Consolidated Plan [for Community Development and Housing], 2006-2010*

- *Framework Plan* [predecessor to the Comprehensive Plan]
- *Open Space [and Recreation] Plan, [2003-2007]*

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

◆ **American Institute of Architects**

<http://www.aia.org/>

including the **Historic Resources Committee**

http://www.aia.org/hrc_default

The HRC's mission is to identify, understand, and preserve architectural heritage, both nationally and internationally. Publishes a regular newsletter, *Preservation Architect*.

and the **Affordable Housing Network**

http://www.aia.org/hs_sub_affordable

Links to a range of resources for design, funding, and advocacy.

◆ **American Planning Association**

<http://www.planning.org>

APA's "Divisions" page

<http://www.planning.org/divisions/links.htm>

links to resources on

- environment, natural resources and energy
- housing and community development
- urban design and preservation
- city parks forum (<http://www.planning.org/cpf>)

◆ **American Society of Landscape Architects**

<http://www.asla.org>

ASLA's **Professional Practice Networks** webpage

<http://www.asla.org/members/ppn/home.htm>

links to resources for

- historic preservation
- housing & community design
- parks & recreation
- reclamation & restoration
- sustainable design & development

◆ **The Boston Foundation**

<http://www.tbf.org/Fund/Fund-L1.asp>

NOTE Newton falls within the "grantshed" of the Boston Foundation, but Newton projects sometimes face a challenge in demonstrating that they address the Foundation's concern for low-income and disenfranchised communities and residents.

The Foundation has specific programs for

- housing and community development
- urban environment

◆ **Boston Society of Architects**

<http://www.architects.org/>

Includes committees and working groups on historic resources and housing.

and the **Boston Foundation for Architecture**

<http://www.bfagrants.org/>

Supports community-based programs, including exhibitions, tours, school programs, research, conferences, lectures, and symposiums.

◆ **Boston Society of Landscape Architects**

<http://www.bslaweb.org/>

◆ **The Foundation Center**

Grantmaker Web Sites

<http://foundationcenter.org/findfunders/>

Regularly-updated directories of annotated links to more than 2,400 grant maker Web sites.

Philanthropy News Digest Request for Proposal Bulletin

<http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/>

A regularly updated database of requests for proposals from funders interested in a variety of issues, including education and the environment.

◆ **The Grantsmanship Center**

<http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/>

Information on federal and state funding sources (channeled through links to state home pages and related agencies), community foundations, international funding, and *Federal Register* announcements.

◆ **GrantSmart**

<http://www.grantsmart.com/>

Searchable database of private foundations

◆ **Newton Schools Foundation**

<http://www.newtonschoolsfoundation.org>

NSF's mission is to enhance and broaden community support for public education and to provide private funding for innovative and challenging programs in the Newton Public Schools.

FEDERAL PROGRAMS

◆ **Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance**

<http://www.cfda.gov/>

Maintained by the Government Services Administration - a database of federal grant programs available to state, local, and federally-recognized tribal governments, as well as domestic public, quasi-public, and private profit and nonprofit organizations and institutions, specialized groups, and individuals.

◆ **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)**

www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/entitlement/

Newton receives an annual allocation of CDBG program funds from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These funds can be used to develop viable communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and opportunities to expand economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons.

◆ **Grants.gov** One stop shopping for federal grants.

<http://www.grants.gov/>

References & Resources for
Community Housing

CITY OF NEWTON PLANS, PROGRAMS & REPORTS

◆ *Affordable Housing in High Income Areas: Model Approaches*, report prepared by Meredith Levy for the City of Newton, Dept. of Planning & Development, Fall 1999

◆ *Chapter 40B Subsidized Housing Inventory*, prepared by the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development

◆ *City of Newton Consolidated Plan [for Community Development and Housing], 2006-2010*

http://www.ci.newton.ma.us/Planning/Special_Reports.htm

◆ Homebuyer Assistance Programs

<http://www.ci.newton.ma.us/Planning/fthbp-generalinfo.html>

- ◆ Homeless Assistance Programs
<http://www.ci.newton.ma.us/planning/hap.pdf>
- ◆ Housing Development Programs
<http://www.ci.newton.ma.us/housingdevelopment/about.htm>
- ◆ Housing Rehabilitation Programs (grants and loans)
<http://www.ci.newton.ma.us/housing/index.htm>

