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Community Preservation Committee c/o Jennifer Goldson Community Preservation Planner 1000 Commonwealth Avenue Newton, MA 02459

Dear Committee Members:

Please find enclosed our YMCA's application for Community Preservation Funding to restore the windows of our original Church Street facility to their original appearance.

In addition to the historic preservation aspect of this project, the results will include improving public safety for the thousands of local resident who pass through our doors each year; upgrading the "public face" of Newton that our building presents to the Massachusetts Turnpike; and achieving considerable energy cost savings that our Y can reinvest in expanded programs and services for our local community.

Please contact me directly at 617-244-6050, extension 3004, if you have any questions or if we can provide additional information. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Patrick V. Palmer

Executive Director and C.E.O.

City of Newton

APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUNDING



Submit to Jennifer Goldson, Community Preservation Planner Newton Planning and Development Department 1000 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton, MA 02459 jgoldson@ci.newton.ma.us

617-796-1120 ext. 1131 Mayor

Name of Applicant West Suburban YMCA
Name of Co-Applicant, if applicable
Contact Name Patrick V. Palmer, Executive Director and C.E.O.
Mailing Address 276 Church Street City Newton State MA Zip 02458
Daytime Phone 617-244-6050, x3004 Email Pat P@YMCAin Newton. org
Name of Proposal YMCA Proposal for Community Preservation Funding
Address of Proposal (or assessor's parcel id) Same as above.
CPA Category (circle all that apply): Open space (Historic preservation) Recreation Community housing
CPA Funding Requested Total Cost of Proposed Project
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Attach answers to the following questions. Applications will be returned as incomplete if all requested information is not provided. Include supporting materials as necessary.
1. Goals: What are the goals of the proposed project?
2. Community Need: Why is this project needed? Does it address needs identified in existing City plans?
3. Community Support: What is the nature and level of support for this project? Include letters of support and any petitions.
4. <i>Timeline</i> : What is the schedule for project implementation, including a timeline for all critical milestones?
5. Credentials: How will the experience of the applicant contribute to the success of this project?

- 6. Success Factors: How will the success of this project will be measured? Be as specific as possible.
- 7. Budget: What is the total budget for the project and how will CPA funds be spent? All items of expenditure must be clearly identified. Distinguish between hard and soft costs and contingencies. (NOTE: CPA funds may NOT be used for maintenance.)
- 8. Other Funding: What additional funding sources are available, committed, or under consideration? Include commitment letters, if available, and describe any other attempts to secure funding for this project,
- 9. Maintenance: If ongoing maintenance is required for your project, how will it be funded?

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Provide the following additional information, as applicable.

10. Documentation that you have control over the site, such as Purchase and Sale Agreement, option, or deed.

 $^{^{1}}$ If the proposal is on City-owned land, either the applicant or the co-applicant must be the City Board, Commission, or Department in control of the land.

- 11. For projects that include construction or rehabilitation, include the existing and proposed site plan, floor plans, elevations, and any other drawings as necessary to visually describe the proposal.
- 12. Evidence that the project does not violate any zoning ordinance, Architectural Access Board Regulations, or any other laws or regulations. Or, if zoning relief is required, specify what relief is needed and when an application will be made to the City for zoning review.
- 13. Evidence that the appropriate City Boards and Commissions have approved the project (for example, proposed new uses on Parks & Recreation land requires approval from the Parks and Recreation Commission)
- 14. Evidence that the proposed site is free of hazardous materials or that there is a plan for remediation in place.
- 15. Evidence that appropriate professional standards will be followed if construction, restoration or rehabilitation is proposed.
- 16. Information indicating how this project can be used to achieve additional community benefits.

NOTE: If the requested funds are for a real estate acquisition, an independent appraisal will be required which the applicant will be required to fund. No funding decisions will be made without an independent appraisal. Contact Jennifer Goldson, Community Preservation Planner, at 617-796-1131 or jgoldson@ci.newton.ma.us to arrange for an independent appraisal.

Refer to the City web site (ci.newton.ma.us/Planning/CPA) for further information. Form CPA-1 (Revised 9/11/03)

Proposal for Community Preservation Funding

Respectfully submitted by:

Patrick V. Palmer, Executive Director and C.E.O.

