

Medford Community Preservation Plan Summary of Goals and Priorities

Funding Distribution

The distribution of CPA funds should be balanced flexibly but evenly among the three categories, Open Space and Recreation, Historic Preservation, and Affordable Housing.

Overall Goals for CPA Funding:

1. Projects should be highly visible and accessible, generating broad benefits to the community.
2. As appropriate, application should demonstrate public input or gathering of support.
3. Projects must not replace funding from the City budget or other sources.
4. Priority is given to projects that leverage funding from other sources and/or fill a gap where other sources are not available.
5. Projects should demonstrate cost-sensitivity both in the short-term use of CPA funds, and the long-term maintenance or lifespan of the resource for which the funds are used.
6. Priority is given to projects with a public sector or non-profit applicant or co-applicant above private individuals or for-profit applicants.

Program Area Goals and Priorities

Goals	Priorities
Open Space	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">)] Expand and enhance open space as distinguishing features of Medford’s landscape, especially along the Mystic River and other bodies of water.)] Make Medford Square and neighborhoods greener and more attractive.)] Protect neighborhoods and natural resources from the impacts of flooding and climate change. 	<p>First: Enhance open space as a land use asset.</p> <p>Second: Support resiliency through open space.</p>
Recreation	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">)] Improve access to open space and recreational resources for all Medford residents.)] Expand bicycle and pedestrian paths, connecting neighborhoods and recreational and community resources.)] Provide diverse recreation opportunities, serving residents of all ages. 	<p>First: Improve connectivity, access, safety, and function.</p> <p>Second: Create additional amenities.</p>
Affordable Housing	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">)] Preserve Medford’s income and demographic diversity through sustaining and increasing Medford’s supply of affordable housing for families, seniors, individuals, and people with disabilities.)] Facilitate investments in affordable housing that preserve and complement the character of Medford’s neighborhoods.)] Support low and moderate income households in accessing housing that they can afford. 	<p>First: Increase supply of affordable housing</p> <p>Second: Provide support for households to access affordable housing.</p>
Historic Preservation	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">)] Preserve historic buildings and sites.)] Protect, restore and enhance public access to historical records and artifacts.)] Increase public awareness about local history and historical sites. 	<p>First: Preserve City-owned historic resources</p> <p>Second: Preserve non-City owned historic resources</p>