



Zoning & Planning Committee Agenda

City of Newton In City Council

Monday, April 29, 2019

7:00PM

Room 205/Council Chamber

PLEASE BRING YOUR BUDGET AND CIP BOOKS

BUDGET & CIP DISCUSSIONS:

- CPA Administration
- Inspectional Services Department
- Planning & Development

Referred to Finance and Appropriate Committees

#542-18(2) Submittal of the FY 2020 Municipal/School Operating Budget
HER HONOR THE MAYOR submitting in accordance with Section 5-1 of the City of Newton Charter the FY20 Municipal/School Operating Budget totaling \$430,284,381 passage of which shall be concurrent with the FY20-FY24 Capital Improvement Program (#542-18 & 542-18(3)).
EFFECTIVE DATE OF SUBMISSION 04/16/19; LAST DATE TO PASS THE BUDGET 05/31/19

Referred to Finance and Appropriate Committees

#542-18 Submittal of the FY 2020 to FY 2024 Capital Improvement Plan
HER HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the Fiscal Years 2020 to 2024 Capital Improvement Plan pursuant to section 5-3 of the Newton City Charter.

Referred to Finance and Appropriate Committees

#542-18(3) Submittal of the FY 2020 – FY 2024 Supplemental Capital Improvement Plan
HER HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the FY 2020 – FY 2024 Supplemental Capital Improvement Plan.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan S. Albright, Chair