West Suburban YMCA in Newton

November 3, 2003

West Suburban YMCA in Newton Proposal for Community Preservation Funding

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Respectfully submitted by: West Suburban YMCA in Newton

1. Goals: What are the goals of the proposed project?

The goal of the proposed project is to restore all 66 window openings on the first and second floor of the Newton YMCA building to near-original visible condition with energy-efficient glass and weatherproofing that will retain the historic look of the facility.

Beyond this construction goal per se, the larger objectives of the proposed project are: (1) to preserve the historical authenticity, prevent further physical deterioration, and restore the physical appearance of an architecturally significant building whose prominent location overlooking the Mass Pike makes it a highly visible "public face" of Newton to the greater Boston community; (2) to enhance the safety of a vibrant community building that is actively used by nearly 10,000 kids and "kids of all ages" each year, and that serves as home to 28 low-income residents living in subsidized single-occupancy units on the building's top floor; (3) to increase dramatically the energy efficiency of the building as a worthy environmental goal in itself; and (4) to save the YMCA an estimated \$60,000 per year in energy costs that can be more productively spent on the Y's programmatic outreach and service to the community.

2. Community Need: Why is this project needed? Does it address needs identified in City plans?

Since 1877, the YMCA has been an active center of the Newton community. In 2003, this venerable local institution is experiencing an active renaissance, thanks to a series of recent and ongoing capital improvements: a new pool, new women's locker rooms and family changing rooms, new gymnasium and track; an imminent overhaul of its fitness facilities and nutritional programs to combat the rising epidemic of obesity; forthcoming renovations to its child care facilities, classrooms, performance spaces; and a brand new wellness center to promote, in the words of the Y's original motto, "a healthy mind, body, and spirit for all." The proposed work also fits perfectly within the timeline for external site work to be performed during the coming year, including expanded parking, landscaping, and an outdoor seating area adjacent to the entrance of our original facility.

Today, more than 4,200 members, and an even greater number of program participants and community visitors each year, use the Y's Church Street facility. The present physical changes and associated program initiatives promise even more growth in the years ahead. Ensuring the safety of these community members, nearly half of them children, represents an obvious community need as a matter of public safety.

Moreover, along with modernizing the building's facilities and interior, it is vitally important to preserve the building's exterior as a public face that speaks to the history and heritage that is the YMCA in Newton. As one of the first Y's founded in America

(following Boston in 1851), this YMCA is part of our national heritage as one of the first chapters within a wider Association (now 2500 strong across the country) whose own "firsts" have included the invention of basketball, volleyball, summer camps, and other mainstays of American life. (The recent publication, *History of the YMCA in America*, 1851-2001, documents this storied history; we will gladly provide a copy upon request.)

On a more local level, the "Newton YMCA," although technically now the West Suburban YMCA, holds a special place in the hearts and minds of countless Newton residents. Since construction of the present facility in 1911, the YMCA has been the place where thousands of Newton kids (including great-grandchildren of some early members) have learned to swim, and have learned through coaches and mentors and participation in community service projects the lessons of character that last a lifetime. This building has been, and continues to be, a "community center" in the deepest sense, a socio-cultural fixture of the local community.

In restoring this original building, our community preserves important visual cues to its collective memory, extending the best of our heritage to residents today and to future generations. The lasting value of this community need was acknowledged by the City of Newton in the 1980s by the building's inclusion in the Multiple Resource Inventory.

3. Community Support: What is the nature and level of support for this project?

The attached Petition of Support (Appendix A) reflects seven pages of signatures garnered over a three-day period since this funding opportunity first came to our attention. This evidence clearly demonstrates the Y's strong grassroots support in general, and support for this preservation funding proposal in particular.

The attached letter from our Board President (Appendix B) testifies to the full support that this proposal has among our Board of Directors and our YMCA membership at large. It is no exaggeration to say that all of our 2600-plus adult and senior members (most of them Newton residents), and hundreds of our immediate neighbors in Newton Corner, are in full support of this project.

