

Community Preservation Committee recommendations to ATM 2014

| Applicant | Proposal | Request | CPA Category |
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| 1. OB Conservation Com. | Sailing Camp Bank Restoration | \$41,600 | OS/Rec. |
| 2. OB Conservation Com. | Sailing Camp Trails, phase 2 | \$50,000 | OS/Rec. |
| 3. OB Conservation Com. | Coastal Climate Change Plan | \$50,000 | OS/Rec. |
| 4. Mary Carman, Woods Hole Oceanographic Inst. | Lagoon Pond Monitoring | \$31,749 | OS/Rec. |
| 5. M.V. Little League | Penn Field, phase 2 | \$50,000 | OS/Rec. |
| 6. M.V. Museum | Marine Hospital Roof & Chimneys | \$50,000 | Historic Pres. |
| 7. Town of Aquinnah | Gay Head Lighthouse | \$111,600 | Historic Pres. |
| 8. Trinity United Methodist | Trinity Church Stained Glass Windows Rest. | \$18,000 | Historic Pres. |
| 9. Dukes County | County Courthouse Electrical Upgrade | \$11,715 | Historic Pres. |
| 10. Habitat for Humanity | Habitat House in Oak Bluffs | \$180,000 | Comm. Housing |
| 11. DCRHA | Rental Assistance | \$152,000 | Comm. Housing |

Total for Projects Recommended to ATM2014 \$746,664

Open Space/Recreation: 30%

Historic Preservation: 26%

Community Housing: 44%

Funds set aside for Niantic Park future loan from this year's budget \$120,000

TOTAL FUNDS reserved for spending from FY2015 budget \$866,664

Total Projected Revenue for this year **\$810,818**

Working Balance, CPA funds avail. for grants in FY2015 (as of Dec. 2013) **\$1,675,746**

PROJECT SUMMARY, CRITERIA FOR RECOMMENDATION, AND CPC VOTE.

1. Sailing Camp Bank Restoration

\$41,600

Oak Bluffs Conservation Commission requests \$41,600 to restore an eroding coastal bank in order to preserve the park for conservation and passive recreation.

- The proposal is consistent with CPC goals and the Selectmen's Strategic Plan to give the town access to the waterfront and open space land.
- This preserves an asset that would otherwise be lost, and is part of a larger project.
- The applicant has successfully completed similar projects.
- This project will act as model for restoration of neighboring landowners' coastal banks.

The vote was 8 – 0 in favor of recommending the Sailing Camp Bank Restoration for \$41,600.

2. Sailing Camp Trails, phase 2

\$50,000

The Conservation Commission requests \$50,000 for phase 2 of the trails project, to do the physical work of establishing a public walking trails system.

- This project enhances town- owned conservation land in an underserved area.
- The applicant has successfully completed other projects including phase 1 of this project.
- The project is consistent with the goals of CPC Vision Statement and the Selectmen's Strategic Plan.

The vote was 8 – 0 in favor of recommending the Sailing Camp Trails, phase 2 for \$50,000.

3. Coastal Climate Change Plan

\$50,000

The Conservation Commission requests \$50,000 for this study to assess the risks and impacts of climate change on the Oak Bluffs shoreline, and to offer adaptation strategies.

- The CPC has consistently endorsed similar engineering studies in the past.
- This plan would aid in leveraging future funding for adaptation work.
- It is consistent with CPC vision statement, to preserve and protect the town's heritage.
- The applicant has successfully completed several projects using CPA funds.

The vote was 8-0 in favor of recommending the Coastal Climate Change Plan for \$50,000.

4. Lagoon Pond Monitoring

\$31,749

Oak Bluffs Shellfish Department sponsors this request for \$31,749 to monitor the health of Lagoon Pond by Mary Carman of Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. The study will be used as a standard for the Farm Pond pre- and post-culvert study.

