Newton Affordable Housing Trust CPA Funding Recommendation

Community Preservation Committee
Presentation to
Zoning and Planning Committee
October 23, 2023

Program Overview

- ► City Council established the Newton Affordable Housing Trust in December 2021
- ► The seven member Trust began meeting bi-monthly in June 2022
- Over the last year, Trustees have developed program guidelines and an application process and are now accepting funding applications
- During the initial Ordinance review process, the CPC agreed to allocate its annual target for Community Housing funds to the Trust for use in future housing projects



Current Funding Request

The Newton Affordable Housing Trust (NAHT) annual funding application requests that the Community Preservation Program's target amount for Community Housing, which is currently equal to 35% of FY24 annual funds, be allocated to the NAHT for future projects which acquire, create, support, preserve, and restore/rehabilitate affordable housing in Newton.

Recommended CPA Project Funding

CPA Funding Accounts	Amount
Community Housing FY24 Reserve Funds	\$562,034
FY24 Unrestricted Funding Account	\$1,405,085
TOTAL CPA PROJECT FUNDS:	\$1,967,119

CPA Funding is recommended to be Community Housing category funding.

Timeline

- The Trust is currently accepting applications for funding on a rolling basis
- New Applications will be reviewed at the Trust's regularly scheduled bi-monthly meetings

Questions & Discussion

Thank you!

NAHT Available and Proposed Funding

CPA Funding Accounts	Amount
FY23 Initial CPA Funding Allocation Reserve Funds	\$1,948,056
Inclusionary Zoning Funding	\$115,648
FY24 CPA Funding Request	\$1,967,119
TOTAL ANTICIPATED NAHT FUNDS:	\$4,030,823

Potential Future Funding Applications

- ➤ 2Life Communities Coleman House Additional funding request to complete preservation and restoration of 146 unit senior housing facility (\$2 million anticipated request)
- ► Family Aid's Transitional Housing 42 units of temporary family housing at 1650 Washington Street (\$500,000 anticipated request)
- Walker Center Affordable Housing Development -Rehabilitation of existing buildings into affordable family rental housing (amount TBD)
- Restoration/Rehabilitation of existing affordable housing units (amounts TBD)
- Creation of new affordable housing units/buying down of affordability in new housing developments (Various, amounts TBD)