



Community Preservation Committee

Community Preservation Committee Funding Recommendation

June 10, 2021

To: The Honorable City Council

Applicant Name: Malden Public Library

Co-Applicant:

Applicant Address: 36 Salem Street Malden MA 02148

Project: Converse Memorial Building Archives Phase 2

On June 9, 2021 the City of Malden Community Preservation Committee ("CPC") voted 5-1-0, with Frank Molis abstaining, to recommend approval to City Council that the Malden Library be awarded \$124,596 of Community Preservation Act funds to undertake Phase 2 of the project to create an archive for historical documents in the Malden Library Converse Memorial Building. The Malden Library Phase 2 application was discussed at a public hearing held on June 9, 2021.

In reaching their decision, the CPC found that the project meets eligibility requirements and aligns with the priorities stated in Malden's Community Preservation Plan.

CPA Project Funding Recommendation: FY22 Off-Cycle Application		
Category: Historic Preservation	Recommended Funding Source	Amount
Converse Memorial Building Archives Phase 2	General Reserve	\$124,596

The following project summary describes the project proposal recommended for CPA funding:

Strong Past...Proud Future



Project Description

The goal of this project is to restore and rehabilitate a basement area of the Malden Public Library to create a climate controlled, secure area for archives storage. This phase of the project is for the purchase and installation of mobile, condensed shelving to increase storage capacity in the archives storage room. The project will fund purchase and installation of mobile shelving for the safe and secure environment for the storage of the largest collection of historical materials in the City.

In FY19 the Library received an award of \$154,364 for Phase 1 of this project which entails architectural and engineering services as well as construction to renovate the room. The Library retained the services of Mills Whitaker Architect to prepare the design for the archive. Project engineering reports indicate that the installation of mobile condensed shelving will require replacement of a portion of the archive room's concrete slab. An expedited decision for the City to commit funds to install the shelving will enable the Library to finalize plans for the design of the archive space, so that Phase 1 construction may commence.

The full Updated Application which includes progress drawings and an updated floor plan for the mobile condensed shelving can be found at

<https://www.cityofmalden.org/DocumentCenter/View/3906/Malden-Public-Library-Archives-Phase-2-Pre-App>

Or find information about prior funding round applications at

<https://www.cityofmalden.org/768/CPA-Funding-Applications>