- The CPC is supportive of projects that help shellfish and the health of the ponds.
- The proposal includes \$13,000 in-kind work from Dave Grunden.
- It is consistent with the Selectmen's Strategic Plan to study health of the ponds.
- The sponsor and the applicant have successfully completed other similar projects.

The vote was 8-0 in favor of recommending Lagoon Pond Monitoring for \$31,749.

5. Penn Field, phase 2

\$50,000

Little League has requested \$50,000 from four island towns in order to complete the landscaping at the new baseball field in Oak Bluffs.

- This is a regional project with funding recommended from the four towns asked.
- It leverages multiple sources of public and private funding.
- It will complete a project supported by Oak Bluffs through multiple town meeting votes.

The vote was 8-0 in favor of recommending Penn Field, phase 2 for \$50,000.

6. Marine Hospital Roof and Chimneys

\$50,000

Martha’s Vineyard Museum requests funds to preserve and restore the original slate roof and chimneys of the Marine Hospital in Vineyard Haven. The Museum plans to relocate there.

- This regional project leverages multiple sources of public and private funding.
- It satisfies a high number of the CPC’s review and recommendation criteria.
- It has the full endorsement of the Historical Commission

The vote was 8-0 in favor of recommending the Marine Hospital project for \$50,000.

7. Gay Head Lighthouse

\$111,600

The town of Aquinnah requests help in funding a move of the Gay Head Lighthouse away from the eroding coastal bank, thus preserving this iconic island structure.

- This regional project is supported by every island CPC.
- Funding from town CPCs will help in leveraging other sources of funding needed for the move.
- This high-visibility project will preserve an important historic asset.

The vote was 7-0 in favor of recommending the Gay Head Lighthouse for \$111,600, with one abstention.

8. Trinity Church Stained Glass Windows Restoration

\$18,000

Trinity Church requests funding to complete restoration of their exterior stained glass windows, a project funded over several years by CPA grants.

- This project preserves a publicly accessible historic asset that would otherwise be lost.
- The applicant has successfully implemented other phases of this project.
- The project is supported by the Oak Bluffs Historical Commission.
- The town holds a preservation restriction on this project.

The vote was 8-0 to recommend the Stained Glass Windows Restoration for \$18,000.

9. Dukes County Courthouse Electrical Upgrade

\$11,715

The County of Dukes County requests \$11,715 as Oak Bluffs share of a regional project to upgrade the courthouse electrical system, making it compliant with current code standards.

- The applicant plans a return of 80% of the grant to the CPC, refunded through rent paid by the state.
- This is a regional project, supported by all of the island CPCs.
- This project helps to preserve an historic asset, and is supported by the OB Historical Commission.

The vote was 8-0 to recommend the Courthouse Electrical Upgrade for \$11,715.

10. Habitat for Humanity

\$180,000

Habitat for Humanity requests \$180,000 toward construction costs of an affordable home in Oak Bluffs. The grant includes a restriction that any funds generated or realized from this project will be put toward future Habitat projects in Oak Bluffs.

- Land for the project has been donated.
- Habitat construction costs are 50-70% lower because of public and private financial contributions, material donations, volunteer labor, and owner “sweat equity” labor.
- The project serves an underserved population, gains an opportunity that would otherwise be lost, and leverages other sources of funding.
- It is consistent with the goals of the CPC, the Selectmen’s Strategic Plan, and the Oak Bluffs Affordable Housing Committee.
- The applicant has successfully completed similar projects.

The vote was 8-0 to recommend the Habitat for Humanity home construction project for \$180,000.

11. Rental Assistance

\$152,000

Dukes County Regional Housing Authority requests \$152,000 for rental assistance funding to help an average of 23 Oak Bluffs households that make less than 80% of the area median income.

- This project has been funded yearly by the CPA since 2010, and the applicant has a proven track record.
- This serves an underserved population, and preserves housing assets.
- It leverages additional sources of income, is economically feasible, and is endorsed by the AHC.

The vote was 8-0 to recommend Rental Assistance for \$152,000.