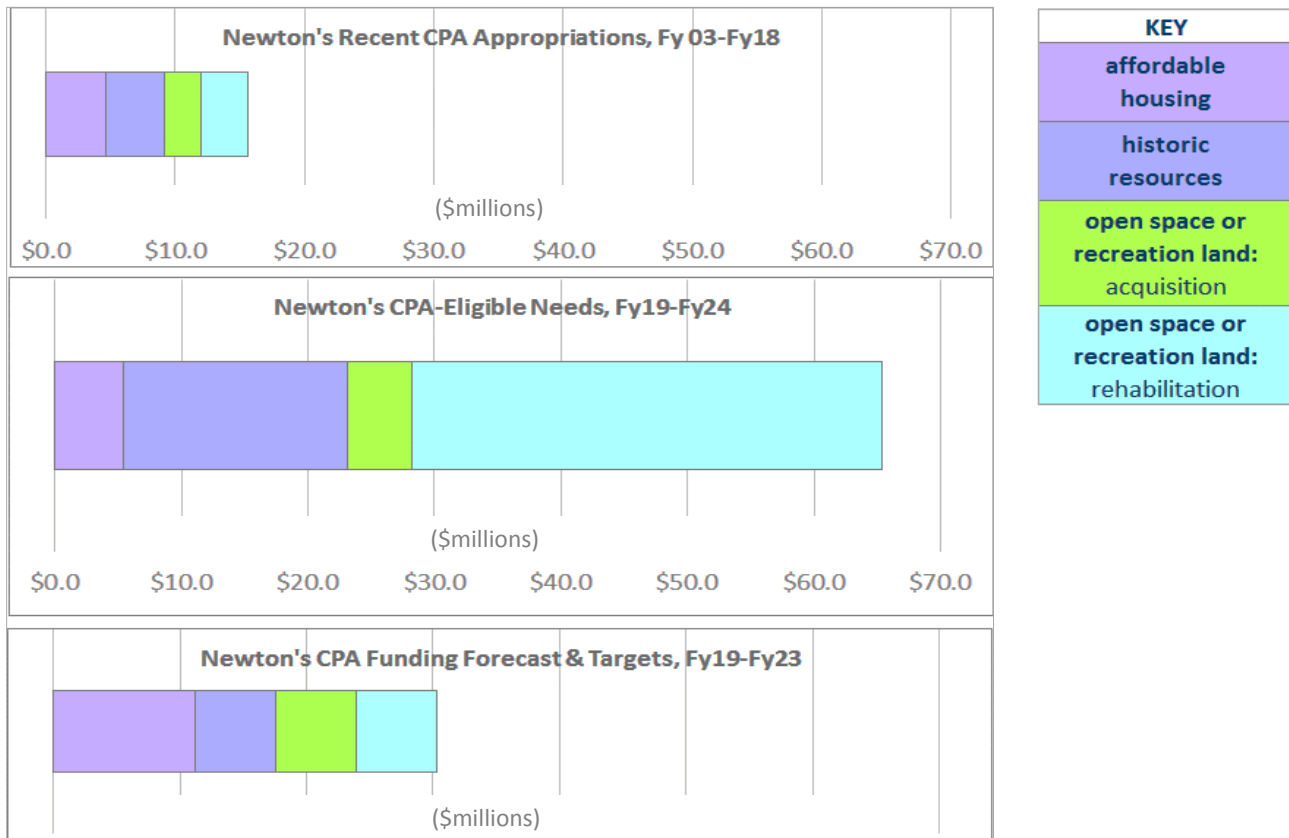
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Newton, Massachusetts, Community Preservation Program						
Current & Future Proposals Compared to Available Funds & Allocation Targets						
Sources & CIP Priority (Urgency) April 2019	Project Title	Affordable Housing	Historic Resources	Open Space or Recreation Land		
				Acquisition	Rehabilitation	
Total Funded Projects, Fy13-Fy18 (including debt service) ≈						
<i>Includes CPA funding previously appropriated but listed in Supplemental Fy20-24 CIP for Waban Hill Reservoir (Manet Road).</i>						
		\$15,645,739	\$4,583,403	\$4,620,339	\$2,807,175	\$3,634,822
		Fy13-Fy18% allocation by resource	29%	30%	18%	23%
		CPC target allocations by resource, ± 5% guidelines prior to April 2018	30% ±5%	25% ±5%	20% ±5%	20% ±5%
Current Proposals or Pre-proposals, with Related Future Proposals (in order of submission to CPC)						
CPA funds appropriated	✓ Jackson Road/Haywood House Senior Housing (NHA)	\$3,000,000				
CIP 10 (63.5), CPA funds appropriated	✓ 300 Hammond Pond Parkway Open Space (<i>professional services</i>)				\$100,000	
CIP 71 (40.1) CPA proposal on hold	70 Crescent Street (<i>in addition to prior CPA funding already incl. in Fy13-18 totals above: \$100,000 for site assessment, Apr. 2016; \$260,000 for feasibility & design, Mar. 2017</i>)					\$1,300,000
CPA funds appropriated	✓ Stanton Avenue/Golda Meir House Senior Housing (2Life Communities)	\$3,250,000				
funds returned based on Nov 2018 CPC vote	✓ Newton Homebuyer Assistance Program	-\$805,000				
supplemental CPA funds appropriated	✓ Allen House Phase 3			\$600,000		
CPA funds appropriated	✓ Newton Conservators - Conservation Restrictions				\$30,000	
pre-proposal discussed by CPC CIP 61 (41.6)	City Hall (Front) & War Memorial Exterior Stairs <i>The CPC made add'l matching non-CPA funds a condition for considering initial design costs full proposal.</i>			\$2,332,000		
CIP 30 (57.3) <i>see note:</i>	Newton Highlands Playground <i>(\$2.7m of CPA funds previously spent; not clear whether add'l funding listed is intended as new CPA proposal</i>					\$345,000
Current (Pre)Proposals Subtotal ≈ (including debt service)						
		\$10,152,000	\$5,445,000	\$2,932,000	\$130,000	\$1,645,000
		% Allocation by Resource	54%	29%	1%	16%
Other Future Proposals (in order by highest CIP ranking for each site)						
CIP 10 (63.5), initial CPA funds appropriated	Webster Woods (acquisition of land or restriction) - <i>placeholder amt, final cost could be more</i>				\$5,000,000	
CIP 35 (53.6)	NewCAL (<i>intergenerational senior+ center</i>) <i>NOTE: Listed as recreation, but CPC staff believes CPA-eligible only if it adaptively reuses a historic bldg.</i>					\$16,650,000
CIP 50 (45.0)	* Crystal Lake Levingston Cove (<i>state legislature provided planning funds</i>)					\$200,000
CIP 102 (33.1)	Gath Pool (<i>includes spray park, structure for year-round pool use, hockey rink</i>)					\$9,200,000
CIP 103 (33.1)	Lyons Field					\$400,000
CIP 104 (33.0)	Old Cold Spring Park					\$350,000
CIP 106 (31.1)	Upper Falls/Braceland Playground					\$1,675,000
CIP 109, 183, 194 (31.7, 20.8, 17.9)	Waban Library			\$428,500		
CIP 115, 136 (30.7, 28.5)	Burr Park Fieldhouse			\$474,000		<i>could also be listed here</i>
CIP 117, 165 (30.6, 24.7)	Kennard Estate (<i>Parks & Rec. Dept. HQ</i>)			\$740,000		
CIP 118, 174 (30.5, 22.7)	Crafts Street Stable			\$3,500,000		
CIP 120, 151, 199 (30.4, 26.9, 15.4)	Auburndale Library			\$520,000		
CIP 124, 138, 156, 172 (29.9, 28.4, 26.0, 23.0)	Senior Center (<i>existing, use changing</i>)			\$689,000		
CIP 128, 169 (29.3, 24.1)	City Hall Archives (<i>facilities</i>) & Engineering Maps (<i>scanning</i>) <i>NOTE: Placeholder amt., actual need probably > \$1m, though Engineering maps were microfilmed in 1980s, so scanning is not really needed.</i>			\$1,000,000		
CIP 133, 155 (29.0, 26.0)	Newton Corner Library (<i>use changing</i>)			\$331,500		
CIP 142 (28.0)	Forte Park (<i>including synthetic turf, which cannot be purchased with CPA funds</i>)					\$2,000,000
CIP 149 (27.1)	Newton Centre Library (<i>use changing</i>)			\$1,500,000		
CIP 157 (25.7)	* Crystal Lake Bathhouse					\$5,000,000