The tremendous level of community support for the YMCA in Newton and its place in the community is perhaps nowhere better attested than in the financial contributions of over 600 individuals, local businesses, service organizations, and foundations to the "Building a Stronger Y" capital campaign that has led to recent facility renovations. (See further detail on past fundraising successes and ongoing activities under Item #8.) Through this campaign, the community has, on a very personal level, "voted with its pocketbook" in support of this valued community institution. An additional letter of support is forthcoming under separate cover from Alderman Leonard Gentile.

The City of Newton, and state and federal government agencies as well, have shown similar support through early grants to renovate the low-income housing and make needed ADA-compliance renovations. These projects launched the "Building a Stronger Y" private fundraising effort in 1996 that has raised more than \$3.5 million to date.

4. Timeline: What is schedule for project implementation, including critical milestones?

Subject to approval of the present proposal, the described work is scheduled to begin promptly in June 2004, and is expected to be complete within four months of the start date. (The windows will be removed ten at a time for restoration off-site, thus minimizing disruption to our operations and reducing the aesthetic eyesore during the restoration process.) This timeline will ensure that the full energy-saving benefits of the project are realized during the winter 2004-05 heating season. This timeline also means that the historic renovations would be completed in conjunction with the final site work phase of our ongoing renovation effort and would be highlighted in a public celebration planned for the conclusion of that work in Fall 2004. We would be happy to secure a more precise timeline estimate from the proposed contractors, as required.

5. Credentials: How will the applicant's experience contribute to success of the project?

As indicated above, our YMCA has been engaged over the past 30 months in managing an extensive capital expansion and renovation effort. This project has involved complex construction issues related to the addition of a 10,000 square foot gymnasium, running track, and new pool and locker rooms, as well as numerous reconfigurations and renovations of existing interior spaces. This work is continuing in the year ahead, along with the aforementioned external site work. As such, our maintenance staff, led by Mr. Yefim Vintsevsky, has the experience and continuity with the overall project to ensure timely completion in a manner consistent with the community standards held by the City of Newton and its residents.

Documentation on the credentials of the contractor(s) selected will be provided along with the quotes to be submitted on Friday, November 7.

We also have active working relationships with our construction crew for this larger project, Shawmut Construction, and with our architects, Peterson-Griffin Architects, who can provide additional back-up expertise as required. Our new Executive Director and C.E.O., Patrick Palmer, also brings extensive experience in capital renovation projects. In all, given the larger context of recent and ongoing renovations, there is no better time than this coming year to complete the proposed renovation work.

6. Success Factors: How will the success of this project be measured?

The tangible measures of success for this project will be successful restoration of the windows, as well as the direct energy costs savings beginning in late fall 2004. These results can be documented by pre- and post-project photographs, as well as by year-to-year comparisons of our monthly energy bill. The intangible, although ultimately even more important, measures of success will come in the increased public safety and aesthetic enjoyment of this active community gathering place by the thousands of local residents and visitors each year who take advantage of the many programs, services, and community events held at the YMCA in Newton.

7. Budget: What is total budget for the project and how will CPA funds be spent?

The total budget for the project will shown in the quotes to be submitted by Friday, November 7, as arranged by special permission of the Committee. We are grateful for this extension of deadline for an opportunity that came to our attention only last week.

All items of expenditure will be identified in detail in the quotes. CPA funds will be spent only on these items and will not be used to fund any related maintenance costs.

8. Other Funding: What other financial resources will be brought to bear on the project?

As noted earlier, the proposed project is just one part of an overall \$8 million expansion and renovation project that the YMCA has undertaken over the past three years. The overall project has been funded through a bond issue of \$4.5 million, held with Eastern Bank, and through nearly \$3.5 million in funding secured from private donors over the past eight years. More than \$1.2 million of this amount has been secured in the last two years alone, including a \$500,000 grant, the largest ever in the 126-year history of our Y, toward completion of the gymnasium and track.

This effort continues in the "Final Lap Brick Program," which aims to raise the additional \$400,000 needed to complete the external site work described in Item #2. As such, the proposed Community Preservation Funds grant represents less than 4% of the total gifts and grants received toward this effort (a matching ratio of 25:1), and roughly 1.5% of the combined total raised through private fundraising and on the capital markets.