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

- ◆ **Citizens' Housing and Planning Association**
<http://www.chapa.org/>
The nonprofit umbrella organization for affordable housing and community development activities throughout Massachusetts, and one of the original sponsors of the CPA legislation.
- ◆ **Community Economic Development Assistance Corporation Programs (CEDAC)**
<http://www.cedac.org>
A public-private, community development finance institution that provides technical assistance, pre-development lending, and consulting services to nonprofit organizations involved in housing development, workforce development, neighborhood economic development, and capital improvements to child care facilities. These organizations may include community or neighborhood development corporations, nonprofit developers, and tenants' associations.
- ◆ **Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) Housing Programs**
<http://www.lisc.org/section/areas/sec4>
LISC supports the creation and preservation of affordable housing by providing financing, technical assistance and educational resources to community development corporations, through the federal government's Low Income Housing Tax Credits program, assistance to local public housing authorities, and LISC's own Affordable Housing Preservation Initiative and Vacant Properties Initiative.
- ◆ **MassHousing**
www.masshousing.com
A self-supporting, independent public authority charged with increasing affordable rental and for-sale housing in Massachusetts. As the state's affordable housing bank, MassHousing supports affordable housing opportunities across Massachusetts by providing: information, tools, loans and other resources for home buyers, home owners, current MassHousing borrowers and prospective lenders; site approval, comprehensive permits and financing options for developers interested in building attractive, sustainable affordable housing; programs and resources to preserve decent and affordable rental housing; and to promote education, safety, equality and diversity.
- ◆ **Massachusetts Housing Partnership (MHP)**
www.mhp.net
A statewide public nonprofit affordable housing organization that works in concert with the Governor and the state Department of Housing and Community Development to help increase the supply of affordable housing in Massachusetts. Using its bank-funded loan pool, MHP provides long-term financing for the development and preservation of affordable rental housing. MHP's Community Housing Initiatives team works with communities, local housing groups and nonprofit developers on local housing initiatives. MHP also offers the SoftSecond Loan Program, a first-time homebuyers mortgage program for families of low and moderate incomes.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS PROGRAMS

- ◆ **Massachusetts Department of Housing & Community Development**
<http://www.mass.gov/dhcd/>
Programs include:

Housing Development Programs

<http://www.mass.gov/dhcd/components/housdev/default.HTM>

Housing Innovations Fund (HIF)

www.mass.gov/dhcd/components/housdev/want/dvlper_r/hif.htm.

HIF provides funding for the creation and preservation of alternative forms of affordable housing. These forms include, but are not limited to, single room occupancy (SRO) units; limited equity cooperative housing; transitional housing for the homeless; battered women's shelters; mutual housing; employer assisted housing; and lease to purchase housing.

Housing Stabilization Fund Program (HSF)

www.mass.gov/dhcd/components/housdev/want/dvlper_r/hsf_r.htm.

A state funded bond program that assists in the production and preservation of affordable housing for low and moderate-income families and individuals.

Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC)

www.mass.gov/dhcd/components/housdev/want/dvlper_r/tax_cr.htm.

DHCD supports the production of affordable rental housing, including units for persons with special needs, and the construction or rehabilitation of affordable homes and condominiums for purchase by income-eligible first-time homebuyers. In addition to the two programs listed above DHCD manages the federal HOME program, Housing Stabilization Fund, Housing Innovations Fund, the Local Initiative Program, Capital Improvement and Preservation Fund, Facilities Consolidation Fund and the Soft Second Program.

FEDERAL PROGRAMS

◆ **Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston (FHLB)**

www.fhlbboston.com/communitydevelopment/fundingprograms/index.jsp .

Offers its members four options for funding affordable housing and economic development: the Affordable Housing Program (AHP) offers grants and subsidized advances for affordable housing in two competitive rounds each year; the Community Development Advance is a reduced-rate advance for funding eligible affordable-housing, economic-development, and mixed-use initiatives; the New England Fund (NEF) provides advances to support housing and community-development initiatives that serve moderate-income households and neighborhoods; and the Equity Builder Program offers members grants to provide income-eligible buyers with down-payment, closing-cost, and rehabilitation assistance, as well as matched-savings programs.

