

Community Preservation Fund Allowable Spending Purposes

| | OPEN SPACE | HISTORIC RESOURCES | RECREATIONAL LAND | COMMUNITY HOUSING |
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| DEFINITIONS (G.L. c. 44B § 2) | Land to protect existing and future well fields, aquifers and recharge areas, watershed land, agricultural land, grasslands, fields, forest land, fresh and salt water marshes and other wetlands, ocean, river, stream, lake and pond frontage, beaches, dunes and other coastal lands, lands to protect scenic vistas, land for wildlife or nature preserves and land for recreational use. | Buildings, structures, vessels, real property, documents or artifacts listed on the State Register of Historic Places or deemed by the local historic preservation commission to be significant in the history, archeology, architecture or culture of the city or town. | Land for active or passive recreational use including, but not limited to, the use of land for community gardens, trails, noncommercial youth and adult sports, and the use of land as a park, playground or athletic field. Does not include horse or dog racing or the use of land for a stadium, gymnasium or similar structure. | Housing for low and moderate income individuals and families, including low or moderate income seniors. Moderate income is less than 100%, and low income is less than 80%, of US HUD Area Wide Median Income. |
| ACQUIRE Obtain property interest by gift, purchase, devise, grant, rental, rental purchase, lease or otherwise. Only includes eminent domain taking as provided by G.L. c. 44B. | YES | YES | YES | YES |
| CREATE To bring into being or cause to exist. <i>Seideman v. City of Newton</i> , 452 Mass. 472 (2008) | YES | NO | YES | YES |
| PRESERVE Protect personal or real property from injury, harm or destruction. | YES | YES | YES | YES |
| SUPPORT Provide grants, loans, rental assistance, security deposits, interest rate write-downs or other forms of assistance directly to individuals and families who are eligible for community housing, or an entity that owns, operates or manages such housing for the purpose of making housing affordable. | NO | NO | NO | YES, including funding for affordable housing trusts |
| REHABILITATE/RESTORE Make capital improvements, or extraordinary repairs to make assets functional for intended use, including improvements to comply with federal, state or local building or access codes or federal standards for rehabilitation of historic properties. | YES, if acquired with CPA funds | YES | YES | YES, if acquired with CPA funds |

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