



Finance Committee Agenda

City of Newton In City Council

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

The Finance Committee will hold this meeting as a virtual meeting on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at 7:00 pm. To view this meeting using Zoom use this link: <https://newtonma.gov.zoom.us/j/88621074179> or call 1-646-558-8656 and use the following Meeting ID: 886 2107 4179

Items scheduled for discussion:

#401-24 Appointment to the Financial Audit Advisory Committee
PRESIDENT LAREDO appointing Patrick Moriarty, 9 Hill Side Rd, Newton, as a member of the FINANCIAL AUDIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE for a term to expire on November 4, 2027.
(60 days: December 20, 2024)
Finance Held 7-0 on 10-28-24

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#405-24 Authorization to appropriate and expend \$1 million for the Vehicle Replacement Program
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) from June 30, 2024 Certified Free Cash to support the Vehicle Replacement Program.
Public Facilities Approved 6-0 (Councilor Kalis Not Voting) on 11-6-24

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#406-24 Authorization to appropriate and expend \$200,000 for FY25 Traffic Calming projects
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) from June 30, 2024, Certified Free Cash to support the planned FY25 Traffic Calming projects in line with a Resolution from the City Council during the budget process.
Public Facilities Approved 7-0 on 11-6-24

#413-24 Authorization to appropriate and expend \$43,189.52 to Newton Public Schools
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of forty-three thousand one hundred and eighty-nine dollars and fifty-two cents (\$43,189.52) from June 30, 2024 Certified Free Cash, to Newton Public Schools which has been collected from FY24 Helpsy textile collection and recycling at school locations.

The location of this meeting is accessible and reasonable accommodations will be provided to persons with disabilities who require assistance. If you need a reasonable accommodation, please contact the city of Newton's ADA Coordinator, Jini Fairley, at least two business days in advance of the meeting: jfairley@newtonma.gov or (617) 796-1253. The city's TTY/TDD direct line is: 617-796-1089. For the Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS), please dial 711.

- #412-24** **Referred to Program & Services and Finance Committees**
Authorization to appropriate and expend \$338,119 for McKinney-Vento Homeless Student Transportation
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the state reimbursement in the sum of three hundred and thirty-eight thousand one hundred and nineteen dollars (\$338,119) from June 30, 2024 Certified Free Cash to Newton Public Schools for FY24 McKinney-Vento Homeless Student Transportation.
Programs & Services Approved 6-0 on 11-6-24
- #409-24** **Referred to Program & Services and Finance Committees**
Authorization to appropriate \$2,000,000 to the NPS Educational Stabilization Fund
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate two million dollars (\$2,000,000) from June 30, 2024 Certified Free Cash to the NPS Educational Stabilization Fund.
Programs & Services Approved 6-0 on 11-6-24
- #403-24** **Referred to Zoning & Planning and Finance Committees**
CPC Recommendation to appropriate \$1,841,719.78 in CPA funding
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE recommending appropriation of one million eight hundred forty-one thousand seven hundred and nineteen dollars and seventy-eight cents (\$1,841,719.78) from FY25 Community Preservation Housing Budgeted Reserves Account and Unrestricted Prior Year Reserves to the control of the Planning & Development Department for a grant to the Newton Affordable Housing Trust for their FY25 funding.
Zoning & Planning Approved 8-0 on 10-28-24
- #407-24** **Authorization to appropriate and expend \$50,000 for the purchase of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Bottles**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend fifty-thousand dollars (\$50,000) from June 30, 2024 Certified Free Cash for the purchase of 30 new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Bottles in the Fire Department.
- #408-24** **Referred to Public Safety & Transportation and Finance Committees**
Authorization to appropriate and expend \$1,000,000 to purchase PFAS-free Firefighter Gear
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend one million dollars (\$1,000,000) from June 30, 2024 Certified Free Cash to purchase one set of PFAS-free firefighter gear for each Firefighter of the Newton Fire Department.
Public Safety & Transportation Approved 5-0 (Councilor Block recused) on 11-6-24

Referred to Public Safety & Transportation and Finance Committees

- #414-24 Authorization to appropriate and expend \$75,000 for Fire Shift Commander's Vehicle Replacement**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) from June 30, 2024 Certified Free Cash for the purchase of a new Shift Commander Vehicle (C-2) in the Fire Department.
Public Safety & Transportation Approved 5-0 (Councilor Block recused) on 11-6-24

Referred to Public Safety & Transportation and Finance Committees

- #415-24 Authorization to appropriate and expend \$1,800,000 for Fire Ladder Truck 3 Replacement**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend one-million eight-hundred thousand dollars (\$1,800,000) from June 30, 2024 Certified Free Cash for the purpose of funding the purchase of a new Fire Ladder Truck 3 for the Newton Fire Department.
Public Safety & Transportation Approved 5-0 (Councilor Block recused) on 11-6-24

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard Gentile, Chair



Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

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Office of the Mayor

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October 28, 2024

Honorable City Council
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton Centre, MA 02459

Dear Honorable Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting authorization to appropriate and expend \$1,000,000 from June 30, 2024, Certified Free Cash to support our Vehicle Replacement Program.

