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CPC APPLICATION PROCESS

The City of New Bedford's Community Preservation Committee (CPC) is launching its first Application Process and offering an Application Workshop for Community Preservation Act funding for FY18!

A little background...

The Community Preservation Act (CPA) was adopted by New Bedford voters through a ballot question in November 2014. This statewide enabling legislation allows communities to create dedicated funding for:

- Open Space
- Outdoor Recreational Facilities
- Historic Preservation and
- Affordable Housing

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) is the body established by the city to oversee the CPA program in New Bedford.

This past June, the CPC held three community meetings that invited the public to provide comments and suggestions for the community's goals and objectives for Open Space, Outdoor Recreational Facilities, Historic Preservation and Affordable Housing that were then used in developing a Community Preservation Plan. The final Plan was adopted by the CPC on August 22nd and is available at <http://www.newbedford-ma.gov/planning/community-preservation/>.

So what's next?

The CPC will launch the Community Preservation Act application during an important **Application Workshop Wednesday evening, October 4th at 6pm at the National Park Visitor Center located at 33 William Street**. The CPC strongly encourages anyone that is thinking about applying for funding in this round to attend this workshop!

How does someone apply for funding?

In order to successfully apply for CPA funding, one must follow a two step application process:

- **Eligibility Determination Form.** The first step in the application process is the submission of an initial form called the “Eligibility Determination Form” due Monday, October 16, 2017 at the Department of Planning, Housing & Community Development located at 608 Pleasant Street, New Bedford. Once this form has been submitted, it will be reviewed and applicants will be notified whether or not their submitted project proposal is eligible or not eligible according to CPA regulations and criteria. Eligible project applicants will then move to the Full Application step.
- **Full Application.** On or about October 30, 2017 applicants with eligible projects will be invited to submit a “Full Application” due Monday, December 11, 2017 at the Department of Planning, Housing & Community Development located at 608 Pleasant Street, New Bedford.

Both the Eligibility Determination Form and the Full Application will be available online at <http://www.newbedford-ma.gov/planning/community-preservation/> on Wednesday evening, October 4, 2017. *Full Applications will be available online for informational purposes only; fillable versions will be provided to those invited to apply at the conclusion of the eligibility determination phase.*

How can I learn more and ask questions?

The CPC is hosting an important **Application Workshop Wednesday evening, October 4th at 6pm at the National Park Visitor Center located at 33 William Street.** Detailed information and an opportunity to ask questions about the entire application process will be discussed at this meeting. If you can't make the meeting, please feel free to contact the city's Department of Planning, Housing & Community Development with any questions at 508.979.1500 or 508.979.1488. A copy of the PowerPoint being used that evening will also be made available on the city's website.

Please spread the word!

We are looking forward to launching the application, discussing the process and answering your questions at the information meeting. Details about the date and location for the meeting is in the attached flyer.

**Please join us for the workshop and
please share this flyer with your social networks, friends and colleagues!**

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