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Update on Historical Commission CPC Application Historic Resource Inventory Surveys Phase V Project Follow-up on CPC's November 2, 2022, Questions

What properties will be surveyed?

Forty buildings and one area are now proposed to be surveyed. They include recommendations from the Phase IV Survey Final Report: Sudbury Survey Update 2020-2021, other properties that have never been surveyed, are under documented, have out of date surveys from the 1960's and 1970's, and properties which could not be included as part of the scope of the previous Phase IV project.

Why isn't the dollar amount of the CPA funding higher in order to quality for matching state funds to accomplish more work which would offset CPC funds?

In addition to the Massachusetts Historical Commission's (MHC) Survey and Planning Grant Program funding project minimum of 25K, MHC also has a 100-survey minimum per project for survey projects which the SHC cannot meet.

Since 1995 approximately 350 surveys – both buildings and areas - have been completed by the SHC with the assistance of CPA funding for three previous survey projects. There no longer is a high number of buildings remaining to be surveyed to reach the MHC 100-survey minimum threshold.

The SHC has reassessed the project since submission of this application in October 2022 and as a result has expanded the project to include 16 additional properties for a total of 40 structures and one area proposed to be surveyed in Phase V – still far below the MHC 100-survey minimum.

It is expected that in the future some additional building surveys and additional area surveys – but not a large number - will need to be conducted but only after baseline individual building surveys proposed for Phase V have been completed.

Therefore the SHC now requests up to \$23,000 in CPA funding for Phase V for 40 individual surveys and one area survey.

The CPC and 2020 ATM previously approved Article 42 to fund \$30,000 for the Phase IV Inventory Survey project of approximately 30 additional individual properties and two area surveys.