Commissioner McGonagle has included the planned FY25 Vehicle Replacement list.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor



CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Ruthanne Fuller, Mayor
James McGonagle
Commissioner of Public Works

Telephone (617) 796-1000
Facsimile (617) 796-1050
E-mail: jmcgonagle@newtonma.gov

To: Maureen Lemieux, Chief Financial Officer
Jonathan Yeo, Chief Operating Officer

From: James McGonagle, Commissioner of Public Works

Subject: Request for Appropriation of \$1,000,000 for Vehicle Replacements

Date: October 22, 2024

I respectfully request that the Mayor docket a request to appropriate \$1,000,000 from Free Cash to support the Vehicle Replacement Program.

The following vehicles are scheduled for replacement in accordance with our FY25 vehicle replacement schedule.

Year	Model	Current Vehicle Type	Current Department	Replacement Vehicle Type	FY25
2005	7400	HD 6 Whl Truck	Public Works	HD 6 Whl Dump+Spreader	\$ 375,000
2006	7400	HD 6 Whl Truck	Public Works	HD 6 Whl Dump+Spreader	\$ 375,000
2007	7400	HD 6 Whl Truck	Public Works	HD 6 Whl Dump+Spreader	\$ 375,000
2008	L70F	Loader	Public Works	L120	\$ 350,000
1998	MT5	Sidewalk Tractor	Public Works	Trackless	\$ 155,000
2017	Pelican	Sweeper	Public Works	Elgin Pelican	\$ 300,000
2011	F350	MD Truck	Parks & Rec		\$ 120,000
2010	Cabover	Cabover	Parks & Rec		\$ 110,000
2012	F350 -> F550	MD Truck	Public Works	F350 Utility Truck	\$ 125,000
2013	E250	Van	Building Dept.	Transit 250	\$ 75,000

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Cc: Shawna Sullivan, , Deputy Commissioner

CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

DRAFT

ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Public Facilities Committee through its Chair Susan Albright and the Finance Committee through its Chair Leonard Gentile, authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) from June 30, 2024 Certified Free Cash to support the DPW Vehicle Replacement Program be and is hereby approved as follows:

FROM: Certified Free Cash
(0001-3240)..... \$1,000,000.00

TO: DPW Vehicle Replacement
(7637E401-585020)..... \$1,000,000.00

Under Suspension of Rules
Readings Waived and Approved
DRAFT

(SGD) CAROL MOORE
City Clerk

(SGD) RUTHANNE FULLER
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October 25, 2024

Honorable City Council
Newton City Hall
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Newton Centre, MA 02459

Dear Honorable Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting authorization to appropriate and expend \$200,000 from June 30, 2024, Certified Free Cash to support our planned FY25 Traffic Calming projects in line with a Resolution from the City Council during the budget process in April-May 2024.

These funds will support the following traffic calming projects in design or in locations where the design is complete:

- Commonwealth Avenue between Temple Street and Chestnut Street: Major intersection improvements at Commonwealth Avenue at Temple Street, construction of sidewalk bump-outs, accessible median, and improved pedestrian crossings
- Elliot Street, between Linden Street and Circuit Avenue: Major intersection improvements at Elliot Street at Mechanic Street, construction of improved bicycle and pedestrian accommodations at both Elliot Street at Linden Street and at Elliot Street at Cottage Street
- Florence Street, between Boylston Street and Louise Road: Construction of raised mid-block crossing between Louise Road and Tanglewood Road
- Langley Road at Jackson Street: Construction of sidewalk bump-outs and improved pedestrian crossings

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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To: Maureen Lemieux, Chief Financial Officer
Jonathan Yeo, Chief Operating Officer

From: James McGonagle, Commissioner of Public Works

Subject: Request for Appropriation of \$200,000 for Traffic Calming Projects

Date: October 22, 2024

I respectfully request that the Mayor docket a request to appropriate \$200,000 from Free Cash to support our planned traffic calming projects during FY25.

Below is a list of traffic calming projects in design or design is complete.

