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Jackson Homestead & Museum Exhibits - \$200,000

I am allocating \$200,000 to jumpstart the updates to the permanent exhibits at Newton's Jackson Homestead and Museum. In this City-owned historic building run by a public/private partnership between the Newton Historical Society and the City of Newton, the museum has extraordinary rotating and permanent exhibits that bring alive the history of Newton, Massachusetts as well as the Underground Railroad.

The federal-style house built in 1809 sits at the corner of Washington Street and Jackson Road. It has operated as the City's official museum since 1950 with exhibitions for adults and children that range from the history of farming, and family life to slavery and anti-slavery. The current Newton history permanent exhibits were created in the 1980s and after 40 years no longer represent the full diversity of our heritage.

The Historic Newton staff is excited to document a more comprehensive history of the immigration of a wide variety of cultural groups, to lift up the extensive Black and Indigenous history in Newton, and to fill in gaps of the later 20th century. Historic Newton is planning to request CPA funds and to launch a special fundraising campaign by the Newton Historical Society to contribute to the funding for the new exhibits.