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Gary Christenson, Mayor

Community Preservation Committee

Recommendation Letter



April 14, 2026

To: The Honorable Mayor's Office and City Council

Applicant Name: Eric Rubin, Public Facilities Director

Co-Applicant: N/A

Applicant Address: 215 Pleasant Street, Malden, MA 02148

Project: FY26_0032_139 Oliver Street Rehabilitation

Overview

The City of Malden Community Preservation Committee ("CPC") is pleased to inform you that on February 18, 2026 the CPC voted 4-2-0 to recommend for approval to City Council a package of FY26 awards. The FY26 award package includes a recommendation for 139 Oliver Street to be granted a total of \$100,000.00 to restore the masonry on the historic firehouse at 139 Oliver Street in Malden.

Special Conditions

The Community Preservation Committee recommends this project with no further conditions.

Rationale

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 because of the following reasons:

1. **The project that is recommended to be created with CPA funds meets the CPA’s definition of an historic resource.** The project is listed in the Massachusetts State Registry of Historic Places.
2. **The property is owned by the City.** Public ownership will protect the site from being sold or converted to another use during the lifetime of this park improvement. Should the property be sold within the next 30 years, CPC may opt to recoup a portion of its funding due to the clawback clause in the Memorandum of Understanding.
3. **CPC is comfortable with scope of the project and believes that Public Facilities has the capacity to hire a vendor to carry out the work in a timely manner.** Public Facilities has been investing in regular maintenance of the facility and has undertaken some extraordinary repairs such as the \$80,000.00 roof replacement that serves as an in-kind match for this project to ensure that the building can remain watertight for ongoing improvements to the interior.
4. **The project shows substantive coordination and planning involving City departments or other entities that will have involvement in the execution of the project.**

Recommended Award Details

CPA Project Funding Recommendation: FY26 Application		
Category: Historic Preservation	Recommendation Funding Source	Amount
139 Oliver Street Rehabilitation	Fund Balance	\$100,000.00

Project Description

The goal of this project is to rehabilitate the façade of the historic fire station at 139 Oliver Street. Public Facilities is seeking to ensure that the building is watertight to prepare the structure for further improvements to the interior.

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Figure 1: Photo by Dana Smith, 2017

The Public Facilities Department is able to conduct regular maintenance and to facilitate large repairs in-house such as the roof. However, the Department seeks to hire a contractor with experience working on historic buildings to restore the masonry on the façade.

Project Funding Sources

Linden Park Project Funding Sources				
Total Project Cost	\$180,000.00	CPA Funds Requested	Cost Share Amount	Cost Share Percent
		\$100,000.00	\$80,000.00	56%
Cost Share Funding Sources		Secured Y/N	Amount	Type
Public Facilities Budget		Y	\$80,000.00	In-kind

Additional Information

The full Application as well as the supporting attachments may be found at: https://www.cityofmaiden.org/DocumentCenter/View/10790/FY26_0032_139-Oliver-St-Restoration_App-Attachments

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