- Commonwealth Avenue between Temple Street and Chestnut Street: Major intersection improvements at Commonwealth Avenue at Temple Street, construction of sidewalk bump-outs, accessible median, and improve pedestrian crossings
- Elliot St, between Linden Street and Circuit Avenue: Major intersection improvements at Elliot Street at Mechanic Street, construction of improved bicycle and pedestrian accommodations at both Elliot Street at Linden Street and at Elliot Street at Cottage Street
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cc: Shawna Sullivan, Deputy Commissioner

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FROM: Certified Free Cash
(0001-3240)..... \$200,000.00

TO: Traffic Calming Projects
(7535R401-586002) \$200,000.00

Under Suspension of Rules
Readings Waived and Approved
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October 28, 2024

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Honorable Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of \$43,189.52 from June 30, 2024 Certified Free Cash, to Newton Public Schools which has been collected from FY24 Helpsy textile collection and recycling at school locations.

Helpsy collects unwanted textiles for reuse and recycling. Since 2022, Helpsy textile collection bins have been placed at several school buildings throughout the city. NPS is paid 11 cents per pound and receives quarterly payments for the collected materials. This revenue will be used to support NPS sustainability initiatives and Green Team Leaders in the schools.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor



Office of Business, Finance and Planning
100 Walnut Street
Newtonville, MA 02460
617-559-9025

TO: Mayor Fuller

FROM: Liam Hurley, Assistant Superintendent / Chief Financial and Administrative Officer

DATE: 9/25/24

RE: Docket Request – Helpsy Textile Bins

A vote of the City Council is requested to appropriate the funds collected from the Helpsy Textile bins to the School Department. Current receipts in the amount of \$43,189.52 are housed in the following general revenue accounts.

0130101-432046
FY24 \$43,189.52

Please see attached School Committee memo and vote.

Thank you.



Office of Business, Finance and Planning
100 Walnut Street
Newtonville, MA 02460
617-559-9025

TO: School Committee

FROM: Liam Hurley, Assistant Superintendent / Chief Financial and Administrative Officer

DATE: September 23, 2024

RE: Vote to Transfer Textile Recycling Funds

We are requesting a vote of the School Committee to approve a request to the Mayor's office to docket a vote of City Council to appropriate the Funds collected from the Helpsy Textile bins.

Current receipts in the amount of \$ 43,189.52 are housed in the following general revenue accounts.

0130101-432046
FY24 \$43,189.52

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CC: Stephen Curley, Comptroller
Maureen Lemeiux, Chief Financial Officer

Newton School Committee Members



NEWTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

WARD	
I	Rajeev Parlikar
II	Christopher Brezski, Chair
III	Anping Shen
IV	Tamika Olszewski
V	Emily Prenner, Vice-Chair
VI	Paul Levy
VII	Vacant
VIII	Barry Greenstein

MAYOR RUTHANNE FULLER- EX OFFICIO

MEMO

To: Liam Hurley, Assistant Superintendent/Chief Financial, and Administrative Officer
From: Lisa Mazzola
Re: School Committee Approval
Date: September 24, 2024

On September 23, 2024 the School Committee voted to approve the following items:

1. Accept McKinney-Vento State Reimbursement for Homeless Students and Foster Care Transportation (\$338,119)
2. Transfer Textile Recycling Funds (43,189.52)

Motion to approve was made by Parlikar and seconded by Levi

The motion passed 8-0.

Lisa Mazzola

Secretary, School Committee

CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

DRAFT

ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee through its Chair Leonard Gentile, authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of forty-three thousand one hundred and eighty-nine dollars and fifty-two cents (\$43,189.52) from June 30, 2024 Certified Free Cash to Newton Public Schools for funds collected from the FY24 Helpsy textile collection and recycling be and is hereby approved as follows:

FROM: Certified Free Cash
(0001-3240)..... \$43,189.52

TO: School Sustainability Initiatives
(01C30109-579500) \$43,189.52

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October 23, 2024

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Honorable Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of \$338,119.00 from June 30, 2024 Certified Free Cash, to Newton Public Schools for FY24 McKinney-Vento Homeless Student Transportation (0130101-433007).

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, reauthorized in December 2001 as part of the Federal No Child Left Behind Act, ensures educational rights and protection for children and youth experiencing homelessness. The Massachusetts Educational Plan provides services aimed at preventing homeless children from experiencing further instability in their lives by minimizing their moves from school to school.

Appropriating these funds to the School Department will allow the district to directly offset a portion of the cost of bus transportation in FY25.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor



Office of Business, Finance and Planning
100 Walnut Street
Newtonville, MA 02460
617-559-9025

TO: Mayor Fuller

FROM: Liam Hurley, Assistant Superintendent / Chief Financial and Administrative Officer

DATE: 9/25/24

RE: Docket Request – McKinney Vento Reimbursement

A vote of the City Council is requested to appropriate the state reimbursement of \$338,119 for McKinney Vento Homeless Student Transportation to the School Department. Current receipts are housed in the following general revenue accounts.

