

**If Town Meeting doesn't fund this project this year, what happens to the funds?**

CPA Funds that are not appropriated by Town Meeting would flow to CPA Free Cash and would be available for appropriation next year

**Why are other religious institutions not eligible for CPA funds?**

The funds being requested by the First Baptist Church and the First Parish Church are exclusively for historic preservation purposes. Any organization may apply for funds to be used for this purpose. Funding requests that are determined to be eligible must comply with MGL Chapter 44B – Community Preservation Act, and the Town's Community Preservation Plan.

<https://www.needhamma.gov/440/Needhams-Plan>

**What about private residents?**

It is possible that private residents may be eligible for CPA funds. They would need to submit a proposal for funding and comply with MGL Chapter 44B – Community Preservation Act, and the Town's Community Preservation Plan as linked above. Ensuring a public benefit in connection with such a grant is a factor the CPC would consider in connection with such a grant request.

**Are members of the congregations requesting funds required to recuse themselves from voting on funding articles that benefit their Churches?**

Town Meeting Members that are also members of a congregation that has applied for CPA funds are not legally required to recuse themselves. Pursuant to M.G.L. c.268A, §1, elected Town Meeting Members are not "municipal employees" within the meaning of the State Ethics Law.

**Will there be a grant agreement?**

Yes, the Town has been working with Special Counsel in connection with such an agreement in the event the Town Meeting approves Articles 11 and 12.