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Narrative Explanation of Changes to Funding Request

During the special permitting process with the City of Newton, NHA was asked to make some design changes that have increased the total construction costs associated with the project. During Design Review meetings with the City of Newton, representatives from different City departments raised concerns about a planned curb cut on Jackson Road to allow for trash collection and requested that all trash be collected from John F. Kennedy Circle rather than from Jackson Road. In order to accommodate this, a material lift was added to the design to carry trash up from the basement level, which opens onto Jackson Road, to the main floor, which opens onto John F. Kennedy Circle. The total cost of the material lift is **\$77,900**. The quote from Baron Industries for the installation of the lift is attached.

In addition, during the design review process, the City of Newton requested that an accessible pedestrian ramp and stairs be added to the design. This is to maintain the pedestrian connection between John F. Kennedy Circle and Jackson Road, which is currently used by community members to access Lincoln-Eliot Elementary School. The existing ramp does not comply with current accessibility requirements. The total cost of the new ramp is \$285,000. This total includes \$70,000 for concrete work, \$25,000 metal handrails, \$120,000 for support of excavation, and \$70,000 for excavation, trucking and disposal, prep, and backfill. If the ramp and stair access were removed from the design, a block retaining wall at that location would cost approximately \$35,000; therefore, the change in cost for adding the ramp reflected in the NHA's proposal is **\$250,000**.

Due to current market conditions, the project is facing a cost increase. Several bids from sub-contractors have come in higher than budgeted. As a result, NHA is seeking \$77,900 in CPC funding to cover the cost of the material lift, as well as \$250,000 in CDBG funding for the ramp and stairs to Jackson Road. This additional total commitment of **\$327,900** will help to ensure that the closing can take place as planned in Fall 2020 and construction can begin thereafter.