0130101-433007
FY24 \$338,119

Please see attached School Committee memo and vote.

Thank you.



Newton School Committee Members

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MAYOR RUTHANNE FULLER- EX OFFICIO

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Lisa Mazzola

Secretary, School Committee

CITY OF NEWTON

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ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Programs & Services Committee through its Chair Joshua Krintzman and the Finance Committee through its Chair Leonard Gentile, authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of three hundred thirty-eight thousand and one hundred and nineteen dollars (\$338,119) from June 30, 2024 Certified Free Cash to Newton Public Schools for FY24 McKinney-Vento Homeless Student Transportation (01C30104-538301) be and is hereby approved as follows:

FROM: Certified Free Cash
(0001-3240)..... \$338,119.00

TO: McKinney-Vento Homeless Transportation
(01C30104-538301) \$338,119.00

Under Suspension of Rules
Readings Waived and Approved
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(SGD) CAROL MOORE
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October 28, 2024

Honorable City Council
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Dear Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting authorization to appropriate \$2 million from June 30, 2024, Certified Free Cash to the NPS Educational Stabilization Fund.

With the support of the Honorable Council, last year we worked to transform \$22 million of one-time funds into on-going support to bolster operations for the Newton Public Schools over the next five years. This NPS Educational Stabilization Fund will be part of the City of Newton's overall financial strategy to support programs and services for our students.

Taking advantage of higher than usual revenues from interest income, our financial plan includes the appropriation of an additional \$2 million this fall from Free Cash to the NPS Educational Stabilization Fund to extend the life of the fund. We have had discussions with the NPS leadership about our expectation that these dollars be used in the out years, thus providing a cushion as the Stabilization Fund is drawn down.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

DRAFT

ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Programs & Services Committee through its Chair Joshua Krintzman and the Finance Committee through its Chair Leonard Gentile, authorization to appropriate the sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) from June 30, 2024 Certified Free Cash to the Newton Public Schools Educational Stabilization Fund (5910-490001) be and is hereby approved as follows:

FROM: Certified Free Cash
(0001-3240)..... \$2,000,000.00

TO: NPS Educational Stabilization Fund
(5910-490001)..... \$2,000,000.00

Under Suspension of Rules
Readings Waived and Approved
DRAFT

(SGD) CAROL MOORE
City Clerk

(SGD) RUTHANNE FULLER
Mayor
Date: _____

CITY OF NEWTON

DOCKET REQUEST FORM

DEADLINE NOTICE: Council Rules require items to be docketed with the Clerk of the Council NO LATER THAN 7:45 P.M. ON THE MONDAY PRIOR TO A FULL COUNCIL MEETING.

To: Clerk of the City Council Date: October 15,2024

From (Docketer): Mollie Hutchings, Community Preservation Program Manager

Address: Planning Department, Newton City Hall, 1000 Commonwealth Avenue Newton MA 02459

Phone: 617-796-1147 E-mail: mhutchings@newtonma.gov

Additional sponsors: Community Preservation Committee

1. Please docket the following item (it will be edited for length if necessary):

Recommendation from the Community Preservation Committee that \$1,841,719.78 in Community Preservation Act funding be appropriated to the control of the Planning & Development Department for a grant to the Newton Affordable Housing Trust for their FY25 funding.

The funding should come from two sources:
 Community Housing FY24 Reserve Account(#58R10498 57900C) - \$500,000.00
 Unrestricted Prior Year Reserves(#5800 3599)- \$1,341,719.78

2. The purpose and intended outcome of this item is:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fact-finding & discussion | <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance change |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appropriation, transfer, | <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expenditure, or bond authorization | <input type="checkbox"/> License or renewal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special permit, site plan approval, | <input type="checkbox"/> Appointment confirmation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Zone change (public hearing required) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

3. I recommend that this item be assigned to the following committees:

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|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Programs & Services | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Real Property |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Zoning & Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use | <input type="checkbox"/> No Opinion |

4. This item should be taken up in committee:

- Immediately (Emergency only, please). Please state nature of emergency:
- As soon as possible, preferably within a month
- In due course, at discretion of Committee Chair
- When certain materials are made available, as noted in 7 & 8 on reverse
- Following public hearing

PLEASE FILL OUT BOTH SIDES

5. I estimate that consideration of this item will require approximately:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> One half hour or less | <input type="checkbox"/> Up to one hour |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> More than one hour | <input type="checkbox"/> An entire meeting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More than one meeting | <input type="checkbox"/> Extended deliberation by subcommittee |

6. The following people should be notified and asked to attend deliberations on this item. (Please check those with whom you have already discussed the issue, especially relevant Department Heads):

City personnel

Citizens (include telephone numbers/email please)