◆ **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

Programs include:

Continuum of Care

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/homeless/programs/cont/>

The Continuum of Care is a set of three competitive programs based on the law of the McKinney - Vento Homeless Assistance Act to address the problems of homelessness in a comprehensive manner in concert with other federal agencies. SHP helps develop housing and related supportive services for people moving from homelessness to independent living. Shelter Plus Care (S+C) provides rental assistance that, when combined with social services, provides supportive housing for homeless people with disabilities and their families. The Single Room Occupancy (SRO) Program provides Section 8 rental assistance for moderate rehabilitation of buildings with SRO units-single-room dwellings, designed for the use of an individual, that often do not contain food preparation or sanitary facilities.

HOME Program

www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/affordablehousing/programs/home/index.cfm.

Helps to expand the supply of decent, affordable housing for low- and very low-income families by providing grants to states and local governments called participating jurisdictions or "PJs". PJs use their HOME grants to fund housing programs that meet local needs and priorities.

Local HOME programs have a great deal of flexibility within the guidelines established by the HOME program statute, and may assist renters, new homebuyers, or existing homeowners.

Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly Program

www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/mfh/progdesc/eld202.cfm.

Provides capital advances to finance the construction, rehabilitation or acquisition with or without rehabilitation of structures that will serve as supportive housing for very low-income elderly persons, including the frail elderly, and provides rent subsidies for the projects to help make them affordable.

Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities Program

www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/mfh/progdesc/disab811.cfm

Provides funding to nonprofit organizations with a Section 501(c)(3) tax exemption from the IRS, to develop rental housing with the availability of supportive services for very low-income adults with disabilities, and provides rent subsidies for the projects to help make them affordable.

References & Resources for
Historic Resources

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- ◆ Demolition Delay Reviews by the Newton Historical Commission
- ◆ *Study of the Demolition Delay Ordinance and Post-World War II Housing in Newton*, http://www.ci.newton.ma.us/Planning/Historic/12_2006_updates/dem_review_post_wwII.asp

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

- ◆ **Advisory Council on Historic Preservation**

<http://www.achp.gov>

Promotes the preservation, enhancement, and productive use of our nation's historic resources, and advises the President and Congress on national historic preservation policy.

- ◆ **National Trust for Historic Preservation**

<http://www.nationaltrust.org>

The Trust's National Preservation Endowment offers several types of financial assistance to nonprofit organizations, public agencies, for-profit companies, and individuals involved in preservation-related projects.

The National Trust's **Historic Preservation Funding** page

<http://www.nationaltrust.org/funding/>

links to a wide range of programs, including

- federal financial assistance for rural buildings
- federal rehabilitation tax credit
- mortgage program tailored for rehabilitation
- National Preservation Endowment
- National Trust Community Investment Corporation (NTCIC).
- National Trust Loan Funds (NTLF).
- preservation easement (or restriction) tax incentives
- preservation revolving funds
- resident curator programs
- Save America's Treasures
- transportation enhancements funding

The Trust's **National Preservation Endowment**

<http://www.nationaltrust.org/funding/nonprofit.html#endowment>

includes

The Preservation Funds, which offer grants to nonprofit organizations and public agencies: 1) matching grants from \$500 to \$5,000 for preservation planning and educational efforts, and 2) intervention funds for preservation emergencies.

The Johanna Favrot Fund for Historic Preservation, which offers grants to nonprofit organizations and public agencies, in amount from \$2,500 to \$10,000 for projects that contribute to the preservation or the recapture of an authentic sense of place.

The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Fund for Historic Interiors, which offers grants to nonprofit organizations and public agencies in amounts ranging from \$2,500 to \$10,000 to assist in the preservation, restoration, and interpretation of historic interiors.

◆ **Preservation Massachusetts**

<http://www.preservationmass.org>

The statewide nonprofit historic preservation organization dedicated to preserving the Commonwealth's historic and cultural heritage. Offers training for local preservation and historical commissions.

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◆ **Massachusetts Historical Commission**

<http://www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc/mhchpp/grdhpp.htm>

Grant programs include

Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund - a state-funded 50% reimbursable matching grant program established in 1984 to support the preservation of properties, landscapes, and sites (cultural resources) listed in the State Register of Historic Places. Applicants must be a municipality or nonprofit organization. administered in accordance with 950 CMR 73.00. Please note that grant disbursement is subject to reauthorization of the capital accounts and the availability of sufficient allocated funds.

Survey and Planning Grants - 50% matching federal funds for the preparation of community surveys, preservation plans, preparation of historic district studies and legislation, archaeological surveys, nominations to the National Register, and educational preservation programs. Eligible applicants are local historical commissions, Certified Local Governments, local and state agencies, educational institutions, and private organizations.

