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Gary Christenson, Mayor

**Community Preservation Committee
Recommendation Letter**



May 28, 2026

To: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

Applicant Name: Alex Pratt, Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD), and Robert Knox, Director of Public Works, Malden Department of Public Works (DPW)

Co-Applicant: Joseph Gray

Applicant Address: Malden Department of Public Works, 356 Commercial Street, Malden, MA 02148

Project: Trafton Park Phase II Construction

Overview

The City of Malden Community Preservation Committee ("CPC") is pleased to inform you that on May 27, 2023 the CPC voted 4-0-0 to recommend for approval to City Council that the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD) and the City of Malden Department of Public Works

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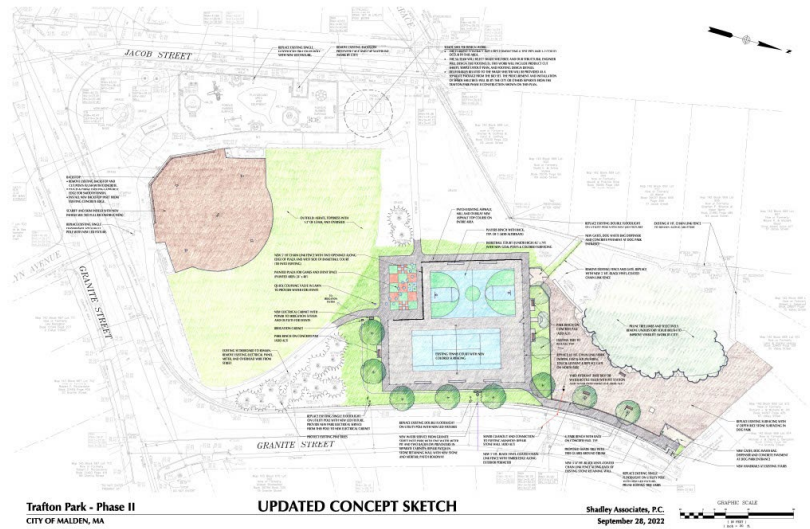
(DPW) be awarded up to \$50,000.00 in supplemental funding to erect solar lights at Trafton Park at 0 Granite Street, Malden MA, 02148. The Trafton Park Phase II Construction Project was discussed at a Public Hearing held on January 18, 2023, and was approved by City Council on April 25, 2023.

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. The CPC recommends this project with no further conditions:

Project Description

The goal of this project is to supplement the budget for solar lighting so up to five lights may be installed at Trafton Park, thereby completing Phase II of the 2019 Traft Park Master Plan. Prior to this request, CPC has funded the following components of the project:

1. In FY19 CPC awarded \$45,000.00 to complete the Trafton Park Master Plan and Feasibility Study
2. In FY20 CPC awarded \$225,000.00 for Phase I Construction for Trafton Park at 0 Granite Street, Malden, MA 02148.
3. In FY23 CPC awarded \$160,000.00 for completion of Phase II of Trafton Park, of which \$50,000.00 was allocated to the purchase and installation of solar lights.



The Trafton Park Phase II design called for the existing electrified flood lights to be replaced, but during the FY23 deliberation process, CPC approved funding to upgrade them to become solar powered lights. Because it was not part of the original design, that piece of the project was unable to be incorporated into the architect’s construction documents, and thus was not completed by the contractor who completed the Phase II work. Following construction, the project team moved onto installing solar lights as a separate project.

Since FY23 prices have escalated, so the project team has requested an additional \$50,000.00 in supplemental funding to complete the purchase and installation of solar lights at Trafton Park. Any remaining funds at the conclusion of the project will return to the CPC Fund Balance.

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Project Budget

CPA Project Funding Recommendation for FY26 Supplemental Funding		
Category: Open Space	Recommendation Funding Source	Amount
Trafton Park Lighting Project	Fund Balance	\$50,000.00
	TOTAL	\$50,000.00

Project Funding Sources

Trafton Park Improvement Project Funding Sources				
Total Project Cost	\$1,240,000.00	CPA Funds Requested	Cost Share Amount	Cost Share Percent
		\$50,000.00	\$1,030,000.00	83%
Cost Share Funding Sources		Secured Y/N	Amount	Type
CPC FY23 Award		Y	\$160,000.00	Cash, secured
City Council Mitigation Funds		Y	\$30,000.00	Cash, secured
Malden ARPA Funds		Y	\$1,000,000.00	Cash, secured

Additional Information

The full Application, including the updated Concept Plan from January 4, 2023, may be found at:

<https://www.cityofmalden.org/DocumentCenter/Index/643>

<https://www.cityofmalden.org/DocumentCenter/View/6378/CPC-Follow-up-Letter-01242023-Gray-Knox>

The completed FY26 Application for Supplemental Funding may be found at:

https://www.cityofmalden.org/DocumentCenter/View/11681/FY26_CPC-App-for-Supp-Funds_FY26_Trafton-Solar-Lights

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