

Community Preservation Fund Eligibility Form



TOWN OF BILLERICA
 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
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The purpose of this form is to make sure that all project applications applying for Community Preservation Act funding are eligible for funding. This form must be approved in order for an application to be accepted.

Project Title:	Historic Quilt Preservation and Display		
Project Sponsor/Organization:	Billerica Spools/COA/Town of Billerica		
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CPA Program Area (check those that apply):			
<input type="checkbox"/> Open Space <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic Preservation <input type="checkbox"/> Community Housing <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation			
Project Purpose (check those that apply):			
<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Creation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rehabilitation/Restoration			
<p>Project Summary: Please provide a brief description of the project.</p> <p>In 2008, the quilters at the COA worked with a curator from the Lowell Quilt Museum to create a 3-panel quilt representing the history of Billerica, Our Town Through Our Eyes. The Friends of the BCOA provided \$1775.00 in funding. Originally hung in the COA, the quilt was exhibited at several juried shows including the New England Quilt Show and the Billerica Public Library. In need of better protection from UV light and dust, it was removed in 2017. The goal is to restore the quilt, protect and preserve it, and properly install it at the COA.</p> <p>The quilt relates the history of Billerica through the use of traditional and art blocks. The center panel features the Washington Oak with leaves commemorating the first families of Billerica and the quilters who crafted the blocks. The half stained glass window of the Bennett Library tops the tree. The two side panels use art blocks plus traditional quilt blocks to illustrate the Town Center, historic farms and mills, our twinned city of Billericay, and other aspects of the Billerica community. A piece of fabric woven at the Faulkner Mills is even included in one of the blocks. Over 600 hours went into the making of this quilt.</p> <p>The quilt is quite large. The center panel is 114" tall by 48" wide. The side panels are each 88" tall by 54" wide.</p>			

The quilt currently resides in a box at the COA. It will require some repair and cleaning. The goal is to protect it from damaging light and to properly install it on a wall at the COA under UV filtering acrylic on a frame for support.

The estimate from 2017 is attached. We plan to work with preservationists from the Lowell Quilt Museum on updating and finalizing a preservation plan and estimate.

For CPC Use Eligible Not Eligible Date: _____
Reviewer: _____

COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THE PROJECT ELIGIBILITY FORM.
DO NOT PROCEED UNTIL ELIGIBILITY HAS BEEN DETERMINED.