

# 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](mailto: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

**Neighborhood**

Liberty Heights

**Project/Program Title:**

Van Sickle Softball Diamond

**Location of proposed project**

Carew St & Glencoe Street, Springfield, Ma 01104

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

Recreation

**Anticipated Start Date of Construction**

7/1/2025

**Anticipated completion date of project**

11/30/2026

**Name of Organization or Individual**

Department of Parks, Buildings & Recreation Management

**Applicant Contact Name and Title**

Patrick Sullivan  
Executive Director

**Applicant Contact Phone Number**

(413) 787-7770

**Applicant Contact Email**

[PSullivan@springfieldcityhall.com](mailto:PSullivan@springfieldcityhall.com)

**Website**

<https://www.springfield-ma.gov/park/>

**Applicant Contact Address**

Dept. of Parks, Buildings & Recreation Management, 200 Trafton Road, Springfield, Massachusetts 01108

**Additional project partner and contact details**

## Grant Request

**Grant Request Amount**

\$300,000.00

**Will you be seeking multi-year funding?**

No

**Total Project Budget**

\$300,000.00

**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.**

There are no additional funding sources at this time.

**Budget**

Van Sickle Softball\_Budget\_CPA 2024.pdf

**Sustainability**

The DPBRM will work with the Springfield School Department and the Springfield Housing Authority to transfer ownership of the open space area behind Van Sickle to be dedicated as parkland and included in the park open space inventory. The park would then be managed by the Dept. of Parks, Buildings & Recreation Management as a public park.

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

**Parcel ID #**

023600180

**Maps**

Van Sickle Softball\_Spflid  
Open Space Map\_CPA  
2024.pdf

Van Sickle Softball\_Location  
Map.pdf

Van Sickle Softball\_Location  
Map 2.pdf

**Applicant standing in property**

**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?**

No

**If so, has the Conservation Commission been informed?**

No

**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.

**Upload Narrative (200 words or less)**

Van Sickle Softball\_Project Narrative & Description\_CPA 2024.pdf

**Or type Narrative (200 words or less)**

The DPBRM is submitting an application, on behalf of the Springfield Old Timers Softball League and city residents, for CPA 2024 recreation category funding to make improvements to the softball diamond facility at Van Sickle. Renovation would include improvements to the playing field, dugout, backstop, and related site amenities to increase use of this recreational amenity for city residents.

Specifically, the project will address softball field improvements, irrigation equipment, fencing, dugout and site amenities. Improvements through this grant will renovate a popular recreation element within Springfield. The DPBRM will work with the Springfield School Department and the Springfield Housing Authority to transfer ownership of the open space area behind Van Sickle to be dedicated as parkland and included in the park open space inventory. The project budget is estimated at \$300,000 for design and construction work to enhance the softball diamond. The Department requests the maximum CPA grant funding of \$300,000.

Improvements to the softball diamond will provide an enhanced recreational facility for city residents. The softball diamond would be available for use by community softball teams of all ages.

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Renovations to the Van Sickle Softball diamond will benefit Springfield residents citywide by providing a quality playing field with dugouts, backstop, fencing and site amenities.

The project scope is to renovate the existing softball diamond and facility to improve the playing and spectator experience. Specifically, the project will address softball field improvements, and installation of irrigation equipment, fencing, dugouts and site amenities. The project includes design and construction initiatives.

Van Sickle Softball Diamond rehabilitation addresses the preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of recreation land as outlined in the Springfield Community Preservation Plan. The improvements aim to renovate the existing conditions at the open space behind Van Sickle, to be transferred to the park Department as park land, in order to restore the park to its full potential as a neighborhood and citywide recreational asset. Specifically, the project addresses the open space and recreation priority of renovating neighborhood playgrounds and green spaces.

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Renovation of the softball diamond will be managed by the Department of Parks, Buildings & Recreation Management. DPBRM has experienced personnel to implement park renovation projects. The Department will engage the services of landscape designer/engineering firm to produce construction documents for this project. The construction contractor will be selected through a bid for public construction issued by the City of Springfield Office of Procurement on behalf of the DPBRM. Recently the DPBRM has completed renovation of Forest Park, Venture Pond (Phase 1), Westminster Street Children's Park, Angelina Park and other similar CPA projects.

## Comments or additional information

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

Upload any additional files or attachments.

Provide a list of all attachments included in this application.

1. Van Sickle Softball - Budget
2. Van Sickle Softball - Maps (open space & location)
3. Van Sickle Softball - Project Description

## 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.

Patrick Sullivan

Executive Director, DPBRM