

Community Preservation Act Committee Recommendations for FY22 CPA Projects

Miracle League of Western MA (MLWM) Playground for All, Kennedy Field

- **Recommendation:** \$350,000
- **Category:** Recreational Space
- **Project Description:** The recommended funds will go toward the building of a playground for children of all abilities on the City of Holyoke-owned Kennedy Field. This accessible, adaptive playground will make it easier for children with physical and cognitive disabilities to play safely with their typically developing peers and siblings. Although playgrounds like this exist in surrounding communities, this would be the first of its kind in Holyoke. The plan, supported by the Holyoke Parks and Recreation Dept, is to build this playground at Kennedy Field, parallel to the current play structure. Since the playground will be built on public land, this space will be fully open to the public. The total projected budget for this project is \$439,426. MLWM has currently fund-raised just under \$100,000 towards this project. (See Exhibit A on p.2).

Girls Inc. Headquarters and Program Center, 480 Hampden St.

- **Recommendation:** \$150,000
- **Category:** Historic Preservation
- **Project Description:** This funding recommendation is for much-needed preservation work on the building envelope of 480 Hampden St. in the form of masonry restoration and slate repair. Girls Inc. is conducting a 3.2 million renovation of the former O'Connell building at 480 Hamden Street to create a fully ADA accessible program center. Built in 1897, the building was the home of the O'Connell Companies until 2017 and represents a place that partnered in the birth, growth and development of Holyoke as it grew into a planned city. CPA funds would go toward work in keeping with the U.S. Secretary of the Interior Standards for Historic Restoration in the form of masonry work, repointing and cleaning of the façade as well as slate roof restoration. The building would serve as the headquarters for Girls Inc. which will serve 1,000 low-income girls aged 5-18 per year by providing programming in academics and life skills. A fundraising campaign is currently in progress and Girls Inc. has raised 3.1 million toward its 5 million goal (\$3 million will go toward renovation).

For more information on these projects, including access to applications, please see this link:

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

EXHIBIT A: LAYOUT OF MIRACLE LEAGUE PLAYGROUND ON EXISTING SITE

The project will not require removal of the brick school sign. Work will be conducted inside the sidewalk area as shown. The tree shadow is not representative of its actual location. Miracle League will not need to relocate the wall, the flagpole, or disturb the tree.