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CIP 166 (24.7)	City Hall Historic Landscape		\$1,500,000		
CIP 167 (24.4)	Chaffin Park Wall (Fy21) (abutting Farlow Park)		\$200,000		
CIP 170 (23.8)	Nonantum Library		\$204,000		
CIP 171, 193 (23.7, 19.2)	* Historic Burying Grounds (excl. unspent balance of ≈ \$84,000 in previously appropriated CPA funds)		\$160,000		
CIP 180 (21.6)	West Newton Library (Police Annex)		\$250,500		
CIP 187 (20.7)	Jackson Homestead Doors & Windows		\$192,000		
CIP 191 (20.0)	City Hall Doors & Windows		\$3,000,000		
Other Future Proposals Subtotal ≈					
		\$55,164,500	\$0	\$14,689,500	\$5,000,000
% Allocation by Resource		0%	27%	9%	64%
TOTAL Current (Pre)Proposals + Other Future Proposals ≈					
		\$65,316,500	\$5,445,000	\$17,621,500	\$5,130,000
% Allocation by Resource		8%	27%	8%	57%
CPC target allocations by resource, ± 5%: guidelines adopted April 2018		35% ± 5%	20% ± 5%	20% ± 5%	20% ± 5%
Following amts include current fund balance. For funds available once that balance is spent down, see separate funding forecast.					
FIVE-YEAR FORECAST: Total Available Funds for Fy19-23 ≈					
		\$31,874,409			
target allocations - 5%		\$9,562,323	\$4,781,161	\$4,781,161	\$4,781,161
target allocations + 5%		\$12,749,764	\$7,968,602	\$7,968,602	\$7,968,602
TEN-YEAR FORECAST: Total Available Funds for Fy19-28 ≈					
		\$53,465,129			
target allocations - 5%		\$16,039,539	\$8,019,769	\$8,019,769	\$8,019,769
target allocations + 5%		\$21,386,052	\$13,366,282	\$13,366,282	\$13,366,282

