

**Community Preservation Committee  
Town of Belmont**

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**CPA Funding - Preliminary Application**

**Ten copies of the completed Preliminary Application must be submitted to the following address by no later than 7:00PM on Monday, October 10, 2022:**

Community Preservation Committee  
c/o Matthew Haskell, CPA Administrator  
Office of the Select Board  
Belmont Town Hall  
455 Concord Avenue  
Belmont, MA 02478

*Unless an applicant can demonstrate that a significant opportunity would otherwise be lost, preliminary applications will not be accepted after the submission deadline.*

**Project Title** Underwood Playground Design and Engineering

**Project Location** Underwood Park

**Applicant/Contact Person** Brandon Fitts, CTRS, CPRP, Director of Recreation

**Organization** Town of Belmont

**Mailing Address** 19 Moore St. Belmont, MA 02478

**Telephone** 617.993.2760 **E-mail** bfitts@belmont-ma.gov

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** 9/26/2022

CPA Category (refer to chart on the following page and check all that apply):

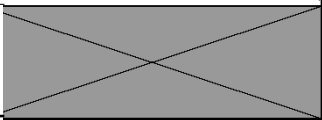

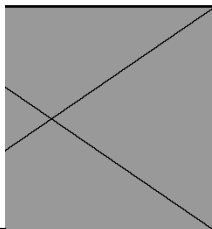
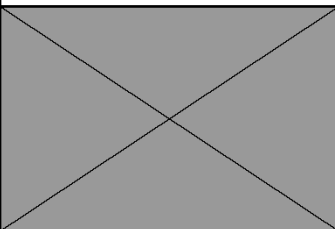
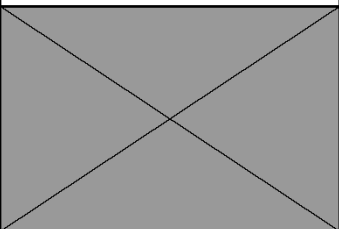
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**Amount Requested** \$50,000

**Total Project Cost** \$50,000

Applicants will present their projects at the **CPC Public Meeting on November 9, 2022** and address questions from Belmont residents. It is required that information about the project be in writing and copied for distribution and review at the Public Meeting. This is also an opportunity for project sponsors to ask the CPC any questions regarding the application process.

**Chart 1**  
**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND ALLOWABLE SPENDING PURPOSES (G.L. c. 44B, § 5)**

	OPEN SPACE	HISTORIC RESOURCES	RECREATIONAL LAND	COMMUNITY HOUSING	
<b>DEFINITIONS</b> (G.L. c. 44B, § 2)	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 <b>wetlands, ocean, river, stream,</b> lake and pond frontage, beaches, dunes and other coastal lands, lands to protect scenic vistas, land for wildlife or natnre preserve and land for recreational use	Building, str uctnr e, vessel, real property, document or artifact listed on the state register of historic places or determined by the local historic preservation commission to be significantin the history, archeology, architecture or culture of the city or town	Land for active or passive recreational use including, but not limited to, the use of land for community gardens , tr ails, and noncommercial youth and adult sports, and the useof land as a park, playground or athletic field  Does <u>not</u> include horse or dog racing or the use of land for a stadium, gymnasium or similar structnre.	Housing for low and moderate income individuals and families, Including low or moderate Income seniors  Moderate income is less than 100%, and low income is less than 80%, of USHUD Area Wide Median Income	
<b>ACQUISITION</b> Obtain property interest by gift, purchase, devise, grant, rental, rental purchase, lease or otherwise. Only includes eminent domain taking as provided by G.L. c. 44B	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
<b>CREATION</b> To bring into being or cause to exist. <i>Seideman v. City of Newlon</i> , 452 Mass. 472 (2008)	Yes		Yes	Yes	
<b>PRESERVATION</b> Protect personal or real property from injury, harm or destruction	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
<b>SUPPORT</b> Provide grants, loans, rental assistance, security deposits, interest-rate write downs or other forms of assistance directly to individuals and famiies who are eligible for community housing, or to entity that owns, operates or manages such housing, for the purpose of making housing affordable					Yes, includes fnnding for community's affordable housing trnst
<b>REHABILITATION AND RESTORATION</b> Make capital improvements, or extraordinary repairs to make assets functional for intended use, including improvements to comply with federal, state or local building or access codes or federal standards for rehabilitation of historic properties	Yes if acquired or created with CP funds	Yes	Yes	Yes if acquired or created with CP funds	

**Brief Description of Project**

Include the address/location and current owner of the property, as well as any critical dates.  
Please attach supplemental information (photographs, drawings, documents, etc.) as desired

The Underwood Playground is roughly 20 years old and is beyond its useful life. As stated in the CPA funded Inventory and Assessment study, “Play structures show signs of wear. Rust is evident on many components and paint is peeling and faded across the entire facility. There is graffiti and other signs of vandalism on many pieces. Rubber coating on sheet metal components is pulling away and leaving exposed rusted metal edges in prominent fall zones. Mulch surfacing has compacted significantly and has worn away under high-traffic areas, causing severe pitting under swings and movable components.” The first phase of this project will look to design and re-imagine the current playground site and consider multiple options as it looks to get rebuilt.

**Brief Description of Benefit**

How does the project fulfill the General and Specific Criteria of the Community Preservation Committee Guidelines?

The Underwood playground/hill is a very popular play area used by the Wellington School students, neighbors, and greater Belmont community. It is also heavily utilized by Underwood Pool patrons and the Belmont Library. Revitalizing this play structure will enable greater access to outdoor recreation and healthier lifestyles. In consideration of the location, it will be important to view this project in relation to the Underwood Pool and other needs in the town. Having a safe and accessible play area will benefit the entire Belmont Community.