

Old South Clock Face Community Preservation Grant Proposal

Presentation to the Newburyport Historical Commission - January 27, 2022



A Community Treasure

What?

Provide a description of the project, including the property involved and its proposed use.

The venerated and historic Albert Plummer memorial Old South Church clock face is in dire need of painting. Originally installed in 1785, and upgraded to a modern 1896 E Howard Model #2 weight driven tower clock, the clock face, hands, numerals, and minute markers are rapidly deteriorating and in need of paint. This project will paint those parts, as well as provide a fresh coat of black paint for the face of the clock.

The Old South Presbyterian Church is already subject to a preservation restriction.

Built in 1756, it is iconic in its representation of Newburyport and Newburyport's South End. It presided over the sending off of troops during the revolution for the invasion of Quebec. It can be seen from any point in the surrounding area. The church and clock is listed on the Massachusetts State Register of Historic places and has been deemed locally significant.

Why Me?



What, Me Worry?



Why?



Per the evaluation criteria:		
Eligible for Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding according to the requirements described in the CPA legislation	●	
Consistent with the Master Plan, Open Space and Recreation Plan, Land Use and other planning documents that have received public scrutiny and input.	●	
Preserve and enhance the essential character of the city.	●	We are a city of steeples
Protect resources that would otherwise be threatened.	●	
Serve more than one CPA purpose or demonstrate why serving multiple needs is not feasible.	●	The clock does not qualify as open space, recreation, or housing
Demonstrate practicality and feasibility, and that the project can be implemented within budget and on schedule.	●	Quotes and commitments have been obtained
Produce an advantageous cost/benefit value.	●	It is a great benefit to tourism and hosts hundreds of annual visits to the church and steeple
Leverage additional public and/or private funds	●	Community support with \$
Preserve or improve utility of currently owned city assets.	●	The clock is not a city owned asset
Receive endorsement by other municipal boards or departments and broad-based support from community members.	●	See letters

Per other specific historic preservation valuation criteria: This grant would "Protect, preserve, enhance, restore and/or rehabilitate historic, cultural, architectural or archaeological resources of significance, especially those that are threatened".

How?

Project Budget (Estimates)		
	Contractor estimate	3350
	Potential repairs/carpentry	500
	Hand balancing 3 hours/face at \$50/hour	450
	SUBTOTAL	4300
	Contingency (APPROX. 20%) Inflation, unexpected costs	850
	GRAND TOTAL	5150
	LESS community match	500
	CPC REQUEST	4650

Community Contribution of \$500 !

American Renaissance

Painting and Restoration Company
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 P.O. Box 2216 Salisbury Ma, 01952

Proposal submitted to: Old South Church
 Job Site: 29 Federal St
 Dated: 11/06/21

The following job will entail the following:

- π Hand Scrubbing on mold and mildew build-ups.
- π Precision scraping using Sandvik carbide scrapers where deemed necessary.
- π Fine sanding, using hand sanding as needed.
- π Holes in wood will be repaired with a bonding epoxy resin. This does not include any damage beyond repair or needing carpentry.
- π Spot primer coat using Benjamin Moore oil Fresh Start primer on painted areas.
- π All Caulking needed shall be done.
- π Final coat using Benjamin Moore high build finish on three clock face only, This price includes lift rental fee.

Punch list procedure:

No additional work, alterations or additions beyond the contractual agreement shall be done without written consent of both homeowner and contractor. Contractor shall be fully compensated for any work beyond the afore-mentioned contract.

Payment Schedule:

1/2 start up
 1/2 after satisfactory completion of job in its entirety
 The afore-mentioned contractual proposal could be completed for the sum of \$3350. This price includes all high-end materials needed for the job. All pre 1978 jobs will be done EPA lead compliant.

Signature of Homeowner _____

Signature of Contractor _____

Date _____

Thank You!