Mollie Hutchings _____

Susan Lunin suzylunin@gmail.com _____

Lara Kritzer _____

Barney Heath _____

7. The following background materials and/or drafts should be obtained or prepared by the Clerk's office prior to scheduling this item for discussion:

CPC Recommendation for funding
Full funding proposal

8. I have or intend to provide additional materials and/or undertake the following research independently prior to scheduling the item for discussion. *

*(*Note to docketer: Please provide any additional materials beyond the foregoing to the Clerk's office by 2 p.m. on Friday before the upcoming Committee meeting when the item is scheduled to be discussed so that Councilors have a chance to review all relevant materials before a scheduled discussion.)*

Please check the following:

9. I would like to discuss this item with the Chairman before any decision is made on how and when to proceed.
10. I would like the Clerk's office to contact me to confirm that this item has been docketed. My daytime phone number is:
11. I would like the Clerk's office to notify me when the Chairman has scheduled the item for discussion.

Thank you.

Mollie Hutchings

Signature of person docketing the item



Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

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Barney S. Heath
Director

**Community Preservation Committee
Funding Recommendation for the Newton
Affordable Housing Trust Fund**

Date: October 15, 2024
From: Community Preservation Committee
To: The Honorable City Council
CC: Her Honor Mayor Ruthanne Fuller

PROJECT GOALS & ELIGIBILITY

CPA Community Housing funding is requested to provide the second round of annual funding for the Newton Affordable Housing Trust (NAHT). The Trust was created in December 2021 to provide a more efficient and streamlined process for funding new affordable housing projects in Newton. This funding will be used by the Trust to fund future affordable housing projects which acquire, create, preserve, restore, rehabilitate or support affordable housing in Newton.

The project is eligible for CPA funding as the funds will be used in the future for CPA eligible projects which further the City’s existing and future affordable housing goals.

RECOMMENDED FUNDING At its monthly meeting on August 20, the Community Preservation Committee unanimously recommended, with a vote of 7 to 0, that \$ \$1,753,541.65, which represents 35% of the Community Preservation Program’s FY25 annual funds, in Community Preservation Act funding be appropriated. The committee also voted to allocate an additional \$88,578.13 to the trust which was refunded to the CPA General Reserve, after the recent sale of a unit which had previously been granted down payment assistance. The total recommended amount comes to \$1,841,719.78 with \$500,000 to come from the FY25 Community Housing Reserve Account and \$1,341,719.78 to come from Unrestricted Reserve Account, to the control of the Planning & Development Department to provide funding to the Newton Affordable Housing Trust for future projects that meet one or more of the CPA’s eligible funding categories for Community Housing projects.

Account Name	Account Number	Proposed Amount for the NAHT
Community Housing FY24 Reserve Account	#58R10498 57900C	\$500,000.00
Unrestricted Prior Year Reserves	#5800 3599	\$ 1,341,719.78

www.newtonma.gov/cpa

Lara Kritzer, Community Preservation Program Manager
lkritzer@newtonma.gov 617.796.1144

SPECIAL ISSUES CONSIDERED BY THE CPC

Community Needs: City Council passed the enabling ordinance which created the Newton Affordable Housing Trust in December 2021 after several years of studying the potential benefits and requirements of these programs. The NAHT assists the City in meeting its affordable housing goals by creating a streamlined process for funding new projects and developments. This annual proposal for CPA funding of the Trust meets multiple goals listed in the Comprehensive Plan as it both strengthens an important resource for preserving and creating affordable housing and the City's overall financial resources for meeting these affordable housing goals. Funding of the Trust also addresses the goals of the City's Consolidated Plan for FY21-FY25 by providing a funding resource for projects that produce new units, preserve existing units, support affordable housing, and further Newton's Fair Housing goals.

Development Uses and Sources: This proposal will use CPA funds to continue to build up the Newton Affordable Housing Trust for use in future affordable housing projects. Any future project requesting NAHT Funding will still be required to meet all requirements of the Community Preservation Act.

Project Finances: CPA funding was noted to be the primary funding source for the Trust Fund during the review process for the enabling ordinance. As part of these discussions, the CPC agreed to set aside its annual target amount for affordable housing, currently 35% of the program's annual funding, to the NAHT once it was established. The Trust is required to apply for this funding on an annual basis, and the current recommendation is only for FY25 funds. While 35% of annual funding is the CPC's current target for the Community Housing category a future Committee may choose at any time to change these funding targets and to adjust future NAHT funding recommendations accordingly. The NAHT may also receive Inclusionary Zoning funds from time to time, but this is not anticipated to be a regular or reliable funding source.

