

CITY OF FALL RIVER
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUNDING
GUIDELINES FOR PROJECT SUBMISSION

1. The application process for Community Preservation Funding is twofold. The Application for Community Preservation Eligibility will introduce your proposal to the Committee so that it can determine the project's eligibility and offer guidance. If the Committee agrees that your proposal is eligible, an Application for Community Preservation Funding must be completed. The Committee will review both the application for eligibility and that for funding according to the General Criteria outlined below.
2. In order to be considered for recommendation you must submit an Application for Community Preservation Eligibility no later than September 1. Final Applications for Community Preservation Funding must be received no later than February 1.
3. Each application must be submitted to the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) using the Application for Community Preservation Funding/Eligibility as a cover sheet.
4. Applications should be submitted in ten (10) copies of all project materials to the attention of Community Preservation Committee, One Government Center, Fall River, MA 02720.
5. Please include any maps, diagrams, and/or photos that pertain to your project.
6. All applicants will be expected to be present at a CPC meeting to answer questions about their proposals. The CPC will set a public meeting schedule to review project proposals after the close of submissions. Applicants will be notified regarding the date of the meeting they should attend.
7. The CPC will submit recommendations, if any, to the City Council for consideration.

General Criteria

The Community Preservation Committee will give preference to proposals which address as many of the following general criteria as possible:

- Are eligible for Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding according to the requirements described in the CPA legislation; specifically
 - The acquisition, creation, and preservation of open space
 - The acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation, and restoration of historic resources.
 - The acquisition, creation, and preservation of land for recreational use.
 - The creation, preservation, and support of community housing.
 - The rehabilitation and restoration of resources that have been acquired or created using monies from the fund.
- Are consistent with the Master Plan, Open Space and Recreation Plan and other planning documents that have received wide scrutiny, public input and have been adopted by the City of Fall River;
- Preserve and enhance the character of the city as described in the Master Plan;
- Save resources that would otherwise be threatened and/or serve a currently under-served population;
- Either serve more than one CPA purpose (especially in linking open space, recreation and community housing) or demonstrate why serving multiple needs is not feasible;
- Demonstrate practicality and feasibility; demonstrate that the project can be implemented expeditiously and within budget;
- Produce an advantageous cost/benefit value;
- Leverage additional public and/or private funds;
- Preserve or utilize current city-owned assets; and
- Receive endorsement by other municipal boards or departments.