Massachusetts Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits

<http://www.sec.state.ma.us/MHC/mhctax/taxidx.htm>

A certified rehabilitation project on an income-producing property is eligible to receive up to 20% of the cost of certified rehabilitation expenditures in state tax credits. There is an annual cap, so there are selection criteria that ensure the funds are distributed to the projects that provide the most public benefit. *NOTE* that these credits, if awarded, apply to federal income taxes, *not* local property taxes.

◆ **Department of Conservation and Recreation, Historic Landscape Initiative**

<http://www.mass.gov/dcr/stewardship/histland/histland.htm>

Sponsors special initiatives and offers technical assistance and training to support the preservation of historically significant landscapes throughout the Commonwealth. Does not currently offer grants.

FEDERAL PROGRAMS

◆ **U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service**

Secretary of the Interior's Guidelines for the Treatment of Historic Properties & Cultural Landscapes

The CPA requires projects to follow these guidelines, specifically for restoration and rehabilitation. The first step in applying the *Guidelines* is choosing among several "treatment" options - preservation, rehabilitation, restoration, and reconstruction- by taking into account historical significance, physical condition, proposed use, and mandated code requirements.

The guidelines are on two websites:

Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties

www.nps.gov/history/hps/tps/standguide (last major revision 1995)

Guidelines for the Treatment of Cultural Landscapes

www.nps.gov/history/hps/hli/landscape_guidelines (last major revision 1999)

- ◆ ***Other programs administered by the National Park Service:***
- ◆ **Federal Historic Preservation Tax Credits – administered through the National Parks Service**

<http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/tps/tax/index.htm>

Available for buildings that are National Historic Landmarks, that are listed in the National Register, and that contribute to National Register Historic Districts and certain local historic districts. Properties must be income producing, and rehabilitation work must conform to the Secretary of the Interior's *Guidelines*. *NOTE* that these credits, if awarded, apply to federal income taxes, *not* local property taxes.

Historic Landscape Initiative

<http://www.cr.nps.gov/hps/hli/index.htm>

Preservation Technology and Training Grants

<http://www.ncptt.nps.gov/NCPTT2/pttgrants.stm>

Information and application material for grants given by National Center for Preservation Technology and Training (NCPTT) for preservation research, information management, and training projects proposed by nonprofit organizations, universities, and federal agencies.

Technical Preservation Services

<http://www.cr.nps.gov/hps/tps/index.htm>

Save America's Treasures Grants

<http://www.cr.nps.gov/hps/treasures/index.htm>

**NOTE: Reserved for resources determined to be significant on a national level. Consult the website to ensure your property meets this standard.*

The Federal Save America's Treasures Grants are available for preservation and/or conservation work on [nationally significant](#) intellectual and cultural artifacts and [nationally significant](#) historic structures and sites. Grants require a dollar-for-dollar non-Federal match, which can be cash, donated services, or use of equipment. The minimum grant request for collections projects is \$50,000 Federal share; the minimum grant request for historic property projects is \$250,000 Federal share. The maximum grant request for all projects is \$1 million Federal share.

- ◆ **National Endowment for the Humanities**
- <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/challenge.html>

NEH challenge grants help institutions and organizations secure long-term improvements in and support for humanities activities in education, public programming, scholarly research, and preservation. Fundable activities include: educational activities, lectures and publications, maintenance of facilities, and the preservation/conservation of museum or archival collections.

***References & Resources for
Open Space & Recreation***

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- ◆ *1995 Conservation Area Reports*, prepared by John Richardson
- ◆ Newton Recreation and Open Space Presentation Information, April 4, 2002

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

- ◆ **LISTS of ENVIRONMENTAL FUNDERS**

From the *Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation*

<http://www.mass.gov/dcr/stewardship/forestry/urban/urbanGrants.htm>

Includes several private foundations that do not maintain websites and must be contacted via their legal representatives or trustees.

From the *Environmental Grantmakers Association* <http://www.ega.org/>,

a partial list of their members--

<http://www.ega.org/funders/funder.php?op=list>.

◆ **The Conservation Fund**

http://www.conservationfund.org/land_and_water_conservation_services/conservation_financing

Provides seed grants and administers leadership awards through corporate and foundation partnerships, including

Banrock Station Wetlands Conservation Program, in collaboration with Banrock Station Wines

Kodak American Greenways Grant Program, in collaboration with the Eastman Kodak Company and the National Geographic Society.

