

**Community Preservation Committee  
Town of Belmont**

**CPA Funding - Special Application**

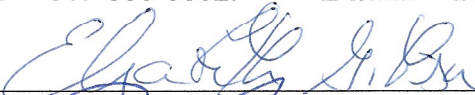
**A copy of the completed Preliminary Application must be submitted to the following address by no later than noon on the Friday before the CPC's next scheduled meeting:**

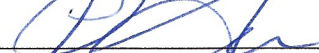
Community Preservation Committee  
c/o Matthew Haskell, CPA Administrator  
Office of the Select Board  
Belmont Town Hall  
455 Concord Avenue  
Belmont, MA 02478

*Please refer to page 27 of the most current version of Belmont's CPA Plan to ensure that your project meets the criteria for Special Application Process, off-cycle funding:*

[https://www.belmont-ma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf6831/f/uploads/2021-09-14\\_fy23\\_cpa\\_plan.pdf](https://www.belmont-ma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf6831/f/uploads/2021-09-14_fy23_cpa_plan.pdf)

**Project Title:** Benton Library Building Envelope Study  
**Project Location:** 75 Oakley Road, Belmont, MA. 02478  
**Applicant/Contact Person:** Elizabeth Gibson, President  
**Organization:** Friends of the Benton Library, Inc.  
**Mailing Address:** P.O. Box 425, Belmont, MA. 02478  
**Telephone:** 617-803-8002. **E-mail:** Esgibson5@gmail.com

**Signature**  **Date** March 10, 2022

**Signature**  **Date** 3/10/22

CPA Category (refer to chart on the following page and check all that apply):

- Community Housing
- Historic Preservation
- Open Space
- Recreation

**Amount Requested: \$20,000**

**Total Project Cost: \$20,000**

It is required that information about the project be in writing and available for review by the Community Preservation Committee. This is also an opportunity for project sponsors to ask the CPC any questions regarding the application process.

## **Brief Description of Project**

Include the address/location and current owner of the property, as well as any critical dates. Please attach supplemental information (photographs, drawings, documents, etc.) as desired

The Everett C. Benton Library is located at 75 Oakley Road in Belmont, MA. The building is owned by the Town of Belmont and licensed for use as a library to the Friends of the Benton Library, Inc., a 501 (c)(3) organization.

The Friends of the Benton Library is requesting funds to do a building envelope study of the Benton Library building. We are making this request because we care about this building and we want to make sure it gets the care and attention it deserves.

## **Brief Description of Benefit**

How does the project fulfill the General and Specific Criteria of the Community Preservation Committee Guidelines

The Benton Library building is one of the most historic buildings in Belmont. Since it is owned by the Town of Belmont, understanding the needs of the building will benefit the town.

The Benton Library building was built in 1892 to serve as a chapel for an Episcopal boys school. It is located on the former grounds of John Perkins Cushing's 1840 estate, Belmont, which the town is named after. The building was donated to the Town of Belmont in about 1930. It served as a branch library until 2009. In 2011 the Friends of the Benton Library licensed the use of the building from the town and reopened the building as an independent library, run by volunteers and supported by donations.

## **Brief Description of Circumstances that meet Special Application Process Requirements**

We are asking for emergency consideration for this envelope study to make sure that any care the Benton building might need will happen as soon as possible. Given that the chimney just collapsed, we feel some urgency to make sure there aren't any other hidden problems.

