

New Art Center's Church of the Open Word Restoration Funding Recommendation

Community Preservation Committee

Presentation to the Zoning and Planning Committee

February 14, 2022

Project Overview

- ▶ Church of the Open Word includes ca. 1893 stone church by well known architect Ralph Adams Cram and ca. 1886 stone parish house
- ▶ Property is centrally located and included on the National Register of Historic Places as part of the Newtonville National Register Historic District
- ▶ New Art Center is interested in relocating here and converting the existing buildings into an exhibition gallery, lecture and performance space, classrooms, offices, and studios
- ▶ New Art Center in one year agreement with property owner to evaluate the site



Location



Current Funding Request

CPA funding is requested to complete the plans and studies necessary to move forward with the restoration of the former Church of the Open Word located at 19 Highland Avenue including:

- ▶ An existing conditions assessment,
- ▶ Structural and site surveys,
- ▶ Engineering reviews, and the
- ▶ Designs and Architectural Plans for the restoration and rehabilitation of the existing historic structures and spaces

Recommended CPA Project Funding

CPA Funding Accounts	Amount
CPA FY22 Historic Resource Reserve Funds	\$19,621.71
FY22 Unrestricted Funds	\$74,978.29
TOTAL CPA PROJECT FUNDS:	\$94,600.00

CPA Funding is recommended to be Historic Resource Funding.

Project Funding Sources

Funding Sources	Amount
CPA Recommended Funding	\$94,600
New Art CARES Act Tax Credit Savings	\$94,600
TOTAL CPA PROJECT FUNDS:	\$189,200

Timeline

Winter 2022 - Spring 2022:

Site Surveys, Existing Condition Assessments,
Zoning Reviews, Needs Assessment and
Business Plan Development

Spring 2022 - Summer 2022:

Conceptual Design

August 2022:

Construction Cost Estimates



Questions & Discussion

▶ Thank you!