◆ Key for CIP (City of Newton Capital Improvement Plan) "Priority": lower numbers = higher priorities. "Urgency": 100 = highest, 1 = lowest.



Thanks for taking our 8-question survey! Many questions are multiple-choice, and most others are optional.

Since Newton voters adopted the Massachusetts Community Preservation Act (CPA) in 2001, Newton has used the CPA's unique combination of local & state funds to support **affordable housing, historic preservation, open space & recreation land** throughout the City. Your responses below will help us plan for the future use of these special funds.

The survey itself includes all the information you need to answer the questions, but you can also learn more on our website, www.newtonma.gov/cpa. We've listed a few links from the site at the end of the survey.



Community Survey, 2019

www.newtonma.gov/cpa

- 1. First, please tell us something about you** (*online, village/neighborhood/zip, affiliations with Newton groups, etc.*)
- 2. How have you learned about Newton's CPA program?** (*multiple-choice options online*)
- 3. Which past Newton CPA projects are you aware of, if any?** Comments on past projects are also welcome! (*open response online*)

All CPA funding decisions are made locally, but communities must follow the rules in the CPA state statute. For example, CPA funds may only be used for capital improvements, not maintenance, and they may only be added to, not substituted for, regular local government funds.

Also, CPA funds may only be used for:

- affordable housing (for families, residents with disabilities or special needs, seniors, ...)
- historic resources (archives, art, buildings, landscapes, ...)
- open space (land for trails, wildlife habitat, watershed protection, ...)
- or recreation land (parks, playgrounds, playing fields, ...)

Finally, at least 10% of each year's CPA funds must be spent on each of the three core resources: housing, historic resources, and open space / recreation land. The funding targets in Newton's CPA program are higher than these 10% minimums, but these targets are not rigid annual quotas. Instead, they are flexible, multi-year averages, intended to help applicants understand about how much funding will be available for each resource in the coming years.

4. How would you rank Newton's CPA-eligible needs?

eligible needs	most important	more important	less important	least important
affordable housing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
historic resources	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
open space	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
recreation land	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Newton Community Preservation Program Community Survey, 2019

www.newtonma.gov/cpa

5. How would you adjust Newton's current CPA funding targets, if at all?

current targets	at least 5% more	at least 5% less	about right
affordable housing: 35%, ±5%	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
historic resources: 20%, ±5%	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
open space or recreation land - acquiring or protecting new sites: 20%, ±5%	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
open space or recreation land - improving existing conservation areas, parks & playgrounds: 20%, ±5%	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

6. Newton's current CPA funding guidelines prioritize broad public benefits, public access, and public ownership (for resources other than housing). How important are these goals?

project benefits	always important	usually important	depends on the project
broad public benefits -- for all Newton residents & neighborhoods	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
public access -- including for Newton residents with disabilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
public (City) ownership -- for historic resources	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
public (City) ownership -- for open space or recreation land	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

7. What's most important to preserve about Newton as a community? Why did YOU move here? (open response online)

8. You can learn more about the CPA and Newton's program from our website, www.newtonma.gov/cpa, including:

- [currently available funds](#)
- [funding guidelines & targets](#)
- [past funding & projects](#) (descriptions & map)

Please use the space below for any other questions or suggestions, including ideas for future projects! (open response online)



Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

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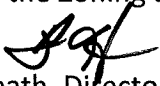
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Barney S. Heath
Director

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 26, 2019

TO: Councilor Albright, Chair
Members of the Zoning and Planning Committee

FROM:  Barney S. Heath, Director of Planning and Development

RE: FY20 Budget Presentation

MEETING DATE: April 29, 2019

CC: Jonathan Yeo, Chief Operating Officer

Please find attached the Planning Department's FY20 Budget Presentation.