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS *(funding conditions)*

1. Funding is to be used at the discretion of the Newton Affordable Housing Trust (NAHT) for any project which acquires, creates, preserves, rehabilitates/restores, or supports affordable housing as defined in the Community Preservation Act.
2. The CPC shall receive copies of all relevant plans, drawings, schematics, budget and marketing materials, etc. associated with the use of the CPA funding.
3. The CPC shall receive regular updates from the NAHT on the status of the Trust funds, how they are being used, and any plans for future projects or initiatives which might involve CPA funding.
4. Any CPA funds appropriated but not used for the purposes stated herein shall be returned to the Newton Community Preservation Fund.

KEY OUTCOMES

The Community Preservation Committee will evaluate this project based on its success in furthering the City's goals for affordable housing and in completing projects eligible for community housing funding as defined by the Community Preservation Act.

ATTACHMENTS

- Proposal submitted to the CPC for the August 20, 2024 public hearing

Additional information not attached to this recommendation, including petitions and letters of support, are available on the CPC's website at: <https://www.newtonma.gov/government/planning/community-preservation-program/proposals-projects/newton-affordable-housing-trust-funding>

**Newton, Massachusetts Community Preservation Program
FUNDING REQUEST**

403-24

City of Newton



Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

PRE-PROPOSAL

PROPOSAL

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Please submit this completed file directly – do not convert to PDF or other formats.

For full instructions, see www.newtonma.gov/cpa or contact us:

Mollie Hutchings, Community Preservation Program Manager,
City of Newton Planning & Development Department, 1000 Commonwealth Ave., Newton, MA 02459
mhutchings@newtonma.gov 617.796.1147

You may adjust the space for each question, but the combined answers to all questions on this page must fit on this page.

Project TITLE	Newton Affordable Housing Trust Funding		
Project LOCATION	Full street address (with zip code), or other precise location. Citywide		
Project CONTACTS	Name & title or organization	Email	Phone
Project Manager	Ann Houston, Chair Newton Affordable Housing Trust	lkritzer@newtonma.gov	617-796-1144
Other Contacts	Lara Kritzer, Community Preservation Program Manager	lkritzer@newtonma.gov	617-796-1144
Project FUNDING	A. CPA funds requested: \$2,000,000	B. Other funds to be used: \$0	C. Total project cost (A+B): \$2,000,000
	\$1,753,541.65 (ammended 8/12)		\$1,753,541.65 (ammended 8/12)
USES OF FUNDS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rental Assistance		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mortgage Assistance
TARGET POPULATION, TYPE OF HOUSING, SPECIAL FEATURES			
Individuals <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Families <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Seniors <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Homeless/At Risk of Homelessness <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Rental <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ownership (including condominiums) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	% Area Median Income:	Up to 100% AMI
Project SUMMARY	Explain how the project will use the requested CPA funds. You may provide more detail in attachments, but your PROJECT SUMMARY MUST FIT IN THE SPACE BELOW.		
<p>In December 2021, the City of Newton established the Newton Affordable Housing Trust (NAHT) for the purposes of preserving the City’s existing affordable housing units and creating new units that are affordable to low and moderate income households. The Community Preservation Committee strongly supported the creation of this new affordable housing tool and agreed to support the allocation of at least the City’s Community Housing funding target, currently 35% the CPA program’s annual funding, to the Trust for use in any affordable housing project allowable under the Community Preservation Act. This is the Newton Affordable Housing Trust’s third application for CPA funding to build up the Affordable Housing Trust Fund for use in future affordable housing projects.</p> <p>The Trust spent its first year developing its application processes, guidelines, and funding priorities with the goal of creating a concise and straightforward process for providing affordable housing funds. In its second year of operation, the Trust awarded \$1.5 million to 2Life Communities for additional work necessary at the Coleman House, a 100% deeply affordable senior housing facility, and \$500,000 to FamilyAid for the creation of the West Newton Navigation Center, a 42 unit transitional housing facility for homeless families. Trust members also established a Housing Priorities Group in cooperation with the Newton Housing Partnership and Fair Housing Committee to take a deeper look into Newton’s existing affordable housing resources and anticipated future needs.</p>			

