

Community Preservation Act Committee Recommendations for FY22 CPA Projects

Scott Tower/Anniversary Hill Phase II / City of Holyoke (Conservation Commission) / Kestrel Land Trust

- **Recommendation:** \$30,000
- **Project Description:** This funding request is for Phase II of the project to restore and revitalize Anniversary Hill Park and its landmark feature, Scott Tower. Phase I was previously awarded CPA funds in FY21 (\$175,000) and is currently underway (acquisition and protection of 14.1 acres of additional park land, as well as conceptual design work and site planning.) Phase II will develop the initial park design as well as a site planning survey of the property, which will prepare the City to solicit bids for final design work, construction documents, permitting, construction management and renovations in the next phase of the project.

Gloutak Woods Trail Improvements / City of Holyoke (Conservation Commission)/ Kestrel Land Trust

- **Recommendation:** \$47,000
- **Project Description:** This project will fund important trail improvements at Gloutak Woods, including wetland crossings, kiosk construction, invasive species removal, etc. The proposed work will take place in partnership with an organization that hires and trains local high school trail crews for municipal open spaces, providing Holyoke youth with a one-of-a-kind training opportunity that will allow them to contribute meaningfully to the City while also enhancing their employment prospects. Gloutak Woods was previously acquired by the City of Holyoke with CPA funds and was the first Open Space CPA project in Holyoke. The Holyoke Conservation Commission and Kestrel Land Trust would provide general project support and oversight.

Lady Liberty Civil War Monument (Veterans' Park) / City of Holyoke War Memorial Commission / Parks & Recreation

- **Recommendation:** An additional \$15,000.
- **Project Description:** This project to restore the Monument in Veteran's Park was previously awarded \$60,000 (approved by City Council), but the lowest public bid in the City's procurement process came in higher than expected so the project requires this amount of additional funding to move forward. This project will put into action specific historic restoration recommendations provided by a study previously funded by CPA and preserve this monument for generations to come.

Wistariahurst Museum Exterior Repainting and Repairs (238 Cabot St.) / City of Holyoke

- **Recommendation:** \$125,000
- **Project Description:** This project will fund the much-needed repainting and repairing of exterior structures of Wistariahurst Museum's main house and carriage house.

This work will build on the plan to address necessary rehabilitation needs of this historic museum which was begun with previous CPA awards for electrical repairs in FY20 (\$104,500) and FY21 (\$55,000).

Holyoke City Hall Stained Glass Window Restoration - Phase IV / City of Holyoke Dept. of Public Works/ Friends of Holyoke City Hall

- **Recommendation:** \$80,000
- **Project Description:** This project will restore and reinstall one stained glass window: (either Window No. 1 or 2). These two windows were originally located on the east side of the Holyoke City Hall, the side facing the City Hall parking deck. A local match from CPA is required to apply for additional funds from the Massachusetts Historic Commission (MHC) to restore the second window. These windows were previously removed and stored because they were in very poor condition. This project is the 4th phase of the stained glass window restoration project at City Hall. The 1st phase was completed in 2015 and involved the restoration and reinstallation of 2 windows and placing 3 windows in storage. The 2nd phase, funded by CPA for \$75,000, was completed in June 2020. It involved the restoration and reinstallation of 2 of these 3 windows and removal and crating of an additional 3 windows. The 3rd phase of the project, funded by CPA for \$80,000, included the restoration and reinstallation of the last window on the west side of the City Hall as well as Window No 3. on the east side of City Hall.

For more information on each of these projects, including access to all submitted CPA applications, please see this link:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1H_yNMnDmUXiybA3EGQKIJFQdBeq_muzGrcCm7Cuq5uM/edit?usp=sharing