

Springfield Community Preservation 2026 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. The deadline to apply is February 26, 2026. Please follow the instructions at the end of the application. The on-line application and seven (7) hard copies of the complete application and attachments are required.

2026 CPA Application

Non-Profit Organization

Neighborhood

Metro Center/Downtown

Project/Program Title:

George Walter Vincent Smith Exterior Preservation

Location of proposed project

222 State Street, Springfield, MA 01103

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

Historic Resource

Anticipated Start Date of Construction

1/1/2027

Anticipated completion date of project

12/31/2028

Name of Organization or Individual

Springfield Museums

Applicant Contact Name and Title

Rachel Hart, Grants Manager

Applicant Contact Phone Number

(413) 314-6461

Applicant Contact Email

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Website

<https://springfieldmuseums.org/>

Applicant Contact Address

21 Edwards Street, Springfield, Massachusetts 01103

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.

none

Budget

GWVS Exterior Preservation Budget.pdf

Sustainability

As experienced stewards of historic buildings, we recognize the financial necessity to plan for on-going and future maintenance. A Reserve Study completed in 2025 outlines a 30-year future for expected capital work. Our Facilities Director conducts continuous building assessments and partners with our financial team to ensure that maintenance schedules are updated annually and planned for fiscally.

The project components included in this proposal are sited as due for completion within the Reserve Study. Completing these projects will be a significant achievement in our long-term capital repair schedule and will strengthen our ability to continually address capital needs on or before the end of useful life.

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

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Parcel ID #

111100045

Maps

Maps GWVS.pdf

Applicant standing in property

Property Owner

Historic Preservation Questions

Projects in the historic resource category must follow the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation if CPA funds are used for the requested item. Our preservation consultant reviews the property and the submitted plan and specs in your application. The consultant will provide a report based on the Secretary of Interior's Standards for rehabilitation of historic resources.

CPA assisted properties are subject to an exterior preservation restriction or require a local historic district designation.

Does my project qualify? [Quick reference.](#)

Funding in this category requires either a permanent preservation restriction attached to the deed of the property, or the creation of a single building Local Historic District (if the property is not already in an LHD). There may be a cost to create the preservation restriction.

Complete specs of the exterior work is required. For example, the preference is to restore windows and doors to their original condition. If your plan includes replacement doors or windows, explain why it is necessary. Include the manufacturer specs of the desired doors and windows in the proposal. If repair of stained-glass windows is requested, religious iconology on the glass is not covered but restoration of non-religious glass is covered. A protective covering of the restored windows is allowed. Please get a quote from a company that specializes in restoration of historic glass windows.

Please evaluate the building and view the National Park Service Preservation Briefs here:

<https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1739/preservation-briefs.htm> for the proper treatment of restoring historic resources and incorporate the requirements into your submitted plan.

The following may be the most useful:

9: [The Repair of Historic Wooden Windows](#)

16: [The Use of Substitute Materials on Historic Building Exteriors](#)

17: [Architectural Character – Identifying the Visual Aspects of Historic Buildings as an Aid to Preserving their Character](#)

31: [Mothballing Historic Buildings](#)

45: [Preserving Historic Wooden Porches](#)

51: [Building Codes for Historic and Existing Buildings: Planning and Maximizing their Application](#)

Here is another National Park Service link that may be useful. The first page has links with specific guidance on topics to include windows, new construction, and deteriorated or damaged buildings.

[National Park Service: Planning Successful Rehabilitation Projects](#)

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?

1896

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?

On the 3/5/26 meeting agenda

What steps will be taken to ensure the work complies with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards?

Our facilities staff are familiar with these standards and capable of complying, as the Springfield Museums maintains multiple registered historic buildings that require such preservation.

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 semi-annual progress reports. The Final report will include before/after photos and a summary of the CPA work completed. I

Disbursement of Funds.

For non-city grants. Reimbursement is made to the grantee once an invoice is submitted with proof of

payment. An inspection is required before releasing funds. The CPC does not pay vendors. Reimbursement for work is paid to the grantee.

Upload Narrative (200 words or less)

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Or type Narrative (200 words or less)

Project details for all sections (Narrative, Project Description, Applicant Experience) are attached here.

Or type Project Description

See Project Details attachment.

Or type Applicant Experience

See Project Details attachment.

Comments or additional information

THANK YOU for all your previous support and for your consideration of this proposal!

Upload any additional files or attachments.

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Combined LOS_GWVS.pdf

Estimates_GWVS.pdf

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.

Rachel Hart