Project TITLE		Newton Affordable Housing Trust	
USE of CPA FUNDS		COMMUNITY HOUSING	
(To be completed by CPC staff.)	Acquire	X	
	Create	X	
	Preserve	X	
	Rehabilitate/ Restore	X	
	Support	X	
COMMUNITY NEEDS	From each of at least 2 plans linked to the Guidelines & Forms page of www.newtonma.gov/cpa , provide a brief quote with plan title, year, and page number, showing how this project meets previously recognized community needs. You may also list other community benefits not mentioned in any plan.		
The NAHT supports affordable housing as recognized in the following plans:			
<p>Comprehensive Plan: Funding of the NAHT meets the goals of the Comprehensive Plan for affordable housing by consolidating the City's available funding resources in a single location which provides affordable housing advocates and developers with a simplified, one-stop process for future funding. The Comprehensive Plan called for CPA funding to be a leading resource in the preservation of existing and creation of new affordable housing (Page 5-9) and the Trust provides the City with opportunities to work with the Plan's Strategic Action for Strengthening Financial Resources (Page 5-16).</p>			
<p>Consolidated Plan FY21-FY25: Funding of the NAHT will assist the City in meeting the Strategic Plan Goals for Newton (Page 182) by providing funding for the production of new units and the preservation and rehabilitation of existing units. Trust funding can also be used to support affordable housing units and programs and to further the goals of Fair Housing in Newton.</p>			
<p>Community Outreach: The Mayor, City Councilors, and numerous City residents and affordable housing advocates took part in the discussions surrounding the development of the Affordable Housing Trust Ordinance in 2020 and 2021 and its approval in December 2021. The NAHT has since held regularly scheduled public meetings to discuss processes and funding applications which are often attended by interested members of the public and City Council.</p>			
COMMUNITY CONTACTS	List at least 3 Newton residents or organizations willing and able to comment on the project and its manager's qualifications. No more than 1 should be a supervisor, employee or current work colleague of the project manager or sponsor. Consult staff on the community contacts required for your specific proposal.		
Name & title or organization	Email	Phone	Mailing Address
Fran Godine, Engine 6	godine@comcast.net	617-969-2625	
Jeanne Strickland, Exec. Director Newton Community Development Foundation	jstrickland@ncdfinc.org	617-244-4035	
Lizabeth Heyer, Chair Newton Housing Partnership	lheyer@2lifecommunities.org	617-912-8400	

CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

DRAFT

ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee through its Chair, Susan Lunin, the Zoning & Planning Committee through its Chair R. Lisle Baker and the Finance Committee through its Chair Leonard Gentile, recommending appropriation of one million eight hundred forty one thousand and seven hundred nineteen dollars and seventy eight cents (\$1,841,719.78) from FY25 CPA Housing Budgeted Reserves and CPA Unrestricted Fund Balance to the control of the Planning & Development Department for a grant to the Newton Affordable Housing Trust for their FY25 funding is hereby approved as follows:

FROM:	FY25 CPA Housing Budgeted Reserves (58C10498-57900C)	\$500,000.00
	CPA Unrestricted Fund Balance (5800-3599).....	\$1,341,719.78
TO:	Newton Affordable Housing Trust (5714P114-579700)	\$1,841,719.78

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October 28, 2024

Honorable City Council
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton Centre, MA 02459

Honorable Councilors:

I respectfully request authorization to appropriate and expend fifty-thousand dollars (\$50,000) from June 30, 2024 Certified Free Cash for the purchase of 30 new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Bottles in the Fire Department. This will replace bottles that are currently in use that are approaching the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) standard of 15 years.

Firefighter safety is dependent on using these bottles in toxic and hazardous environments during emergency situations.

Please see attached the letter from Fire Chief Greg Gentile on the matter. A member of Fire Department leadership will be present to answer any questions you may have on this docket item.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor



Gregory J. Gentile
Chief

CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS
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Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

October 23, 2024

Mayor Ruthanne Fuller
City of Newton
1000 Commonwealth Ave
Newton, MA 02459

Mayor Fuller,

I respectfully request to docket funding of \$50,000.00 for the purchase of 30 new SCBA Bottles. This will replace bottles that are currently in use that are approaching the NFPA standard of 15 years.

Firefighter safety is dependent on these bottles from toxic and hazardous environments during emergency situations.

Thank you for your consideration to this request.

Respectfully,

Greg Gentile
Chief of Department

CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

DRAFT

ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee through its Chair Leonard Gentile, authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of fifty-thousand dollars (\$50,000) from June 30, 2024 Certified Free Cash to purchase 30 new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Bottles in the Fire Department be and is hereby approved as follows:

FROM: Certified Free Cash
(0001-3240)..... \$50,000.00

TO: SCBA Breathing Apparatus Equipment
(01C21013-558000) \$50,000.00

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October 28, 2024

Honorable City Council
Newton City Hall
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Dear Honorable Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting authorization to appropriate and expend \$1,000,000 from June 30, 2024, Certified Free Cash to purchase one set of PFAS-free firefighter gear for each Firefighter of the Newton Fire Department.

Firefighting gear has traditionally been made with products that contain PFAS or produced using processes that use PFAS. For the first time, gear that does not contain PFAS is becoming available.

