



Town of Longmeadow
Massachusetts
Community Preservation Committee



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20 Williams Street
Longmeadow, MA 01106

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Application for
Community Preservation Act Funding

Instructions

1. Review attached Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding eligibility, selection criteria (Appendix), and application.
2. Prepare and submit 10 typed and double-sided copies of the application form and project description to the CPC, c/o the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, 20 Williams St., Longmeadow, MA 01106.
3. The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) will accept project proposals **through November 29, 2018** for possible consideration at the following Annual Town Meeting.
4. The CPC will review all applications and schedule a meeting with each applicant to discuss its proposal.
 - a. The CPC may ask for more information before deciding to recommend the proposal for funding.
 - b. The CPC may request that you present your proposal at a public hearing.
5. If the project is selected for a funding recommendation, the CPC will submit it to Town Meeting.
6. Town Meeting has the sole authority to fund projects.

** Please note that the Committee reserves the right to modify these procedures and timeframe. Emergency applications will be accepted at the discretion of the CPC. The committee reserves the right to reject applications that are incomplete or late.*

Application Form

For CPC Use: Project # _____
Received on: ___/___/___ Received by: _____
Reviewed on: ___/___/___ Determination: _____

Applicant Information

Project Title: Storrs House Museum Screen & Batten Doors Project													
CPA Funding Request: \$ 5,460 ⁰⁰	Total Cost of Proposed Project: \$5,460 ⁰⁰												
Applicant Name: Longmeadow Historical Society	Contact Name: Alfred McKee Jr MD												
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Please attach a project description and budget, as indicated on page 2.

Storrs House Museum Screen and Batten doors for front and back doors

November 28, 2018

Longmeadow Community Preservation Committee
c/o Town Clerk's Office
Longmeadow Town Hall
20 Williams Street
Longmeadow, MA 01106

Dear Longmeadow CPC:

This is a request for funding which will allow the Longmeadow Historical Society to improve the environmental conditions of the Storrs House Museum.

The approximate cost of this project will be **\$5,200.00**

Contingency: **\$260.00**

Total request: **\$5460.00**

Goal:

This grant request, if funded, will allow the Longmeadow Historical Society to improve the museum environment by allowing us to replace and install new custom made screen doors for use during the warm weather months on both the front and back doors of the Storrs House Museum and for the first time have custom made period appropriate batten doors for the front and back entrances for the winter months providing another layer of protection from weather and air entry. Thoughtful stewardship is important in ensuring the long-term preservation of our collections. As much as possible and practical, we have been guided by modern standards for small museums and best preservation practices.

Project Description:

Funding of this proposal will allow us to:

*** Screen doors**

Screen doors will be constructed of pattern grade mahogany, using through mortise and tenon construction, coped and pegged. The door element profiles will be appropriate for assembly. The doors will be treated with wood preservative and primed with premium primer. Screening will be bronze with stainless steel staples. Wooden beaded stops will be affixed with stainless steel brads. Stops will be removable for repairs. An astragal (applied moulding to seal between doors) will be provided as a stop at the meeting stiles.

for front and back sets: \$2,840 .00

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* Batten Doors will be constructed of pattern grade mahogany or similar wood. The boards will be beaded where they join. Brass screws for the battens will be applied. An astragal will be provided at the meeting point of the doors. A similar or improved fastening system will be utilized in brass or bronze. The doors will be treated with wood preservative and primed with premium primer.

for front and back sets: \$1,950.00

* Installation labor \$380.00

Background:

In 1899, the Longmeadow Historical Society was formed to preserve our town's history. In 1932 when the Storrs Library Association decided to build a new library, it offered the use of Storrs House to the Historical Society on the condition that the society restore, repair and maintain it. The house, built in 1786 by Richard Salter Storrs (the second pastor of the First Church of Christ in Longmeadow) was moved twelve feet to the south and about thirty feet back to make room for the library. In the process it was provided with a new foundation. The arrangement between the Storrs Library Association, which owns Storrs House, and the Longmeadow Historical Society, a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization which maintains it as a museum, has continued to the present day. The documents, images and historical artifacts in the collections in the Storrs House Museum belong to the Longmeadow Historical Society.