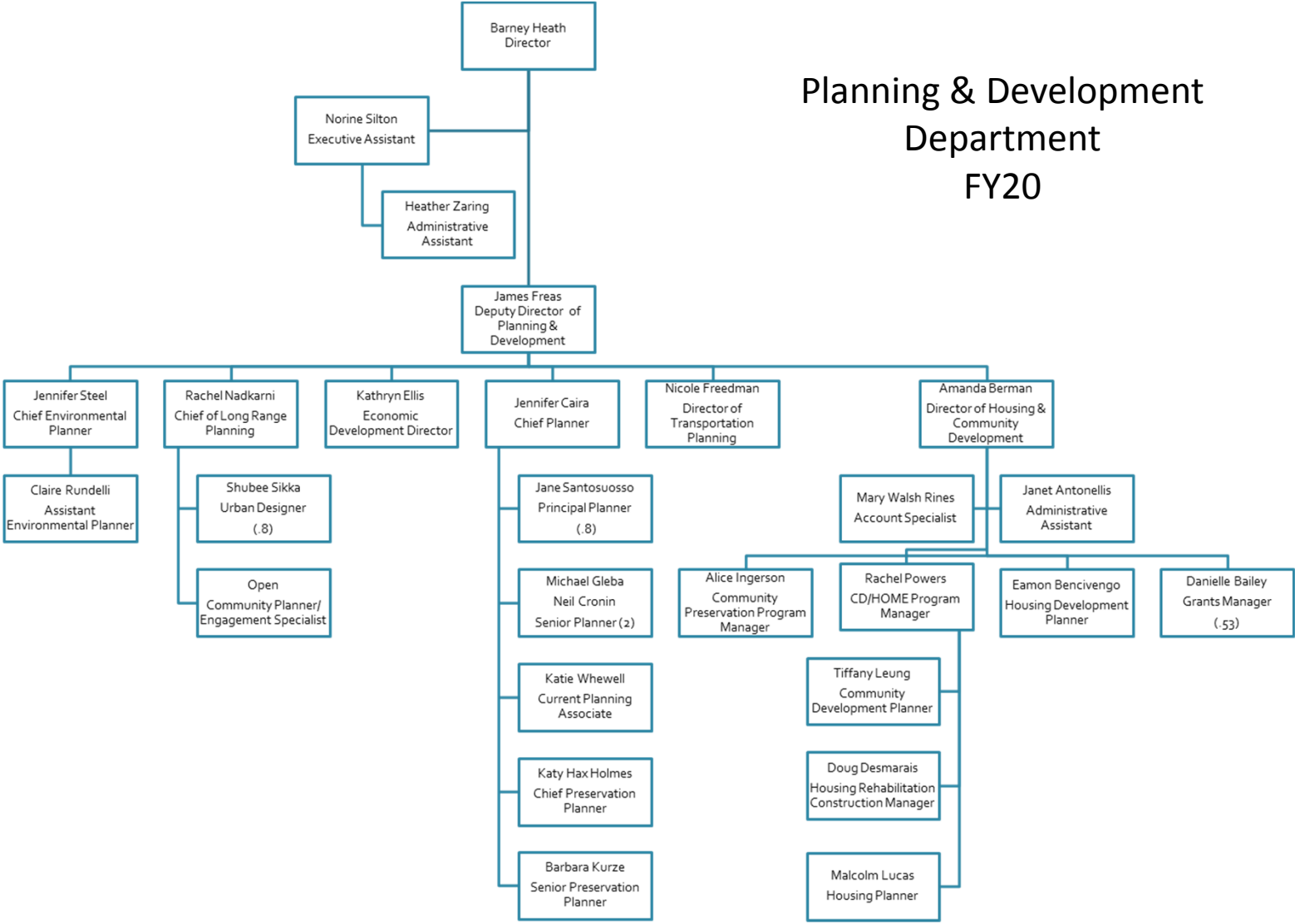
**NEWTON PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