◆ **Massachusetts Environmental Trust**

<http://www.agmconnect.org/massenvironmentaltrust/default.htm>

Grants to protect and restore water resources and their related ecosystems throughout the Commonwealth. Funded by environmental litigation settlements and proceeds from the sale of special Massachusetts environmental license plates.

◆ **National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF)**

<http://www.neefusa.org/>

Chartered by the U.S. Congress; sponsors National Public Lands Day each September, and offers grants and training for environmental education.

◆ **National Fish and Wildlife Foundation**

<http://www.nfwf.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Grants>

Funds projects throughout the United States and its territories, as well as in international areas that host migratory wildlife.

◆ **Parks Practices**, sponsored by City Parks Alliance/National Association for Olmsted Parks

<http://www.parkspractices.org/>

Publishes an online newsletter and sponsors a page of case studies and discussion on *Funding/Alternative Sources of Revenue* for city parks:

<http://www.parkspractices.org/index.php?tg=articles&idx=More&topics=49&article=69>

◆ **Rails to Trails Conservancy**

<http://www.railstotrails.org/index.html>

Funding Database

<http://www.railstotrails.org/whatwedo/trailadvocacy/trailfunding.html>

A searchable database of federal, state and private funding sources for trails and greenways.

◆ **The Trust for Public Land (TPL)**

http://www.tpl.org/tier2_pa.cfm?folder_id=3132

TPL provides bridge financing for local parks, conservation, and preservation projects, but does not hold or manage land permanently. The webpage above includes resources for *Creating Public Funding for Parks and Conservation*, with links to the full text of a 2-volume report, *Local Parks, Local Financing*.

◆ **Project for Public Spaces, Urban Parks Online - Funding**

http://www.pps.org/parks_plazas_squares/info/funding/

Fundraising resources for urban parks, with a special focus on public-private partnerships.

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◆ **Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)**

<http://www.mass.gov/dcr/>

Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Grants

www.mass.gov/dcr/stewardship/forestry/urban/urbanGrants.htm.

With support from the USDA Forest Service, 50-50 matching grants offered to municipalities and nonprofit groups in Massachusetts communities of all sizes for the purpose of building local capacity for excellent urban and community forestry at the local and regional level.

◆ **Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEA)**

http://www.mass.gov/envir/grant_loan/

EOEA provides a comprehensive list of state agency grant and loan opportunities for environmental and recreation initiatives, including several administered by

Division of Conservation Services

www.mass.gov/envir/dcs

Grants often provided as reimbursement for costs already incurred, so up-front funding is required from other sources. Municipalities may apply for support of

- conservation land acquisition
- parkland acquisition
- park development and/or renovation

FEDERAL PROGRAMS

◆ The Land Trust Alliance maintains a webpage called **Federal Funding for Local Conservation**

<http://www.lta.org/publicpolicy/federal/funding.htm>

◆ **Environmental Protection Agency Catalog of Federal Funding Sources for Watershed Protection**

<http://cfpub.epa.gov/fedfund/>

A searchable database of financial assistance sources (grants, loans, cost-sharing) available to fund a variety of watershed protection projects.

◆ **Toolbox for the Great Outdoors**

www.tools4outdoors.us

This federal clearinghouse helps public lands and their partners, including nonprofit organizations, find funding and other resources to connect Americans to public lands and enhance visitors' experiences.

Includes a page of **resources for addressing deferred maintenance on public lands:**

<http://www.tools4outdoors.us/project.jsp#7>

(Especially useful because Community Preservation funds can NOT be used for maintenance!)

◆ **U.S. Department of the Interior, National Fish & Wildlife Service**

North America Wetlands Conservation Act Grants Program

<http://www.fws.gov/birdhabitat/Grants/NAWCA/index.shtm>

... and **Small Grants Program**

<http://www.fws.gov/birdhabitat/Grants/NAWCA/Small/index.shtm>

Matching grants to organizations and individuals who have developed partnerships to carry out wetlands conservation projects for the benefit of wetlands-associated migratory birds and other wildlife and further the goals of the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (Act). These projects must involve long-term protection, restoration, and/or enhancement of wetlands and associated uplands habitats for the benefit of all wetlands-associated migratory birds.