A great deal of progress has been made in museum science since the Storrs House Museum opened in 1932. The board of the Longmeadow Historical Society and the friends of the society have sought out expert opinions and attended courses in modern museum care and archive and object preservation. With this information, a comprehensive plan has evolved to ensure the integrity of the Storrs House and its precious contents and to ultimately make the extensive collections available to the citizens of Longmeadow and all those interested in history and material culture.

The building is the first line of defense in the preservation of the collections. An exterior assessment revealed that there were problems with water infiltration through the roof. In 2012, CPA funding supported the replacement of the Storrs House roof. Subsequently, gutters have been reset and roof water runoff redirected. A program for gutter cleaning is now in place. Tree limbs have been trimmed back from the building.

The best environment for our collections is a cool, dry, stable environment with good air circulation and limited light exposure. In an attempt to create a stable interior environment, the central heating system was upgraded and air-conditioning added to improve interior temperature and humidity control for the basement and first floor. These projects were also underwritten by the 2012 CPA funding.

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With the roof replacement and updated HVAC system for the basement and 1st floor completed, attention turned to the significant environmental issues in the basement. The first part of the basement project was funded in large part by the CPC in 2014 (funding FY 2015) and additional project work was funded in large part by the CPC in 2015 (funding FY 2016). Presently we await the results of project bids to address climate control on the second floor of the Storrs House (CPC project approved 2017 for funding FY 2018). It is hoped that project work on the second floor HVAC system will begin soon.

The Storrs House Museum currently has double doors in both the entry on the first floor of the east side of the house and the west side of the house. These doors may date to the building of the house in 1786. The current screen doors which are put up during the warmer months were installed in the 1970s or 80s. They have been repeatedly repaired over the years. They have reached the end of their life due to weathering/decay. Within memory, there have not been storm doors or winter doors utilized. Thus the original doors of the Museum continue to bear the effects of New England winters. The use of custom made batten doors will not only reduce air and moisture infiltration into the museum in the cold months, but protect and extend the life of what appear to be original house doors.

The Longmeadow Historical Society is grateful to the Town of Longmeadow and its Community Preservation Commission for the CPA funds which have been awarded to meet the needs of the Storrs House Museum to date.

Community Need:

The Storrs House, the home of Longmeadow's second pastor, is itself historically important to the town and needs to be maintained to be protected from the elements. As the repository for the collections of the Longmeadow Historical Society, it is even more important. Longmeadow's historic documents, images and material culture collections are critical to the telling of the history of our town. The collections at the Storrs House Museum help to tell the story of how New Englanders and, in particular, Longmeadow citizens lived their lives.

Community Support:

This proposal for funding is supported by the Longmeadow Historical Society board, the Storrs Library board and members of the Longmeadow community who have followed the society's work over the past 7 years.

Action Plan & Timetable:

The door plans will be presented to the Historic District Commission for review prior to final review by the CPC.

Upon receipt of the award of funding, with the project specifications already developed, project bids for the doors will be solicited. Actual door construction and subsequent installation could

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begin as soon as the bid is awarded and the contractor's schedule permits. We believe that the project submitted for funding will be completed over the summer and fall of 2019.

Maintenance and Preservation:

Maintenance: once completed maintenance of the new doors of the Storrs House Museum will be the responsibility of the Longmeadow Historical Society.

Preservation: No deed restrictions will be required for this project.

Permission:

Permission to proceed with the proposed work has been obtained from the Longmeadow Historical Society Board and Storrs Library.

Budget

\$5460.00

There are no additional sources of funding for this project.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me; thank you for considering this application.

Sincerely,

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