Please see the attached letter from Fire Chief Greg Gentile on the matter. Chief Gentile and/or Assistant Chief Michael Bianchi will be available at the appropriate committee meeting(s) on this docket item.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller
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Gregory J. Gentile
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Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

October 17, 2024

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor
City of Newton
1000 Commonwealth Ave
Newton, MA 02459

Mayor Fuller,

I respectfully request to docket funding of \$1,000,000.00 to purchase one set of PFAS free firefighter gear for each Firefighter of the Newton Fire Department.

Firefighting gear has traditionally been made with products that contain PFAS or produced using processes that use PFAS. For the first time, gear that does not contain PFAS is becoming available.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this request.

Respectfully,

Greg Gentile
Chief of Department

CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

DRAFT

ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Public Safety & Transportation Committee through its Chair Rebecca Walker Grossman and the Finance Committee through its Chair Leonard Gentile, authorization to appropriate the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) from June 30, 2024 Certified Free Cash to purchase one set of PFAS-free firefighter gear for each Firefighter of the Newton Fire Department be and is hereby approved as follows:

FROM: Certified Free Cash
(0001-3240)..... \$1,000,000.00

TO: PFAS-free Firefighter Gear
(01C21016-558200) \$1,000,000.00

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October 28, 2024

Honorable City Council
Newton City Hall
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Honorable Councilors:

I respectfully request authorization to appropriate and expend seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) from June 30, 2024 Certified Free Cash for the purchase of a new Shift Commander Vehicle (C-2) in the Fire Department. This will replace the current Shift Commander's vehicle which will remain in our fleet as a backup vehicle.

This vehicle is one of the busiest vehicles in the Fire Department's fleet, as it responds to all emergency situations in the City, from fires to car accidents to large scale responses. The current C-2 vehicle has 53,400 miles on it and will become the C-2 backup, replacing an older vehicle that will then be used for secondary purposes such as trailing a boat. The chain of vehicle moves ends with the retirement of a 2009 Ford Taurus with 104,229 miles.

A member of Fire Department leadership will be present to answer any questions you may have on this docket item.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor



Gregory J. Gentile
Chief

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Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

October 23, 2024

Mayor Ruthanne Fuller
City of Newton
1000 Commonwealth Ave
Newton, MA 02459

Mayor Fuller,

I respectfully request to docket funding of \$75,000.00 for the purchase of a new Shift Commander Vehicle (C-2). This will replace the current Shift Commanders vehicle which will remain in our fleet as a backup vehicle.

This vehicle is one of the busiest vehicles in our fleet, as it responds to all emergency situations in the City, from fires to car accidents to large scale responses.

Thank you for your consideration to this request.

Respectfully,

Greg Gentile
Chief of Department

CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

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ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Public Safety & Transportation Committee through its Chair Rebecca Walker Grossman and the Finance Committee through its Chair Leonard Gentile, authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) from June 30, 2024 Certified Free Cash to purchase a new Shift Commander Vehicle (C-2) in the Fire Department be and is hereby approved as follows:

FROM: Certified Free Cash
(0001-3240)..... \$75,000.00

TO: Fire Shift Commander Vehicle
(01C21005-585050) \$75,000.00

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October 25, 2024

Honorable City Council
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton Centre, MA 02459

Dear Honorable Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting authorization to appropriate and expend \$1,800,000 from June 30, 2024 Certified Free for the purpose of funding the purchase of a new Fire Ladder Truck 3 for the Newton Fire Department.

The new fire ladder would replace our current Ladder 3, which is approximately 15 years old. NFPA standards require all in line apparatus to be replaced every 15 years. The older Ladder 3 will become a spare in our fleet.

Please see the attached letter from Fire Chief Greg Gentile. He or a member of his leadership team will be available to speak at the appropriate council committee meetings.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor



Gregory J. Gentile
Chief

CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS

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Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

October 17, 2024

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor
City of Newton
1000 Commonwealth Ave
Newton, MA 02459

Mayor Fuller,

I respectfully request to docket funding of \$1,800,000 dollars to purchase a new Fire Ladder Truck 3 for the Newton Fire Department.

The new fire ladder would replace our current Ladder 3, which is approximately 15 years old. NFPA standards require all in line apparatus to be replaced every 15 years. Older Ladder 3 will become a spare in our fleet.

Thank you for your consideration to this matter.

Greg Gentile
Chief of Department

CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

DRAFT

ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Public Safety & Transportation Committee through its Chair Rebecca Walker Grossman and the Finance Committee through its Chair Leonard Gentile, authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of one million and eight hundred thousand dollars (\$1,800,000) from June 30, 2024 Certified Free Cash to purchase a new Fire Ladder Truck 3 for the Newton Fire Department be and is hereby approved as follows:

FROM: Certified Free Cash
(0001-3240)..... \$1,800,000.00

TO: Fire Ladder Truck 3 Replacement
(7639E210-585030)..... \$1,800,000.00

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