

Springfield Community Preservation Grant Application

Community Preservation Funds are available in four categories: Community Housing, Historic Resource, Open Space & Recreation. You may skip a question if it does not apply to your project. ***IMPORTANT*** If you click on any links in this application, you must use the back arrow to return to this application or you will lose your work. Be sure to save your application. Questions about this form? Call 413-530-1268 or by email cpc@springfieldcityhall.com

INTRODUCTION Please read the [application instructions on the CPC website](#) before proceeding with this application. The link includes a guide to proposing a CPA project. Options to save and finish the application later are found at the bottom of this application. Helpful additional resource links can be found on the [Home page](#) <https://www.springfield-ma.gov/finance/community-preservation>. Review the [DOR Community Preservation Fund Allowable Spending Purposes Chart](#) to determine if your project qualifies for CPA funding. *asterisked items are required.

Applicant :

City of Springfield
Non-Profit Organization

Neighborhood

McKnight

Project/Program Title:

Buckingham Fountain & Triangle Park Restoration

Location of proposed project

Bay, Buckingham St, & Buckingham Place intersection

CPA program area— check all that apply. Once you make a selection, only the questions relating to that selection(s) will appear.

Open Space
Historic Resource

Anticipated Start Date of Construction

4/1/2025

Anticipated completion date of project

11/1/2027

Name of Organization or Individual

McKnight Neighborhood Council, Inc

Applicant Contact Name and Title

Walter Kroll, President

Applicant Contact Phone

Number
(413) 246-1766

Applicant Contact Email

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Applicant Contact Address

PO Box 90336, Springfield, Massachusetts 01199

Additional project partner and contact details

Springfield Parks Department

Grant Request

Grant Request Amount

Will you be seeking multi-year funding?

\$205,000.00

No

Total Project Budget
\$205,000.00

Total Sources of Committed Funding. If none write \$0.00
\$0.00

CPA request as % of project
100

List committed funds from all sources and agencies or write none.
n/a

Budget

doc#1 BUCKINGHAM AND BAY FOUNTAIN_COST ESTIMATE 2.21.24.pdf

Sustainability

In future the park (as an asset of the Parks Commission) will continue to be maintained overall by the Springfield Parks Department. The McKnight Council Park Committee will assist in the plant choices, as well as establishing and maintaining the beds in collaboration with the Parks Department going forward.

Fair Wage Compliance Certificate. Applies only to non-municipal projects.

Parcel ID #
020420050

Maps
doc#2 Buckingham Fountain
Plot Map.pdf

Applicant standing in property
Property Owner

Historic Preservation Questions

Historic preservation projects must follow the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. Assisted properties are subject to an exterior preservation restriction or require a local historic district designation. Does my project qualify? [Quick reference.](#)

Is the building over 100 years old or have other local historic significance due to age, architecture, social history, etc.?
Yes

What year was the property built?
1883

Is the building located in a National Register District?
Yes

Will the owner agree to a preservation restriction or local historic district designation?
Yes

Has the project been reviewed and approved by the Springfield Historical Commission?
No

What steps will be taken to ensure the work complies with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards?
Parks Department is well familiar with this type of compliance, and will follow due process.

Open Space & Outdoor Recreation Questions

If the project is on municipal land or conservation land, attach a letter of support from the Park Commission or Conservation Commission.

Is this project in a wetland or does it abut a wetland?

If so, has the Conservation Commission been informed?

No

n/a

If your proposal involves a city park/property have you contacted Department of Parks Building Recreation Management?

Yes

Has the appropriate city agency been contacted?

Yes

Has the appropriate Neighborhood Civic Association been contacted?

Yes

Project Details

PLEASE NOTE: You have the option of typing in a response or attaching a file. If your responses are lengthy, please upload a document. Be sure to label each document with a title.

If selected for a grant, the Grantee shall submit quarterly progress reports and a courtesy copy to the neighborhood council (if applicable). The Final report will include before/after photos and a summary of the CPA work completed.

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The Buckingham fountain and park are located in the historic McKnight neighborhood, and was originally designated as McKnight Park, but is known variously as Buckingham Triangle and Buckingham Park. It is one of eight original parks and green spaces donated to the city between 1883 and 1905 by the McKnight family who developed the neighborhood. The McKnight Historic District is known worldwide to urban-planners as one of the first planned residential neighborhoods in the United States, with parks and fountains integrated throughout the neighborhood.

The Buckingham fountain is one of three fountains located sequentially along Bay Street—one at Dartmouth, one at Clarendon, and one at Buckingham; and they originally formed an elegant streetscape in the neighborhood. At this time, only the fountain at Dartmouth Triangle is functioning. Thanks to McKnight master gardener Elizabeth Stevens, the Dartmouth Triangle now has an established pollinator garden, which has brought color and vitality to that area and created a lot of interest.

The purpose of this project is to restore the Buckingham fountain so it can once again operate seasonally, and to improve the grounds of the park in which it is located. The project will include the repair of the fountain, plumbing, and drainage; and the addition of flower beds with native and other perennial plantings that will bloom from early spring to late fall. The Buckingham park grounds are the largest green space of the three fountain locations, and this project will also include benches surrounding the fountain and a walkway which will make the park accessible to a wider range of residents.

A separate proposal is being submitted for the second fountain at Clarendon, with the overall goal of restoring the entire streetscape of fountains and green spaces to continue to uplift and reinvigorate the neighborhood.

Upload Project Description (200 words or less)

doc#3 BUCKINGHAM AND BAY - MASTER PLAN.pdf

Or type Project Description

Upload Applicant Experience

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The McKnight Neighborhood Council has been in existence since 1958, and has managed numerous programs in partnership with the City of Springfield over many years. Past collaboration with the Community Preservation Committee includes the McKnight Community Rail Trail feasibility study, the development of Westminster Street Children's Park, the restoration of the Thompson Triangle fountain, the restoration of the Dartmouth Terrace, and currently a three-year renovation of Magazine Park that is in its initial stages.

Comments or additional information

User experience. If you have suggestions to improve the form please let us know.

Upload any additional files or attachments.

doc#4 Buckingham Fountain & Triangle Park Photos.pdf

doc#5 McKNight_Buckingham_Park Commission Letter_CPA 24.pdf

doc#6 MNC CPA letter of support Buckingham Fountain 02 28 24.pdf

Provide a list of all attachments included in this application.

doc#1 Buckingham Fountain Cost Estimate

doc#2 Buckingham Fountain Plot Map

doc#3 Buckingham Fountain Master Plan

doc#4 Buckingham Fountain & Triangle Park -- Current Photos

doc#5 Buckingham Fountain --Letter of Support - Springfield Park Commission

doc#6 Buckingham Fountain - Letter of Support - McKnight Neighborhood Council

Signature to Submit Application

The applicant certifies that all information in this application and all information furnished in support of this application is given for the purpose of obtaining a Community Preservation Act grant and is a true copy and is complete to the best of the applicant's knowledge and belief.

Walter J Kroll, McKnight Neighborhood Council