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Subject: Hi Lara Could you plz forward this to the CPC members NVP funding request
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Mark Armstrong Chair Community Preservation Committee
c/o Lara Kritzer Community Preservation Program Manager
City of Newton 1000 Commonwealth Avenue Newton, MA 02459

Dear Mr. Armstrong,

I am writing in strong support of the Nonantum Village Place Senior Housing Preservation request for Community Preservation Act funding. As an advocate for affordable housing, I am pleased to see how Newton has supported our elders with affordable, permanent housing such as Nonantum Village Place (NVP). NVP is home to elders who are among our most vulnerable residents, those who have less than 50% of Area Median Income (AMI), and have difficulty with activities of daily living or have a disability. In 2003-2004 the City supported building NVP with CPA and other funding that was in addition to funds from the federal government HUD 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly program. NVP was designed for residents to age in place, and in addition to the 35 apartments, has a common kitchen, dining area and lounge. Supportive services are provided by a part time service coordinator. Now it is almost twenty years later, and extensive exterior rehabilitation is needed to preserve this community resource. There are three roof levels that need to be replaced, and extensive exterior work is needed to replace the trim and siding. As the 35 roof air conditioner condensers for the 35 units must be removed and replaced, this is also an opportunity to reduce the building's energy consumption. As the Newton Leads 2040 Housing Strategy delineates, preserving affordable housing options for Newton's seniors are an important priority, given the limited affordable options and with over 2,000 Senior Households having annual incomes below \$25,000. NVP preserves Newton's economic diversity and creates a supportive housing environment.

I am asking the CPC to vote in favor of the requested funding to protect and maintain this vital housing facility for our most vulnerable neighbors.

Best,

Maria S Greenberg

Ward 1 City Councilor

