

2026 CPA Application
City of Springfield
Non-Profit Organization

Neighborhood
McKnight

Project/Program Title:
McKnight Park Restoration (aka Buckingham Fountain & Triangle Park)

Location of proposed project
Bay/Buckingham St & Buckingham Terrace 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 **Anticipated completion date of project**
9/1/2026 6/1/2028

Name of Organization or Individual
McKnight Neighborhood Council, Inc

Applicant Contact Name and Title
Walter Kroll, President

Applicant Contact Phone Number
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Applicant Contact Address
PO Box 90336, Springfield, Massachusetts 01109

Additional project partner and contact details
City of Springfield, Parks Department

Grant Request

Grant Request Amount
\$163,802.00

Will you be seeking multi-year funding?
No

Total Project Budget
\$218,802.00

Total Sources of Committed Funding. If none write \$0.00
\$55,000.00

CPA request as % of project
75

List committed funds from all sources and agencies or write none.
\$55,000 CPA Grant approved in 2025 funding cycle

Budget
doc#1 Buckingham Terrace_Budget_CPA 2026.pdf

Sustainability

In future, the park as an asset of the Parks Commission will continue to be maintained by the Springfield Parks Department. The McKnight Council Parks Committee will assist in the plant choices, as well as

establishing and maintaining the flower beds in collaboration with the Parks Dept going forward.

Parcel ID #
020420050

Maps
doc#2 park plot map.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?

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 Dept 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.

If open space is acquired with CPA funds for conservation land, a conservation restriction is required on the property. The City cannot hold a restriction on itself and the property will need a third party to oversee the restriction.

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

No

If so, has the Conservation Commission been informed?

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 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.

Or type Narrative (200 words or less)

McKnight Park is 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 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.

Currently, only the fountain at Dartmouth is functional. The triangle now has an established pollinator garden, which has brought color and vitality to that area and created a lot of interest. The Clarendon Street fountain received CPA funding in 2024 and is in the process of being restored.

In 2025, the CPC partially funded the restoration of McKnight Park, providing funding for the fountain restoration. This current grant request will provide funding for landscaping the grounds, adding flower beds with native and other perennial plantings that will bloom from early spring to late fall; and installing benches surrounding the fountain and a walkway which will make the park accessible to a wider range of residents.

Upload Project Description (200 words or less)

Doc#3 Buckingham Terrace_Conceptual Plan_CPA 2026.pdf

Or type Applicant Experience

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.

Upload any additional files or attachments.

- doc#4 Photos - McKnight Park.pdf
- doc#5 Park Commission - Letter of Support 02 25 26.pdf
- doc#6 MNC CPA Letter of Support 02 25 26.pdf

Provide a list of ALL attachments included in this application. Be sure to upload all attachments before sending your final copy. All attachments are expected to be included in your submitted paper copies.

- doc#1 Budget - McKnight Park/Buckingham Fountain
- doc#2 Plot Map - McKnight Park/Buckingham Fountain
- doc#3 Plan - Conceptual Drawing McKnight Park/Buckingham Fountain
- doc#4 Photos - McKnight Park/Buckingham Fountain & Triangle Park
- doc#5 Park Commission - Letter of Support
- doc#6 McKnight Council - Letter of Support

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, President, McKnight Neighborhood Council