FY20 BUDGET

**ZONING AND PLANNING
COMMITTEE**

April 29, 2019

Planning & Development Department FY20



FY20 LONG-RANGE PLANNING OBJECTIVES

- ▶ Finalize Washington Street Zoning District for City Council consideration
- ▶ Continue drafting the New Zoning Ordinance for City Council consideration in 2020
- ▶ Advance stand-alone sections of New Zoning Ordinance around sustainability and transportation
- ▶ Support plan implementation efforts for Washington Street, Needham Street, Economic Development and Climate Action through more detailed studies or strategies, community engagement, and recommended policy and/or design.
- ▶ Develop data strategy for the development, management, analysis, and presentation of data to support long-range planning efforts, and policy development. Track progress for key indicators related to housing, transportation, the environment, and economic development.

FY20

CURRENT PLANNING OBJECTIVES

- ▶ Undertake vigorous review of Riverside Special Permit
- ▶ Partner with Long-Range Planning to advance zoning ordinance changes.
- ▶ Continue to provide zoning advice and feedback on conceptual development proposals.
- ▶ Continue to review and monitor Special Permit conditions and advance database of all mitigation payments and reoccurring conditions.
- ▶ Provide professional/technical support to City Council, Newton Historic Commission and Local Historic Districts.

FY20 TRANSPORTATION PLANNING OBJECTIVES

- ▶ Begin Washington Street Alternatives Analysis
- ▶ Advance parking management with differential parking implementation
- ▶ Continue progress with Complete Streets review
- ▶ Launch VIA partnership (Newton In Motion) with Senior Center
- ▶ Advance conceptual planning for Commonwealth Avenue Carriageway – Riverside Trail
- ▶ Add 2.5 miles of bike lanes
- ▶ Advocate/monitor plans involving public transportation improvements

FY20

CONSERVATION OBJECTIVES

- ▶ Secure Webster Woods as Permanent Open Space for the City of Newton
- ▶ Implement policies, programs, project that further supports goals of City's Climate Action, Climate Vulnerability and Hazardous Mitigation Plan
- ▶ Update City's Open Space and Recreation Plan
- ▶ Coordinate with Department's Current, Long-Range and Transportation Divisions
- ▶ Continue to coordinate with City Parks and Recreation to seek efficiencies in Land Management
- ▶ Executive major land management initiatives at Norumbega, Old Deer Park and Kennard Conservation Areas
- ▶ Continue to implement the state Wetlands Protection permitting regulations

FY20

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES

- ▶ Identify new location to expand capacity for Newton Innovation Center
- ▶ Look to recruit Life-Science companies to Newton
- ▶ Focus on policy/incentives to support small local businesses
- ▶ Partner on transportation initiatives to support business community

FY20

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES

- ▶ Steward approximately \$3.5 million in federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds.
- ▶ Create and preserve affordable rental and homeownership housing through the support of new construction and rehab projects:
 - ❑ Haywood House (Newton Housing Authority): 55 units
 - ❑ Golda Meir House Expansion (2Life Communities): 68 units
 - ❑ 236 Auburn Street (CAN-DO/Metro West): 8 units
- Support essential services to low-to moderate income individuals and families, especially children, families, seniors, survivors of domestic violence, persons with disabilities, homeless persons, and at-risk youth.
- Finalize Inclusionary Zoning ordinance proposal for City Council consideration
- Advance the City's Fair Housing work to expand access to housing opportunity for all.
- Support the Fair Housing Committee, Commission on Disabilities and Newton Housing Partnership.