At its May 8, 2018 meeting, the CPC voted to recommend to the City Council a total expenditure of $2,599,223 in CPA funds for seventeen (17) projects. The CPC determined, among other factors, that the recommended projects met the goals expressed in the Community Preservation Plan, provided a public benefit, addressed a critical need, were shovel-ready, and demonstrated the ability to leverage non-CPA funds.

If approved by the City Council, all projects must enter into a Grant Agreement with the City, and submit regular progress and budget reports. Additional specific conditions are listed as applicable to each project.

The following project summaries describe the project proposals recommended for CPA funding in FY18.

The full proposals can be found at: http://www.newbedford-ma.gov/planning/cpc-fy18-submitted-applications/
Date: May 21, 2018  
To: The Honorable City Council

PROJECT TITLE: Continued Restoration of Seamen's Bethel  
PROJECT LOCATION: 15 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford  
APPLICANT /ORGANIZATION: The New Bedford Port Society  
FUNDING AMOUNT: $176,396  
CPA CATEGORY: Historic Preservation  
City Ward: 4

PROJECT DESCRIPTION
The funding will be used for the continued exterior restoration of the post and beam structure to address stabilization of the north and west walls.

RECOMMENDED FUNDING
On May 8, 2018 by a vote of 8-0, with one abstention, the Community Preservation Committee recommended appropriating $176,396 from the Unrestricted Fund for the Seamen’s Bethel Continued Restoration project for a grant to the New Bedford Port Society in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Community Preservation Grant Agreement and for the overall purposes summarized in this document.

ALIGNMENT WITH FY18 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PLAN
The Seamen’s Bethel is one of the most significant historic buildings in New Bedford. The continued preservation of this iconic landmark structure will allow its continued service to the community as an educational and interpretive resource as well as provide a venue for multiple uses.

MEASURES OF SUCCESS
This project will allow the Port Society to serve the community through educational programming and increase tourism to the City. The Bethel is now ADA accessible, offers free admission and is open year round. Visitation has increased dramatically including school tours and national and international group tours, and will continue to grow.
FUNDING CONDITIONS

- The Grantee agrees to execute and record a perpetual Preservation Restriction on the CPA funded property which will be approved by the Massachusetts Historical Commission.
- The Grantee agrees to execute the proposed project complying with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation, and to secure contractors who have demonstrated experience successfully completing projects to these Standards.
- No disbursements of funds may occur until the project has received all necessary permitting and approvals.
- Other conditions as deemed necessary and defined within the Grant Agreement with the City.

PROJECT BUDGET

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* Soft costs include design, professional services, permitting fees, closing costs, legal, etc.
** Construction refers to new construction, rehabilitation, preservation, restoration work, and/or accessibility related expenses.

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