At this final juncture in our fundraising efforts, the proposed CPA funding represents a crucial element in our overall funding formula. These funds will allow us to continue to focus our efforts on securing funds for the remaining aspects of the project (see Item #2) that will complement and highlight the work proposed under this CPA grant, and will thus allow us to perform critical restoration work that would otherwise be impossible for our organization to conduct at this time. We will be happy to provide any additional financial information required to assist the Committee in its deliberations.

9. Maintenance: How will ongoing maintenance be funded?

Ongoing maintenance of both aspects of the proposed project, as required, will be funded through the normal operations budget of the Association, which is reliably supported through the YMCA's solid and growing membership base and program revenues.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- 10. **Deeds:** The YMCA owns and controls the building and site on which the proposed project is to take place. The deed documents for this 91-year-old building, comprising several antecedent parcels, run to many pages. A portion of the full documentation attached as Appendix C; additional documents will gladly be submitted upon request.
- 11. Architectural drawings and photographs: Front and rear elevations are attached as Appendix D to show the windows in question. Photographs of the current state of the brickwork and windows are given in Appendix E. An historic rendering of the building as it originally appeared is given in Appendix F.
- 12. **Zoning:** The site does not fall within an historic district, nor is it to our knowledge subject to any other ordinances, laws, or regulations that would require special permits or relief from such restrictions.
- 13. City and board approvals. All necessary permits and approvals are already in place for the overall expansion and renovation projects described above, and the YMCA is in compliance with the terms of those documents. To our knowledge, no special Commission or agency approvals are required for the proposed scope of work. If any such approvals are required, we will be pleased to secure them as quickly as possible upon request of the Committee.
- 14. Hazardous materials: Some of the chipping and peeling paint on the windows and frames to be restored will likely contain some lead content, and the contractor has made provision for appropriate handling in the proposed budget. Asbestos found in the course of annexing the new wing to the existing building has been properly removed, or securely enclosed, and is not relevant in any event to the work proposed here.
- 15. Professional standards. Please see Item #5 above in regard to the experience and professional standards of our YMCA staff and management in respect to successful completion of the proposed project. The credentials of the proposed contractors will be supplied along with the quotes, as noted in Item #7. Further support materials will gladly be furnished upon request, as required.
- 16. Additional community benefits. The many direct and indirect benefits of restoring this visually prominent, historically significant, and actively used community facility have been discussed at length in Items 2, 3, 5, and 6 above.

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Letter of Support from YMCA Board President

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31 October 2003

Community Preservation Committee c/o Jennifer Goldson Community Preservation Planner 1000 Commonwealth Avenue Newton, MA 02459

Dear Committee Members:

This letter indicates my personal support as President of the YMCA Board of Directors, and the support of our full 28-member Board, for the work proposed in our YMCA's application for Community Preservation Funding.

The restoration of windows in our 91-year-old Church Street building to their original appearance will represent a dramatic physical improvement to the exterior of this facility, which occupies a highly visible public location overlooking the Massachusetts Turnpike. The facility has recently undergone a series of dramatic upgrades as part of an eight-year, \$8 million expansion and renovation effort, including a new pool, gym and women's locker room. The final phase of this effort involves a number of site improvements to our landscape, parking area, and other outdoor spaces. The proposed historical restoration would be perfectly timed to minimize disruption to our operations and to maximize public exposure to the benefits of community preservation work. In view of our existing obligations to provide facility improvements, the proposed project is also one that our YMCA would not otherwise be able to afford at this time.

Preserving the historical character of the original facility is an appropriate and important goal. This YMCA has played a vital role in the history of our City, and continues to shape the lives of children, families, and communities through a wide array of fitness, recreational, and community service programs. The window restoration project will yield an estimated \$60,000 annually in energy cost savings that we will be able to reinvest in expanded programs and services to benefit everyone in our community. Since 1877, this YMCA has been committed to "building strong kids, strong families, and strong communities" under the guiding policy that *no one will be turned away due to inability to pay*. The Committee's support through awarding these funds would help us maintain those important commitments.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, and our YMCA membership at large, I ask the Community Preservation Committee to give positive consideration to this funding request, which we believe furthers your aim to maintain the architectural heritage of our community for future generations.

Sincerely,

Thomas I. Elkind

President, YMCA Board of Directors

Cc: Patrick V. Palmer, Executive Director and C.E.O.

