

Newton, Massachusetts COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PROGRAM

ALLOWABLE SPENDING PURPOSES as defined in the Community Preservation Act

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Newton Program Community Preservation Program website</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">www.newtonma.gov/cpa/</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>includes funding priorities & guidelines, proposal forms, reports on current status of proposals & projects, annual & cumulative reports, and more.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Community Housing</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>housing for individuals and households with low (below 80% of area median, as defined by U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development) and moderate (below 100% of area median, as defined by HUD) incomes, including housing for seniors</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Historic Resources</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>a building, structure, vessel, real property, document or artifact that is listed or eligible for listing on the state register of historic places or has been determined by the local historic preservation commission to be significant in the history, archeology, architecture or culture of a city or town</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Open Space</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>includes, but is not limited to, land to protect existing and future well fields, aquifers and recharge areas, watershed land, agricultural land, grasslands, fields, forest land, fresh and salt water marshes and other wetlands, ocean, river, stream, lake and pond frontage, beaches, dunes and other coastal lands, lands to protect scenic vistas, land for wildlife or nature preserve and land for recreational use</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Land for Recreational Use</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>for active or passive recreational use including, but not limited to, community gardens, trails, noncommercial youth and adult sports; and use as a park, playground or athletic field but not for horse or dog racing or for a stadium, gymnasium or similar structure</i></p>
<p>ACQUIRE</p> <p>obtain by gift, purchase, devise, grant, rental, rental purchase, lease or otherwise</p>	YES	YES	YES	YES
<p>CREATE</p>	YES	NO	YES	YES *
<p>PRESERVE</p> <p>protect from injury, harm, or destruction (... not maintenance)</p>	YES	YES	YES	YES
<p>SUPPORT</p>	YES, including funds for an affordable housing trust	NO	NO	NO
<p>REHABILITATE / RESTORE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - remodeling - reconstruction - extraordinary repairs for the purpose of making [resources] functional for their intended use - including but not limited to improvements to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and other federal, state or local building or access codes 	YES, IF acquired or created with CP funds	YES **	YES, IF acquired or created with CP funds	YES, IF acquired or created with CP funds

* From Supreme Judicial Court Ruling 10135, 24 October 2008: [CPA funds may be appropriated] ... for the creation of land for recreational use, not the creation of new recreational uses on existing land already devoted to that purpose. ... Land for recreational use is not being created where a municipality chooses simply to enhance or redevelop that which already exists as such. However, to the extent that a municipality chooses to convert land that had been used for a purpose other than recreational use, including blighted land, or land that, at some point in the past, ceased to exist for recreational purposes, that action ... would constitute the creation of land for recreational use, and CPA funds could be appropriated for the necessary costs of the project.

** For historic resources, proposals in Newton must comply with the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties (www.nps.gov/history/hps/tps/standards_guidelines.htm), and/or the associated guidelines for historic landscapes (www.nps.gov/hps/hli/landscape_guidelines).

This chart was developed & adapted from a handout prepared by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue for an April 2007 Community Preservation Coalition workshop on "Community Preservation Fund, Budgeting and Finance Issues." The original DoR handout is available on the Coalition's website: www.communitypreservation.org/DOR%20Guidelines.cfm