Know all men by these presents

that we, Frank H. Brown and Henrietta E. Brown, his wife, in her right; Herbert L. Bowden and Mabel R. Bowden, his wife, in her right; Joseph Caldwell and Emerancy F. Caldwell, his wife, in her right; all of Waltham in the County of Middleser and Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

In consideration of One Dollar and other valuable considerations paid by the Trustees of the Newton Young Men's Christian Association, said Association being located at Newton in said County and Commonwealth,

the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby remise, release, and forever quitclaim unto the said Trustees of the Newton Young Men's Christian Association, their successors and assigns;—

A certain lot of land with the buildings thereon, situate in said Newton, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the Easterly corner thereof on land formerly of James N. Trowbridge, on Church street, and running Westerly on said Church street sixty-five (65) feet and four (4) inches to land now or late of Lewis, formerly of Whipple; thence turning and running Southerly on said land now or late of Lewis, one hundred and one (101) feet; thence turning and running Easterly on said land now or late of Lewis, sixty-five (65) feet and four (4) inches to said land formerly of Trowbridge; thence turning and running Northerly on said land formerly of Trowbridge, one hundred and one (101) feet, more or less, to the point of begirning. Being the premises first described in deed grown by Etta E. Farnum et al to Menrietta M. Farnum, dated May 6th, 1878 and recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds, book. 1478, page 58C. -

The said Henrietta E. Brown, Mabel R. Bowden and Emerancy F. Caldwell being all the heirs at law of said Henrietta (M. Farnum, deceased, intestate.

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To have and to hold the granted premises, with all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, to the said Trustees of the Newton Young Men's Christian Association, and their successors and helps and assigns, to their own use and behoof forever.

And we do hereby for ourselves and our heirs, executors, and successors administrators, covenant with the said grantees and their heire, and assigns that the granted premises are free from all incumbrances made ex-suffered by us.

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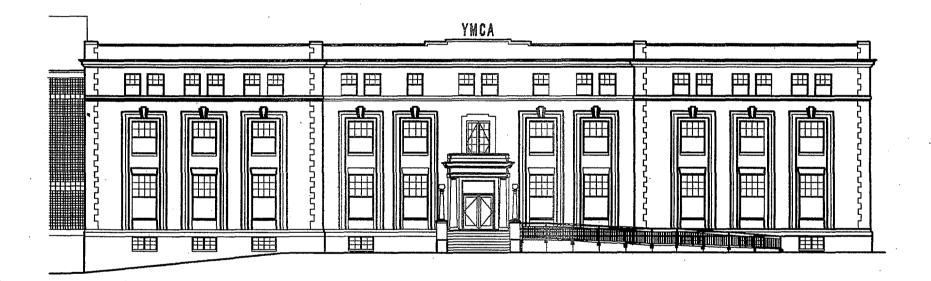
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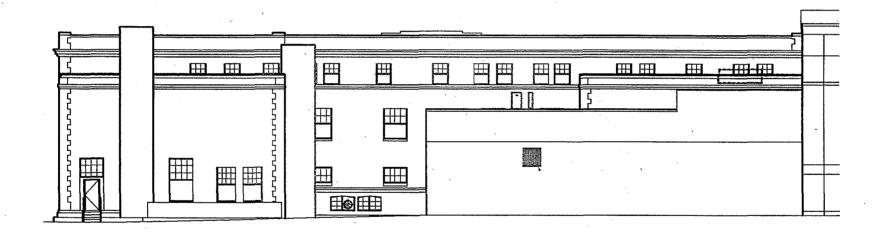
APPENDIX D

Rear elevation showing windows to be restored.

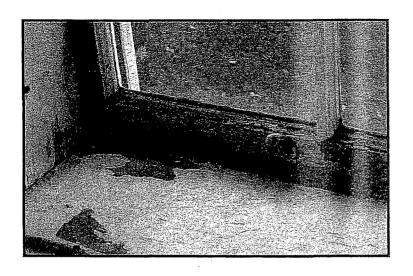


APPENDIX D

Front elevation showing windows to be restored.









APPENDIX E

Application for Community Preservation Funding West Suburban YMCA 276 Church Street, Newton Corner

Restoration of windows and installation of energy efficient glass





