

December 27, 2022

Dear Jeff and Martha:

This past week, the Library received a \$200 donation from Frederick G. Oldfield III for the Marjorie E. Hattersley Memorial Fund and I wanted to make you aware of the gift and ask that it be acknowledged at an upcoming meeting of the Select Board.

The donation is given in loving memory of his grandmother, Marjorie Hattersley. Marjorie (1914-1994) worked at the Library for more than 50 years; and was the Children's Librarian from 1953-1994. The Children's Room was named the "Marjorie E. Hattersley Room" shortly after she retired in 1994.

Please do reach out if you would like any additional information. I have mailed Fred the attached acknowledgement of the donation as well.

Best regards,

Tricia Perry
Library Director
Bancroft Memorial Library

Grant Application Update: ARSL Sustainable & Resilient New England Libraries

External
Inbox



info@arsl.org <info@arsl.org>

Mon, Dec 19, 2022, 6:30 PM

to

Hello and congratulations!

The ARSL Grant Review Team is delighted to report that your application for the ARSL Sustainable & Resilient New England Libraries Grant has been selected for **full funding!**

Grant funds will be distributed via check; those checks will be printed and mailed to grant recipients by **early January**. Please double-check your submission confirmation email to ensure that the mailing address you provided is complete and accurate. This is the address we will use to mail your award checks.

Checks will be sent using a Chase Bank automatic check-issuing service. These checks can look like junk mail at a glance; please be sure to check the incoming mail at your library very thoroughly during the first few weeks of January! Chase should provide us with a delivery estimate once we have ordered the checks, and we will update you with that estimate once we know it.

As your project gets underway, please use the media kit linked below to acknowledge the support of ARSL and our regional partner foundation (who have chosen to remain anonymous). The media kit includes the ARSL logo and guidelines for how ARSL should be acknowledged in a variety of situations. If you have any questions about the media kit, please let us know! We're happy to provide guidance wherever needed.

ARSL Grant Awardee Media

Kit: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1KpmfJe3jElwhq04uFva_hbKOJ6fRE48n?usp=share_link

Grant reporting will be due upon completion of your project, but no later than **February 1, 2024**. If you are unable to complete your project in the time projected (things happen!) a report will still be due by the official reporting date, with a supplemental report to be submitted upon project completion. We are working with our partner foundation to develop a reporting form based on feedback from this recipients of grants during the last funding cycle. This form should be emailed to you in early January, with reminder emails to come as the reporting date approaches.

We look forward to seeing your projects unfold, and reading all about them in your grant reports!

Tricia Perry <tperry@cwmars.org>

Sustainable & Resilient New England Libraries Grant

1 message

Google Forms <forms-receipts-noreply@google.com>

Thu, Nov 10, 2022 at 10:27 AM

To: tperry@cwmars.org

The Google Forms logo is displayed in white text on a blue rectangular background.

Thanks for filling out [Sustainable & Resilient New England Libraries Grant](#)

Here's what was received.

Sustainable & Resilient New England Libraries Grant

Through the generosity of an anonymous private foundation, the Association for Rural & Small Libraries is pleased to offer this grant opportunity. Each eligible* library may submit one application with one fundable project related to resiliency and sustainability for your library and/or your community.

Not all applications will be selected for funding. If selected, grants will be in the amount of \$5,000-\$15,000.

The deadline for applying for a grant is 1:00 pm ET on November 22, 2022.

Applicants will be notified of the outcome by December 20, 2022.

Funded projects must be completed by December 31, 2023.

Project reports must be submitted by February 1, 2024.

If selected for funding, grant may be used for one-time, non-renewable projects. No general operating grants will be considered.

You will receive a copy of your response to the email address provided.

**Eligible libraries must meet the IMLS definition of a small and/or rural library, but do not need to be active members of ARSL.*

Email *

tperry@cwmars.org

Section 1: Project Director Information

This section is regarding the person with whom all grant and project related communications will be conducted. This person must be authorized to enter into contracts on behalf of the library, or is the person at the library who manages contract approvals with the local governing authority.

First Name *

Tricia

Last Name *

Perry

Job Title or Role *

Library Director

Phone Number(s) *

508-634-2209

Section 2: Library Information

This section is regarding the library for which the funding is requested.

Library Name *

Bancroft Memorial Library

Library Mailing Address *

Please provide your FULL mailing address, including city, state, and ZIP code.

[50 Hopedale Street, Hopedale, MA 01747](#)

State *

Massachusetts

Library Type *

Public Library - Municipal/City

ARSL Membership Status *

ARSL membership is NOT required to participate in this grant opportunity. We encourage all non-member applicants to consider joining ARSL: <https://www.arsl.org/join-arsl>

Organizational (Library) Member

Individual Member

Nonmember

Section 3: Project and Funding Information

This section is regarding details related to your project and funding needs.

Which category of project are you seeking to fund? *

Please select all categories that apply to your project.

Facility Improvements

Outreach & Programming Activities

Other:

Please tell us about: your library's service area; operating budget; main sources of revenue/income; and community demographics such as age, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, etc.

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Word limit: 300 words

Hopedale is a small suburb in Southeast Worcester County, located 20 miles southeast of Worcester and 25 miles southwest of Boston with a population of 6,017 residents. Current population projections are that the town will grow to 6,309 residents by the year 2040. It is a small town, encompassing approximately 5.3 square miles, and full of small-town character. Although Hopedale's peak manufacturing era ended in the 1970s and 1980s with the closure of Draper Corporation, the factory's social and economic impact is visible today through the Town's open spaces, housing stock, and walkable and accessible Town Center. The Library's operating budget is approximately \$300,000; with salaries accounting for approximately 2/3rds of the budget and a materials budget of \$61,000 for the current fiscal year. The Friends of the Library provide funding for programming and program supplies on a regular basis. Unfortunately, as book sale revenues have declined over the past several years, raising funds becomes more challenging. However the Friends remain dedicated to supporting the library with the resources they do have. Hopedale has seen a dramatic increase in the number of foreign-born and non-English speaking residents over the past decade; and this population is increasingly represented in our school community. Enrollment information from DESE indicates that for the 2021-22 school year, minority enrollment is 19% of the schools' population. These students represent many diverse cultures, with native fluency in multiple languages, including Arabic, Portuguese, Spanish

and Quetzal/dialectic. Additionally, census data also indicates that the senior population in Hopedale is expected to increase by approximately 75 percent in the next 10 years.

Describe specific service and/or outreach challenges that your library may be facing and that may be helped by the proposed grant. How will your project address the needs of marginalized and/or under-served populations within your community?

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Word limit: 500 words

The Library serves as a community resource that provides resources, activities, and events that are “free to all.” It is located in the center of town, and is within walking distance to all three schools that make up the Hopedale School District. These include Bright Beginnings Center Preschool, Memorial Elementary School, and the Hopedale Jr./Sr. High School. In addition, it is also within walking distance of two senior residences, the Atria Draper Place (a retirement community with options for independent living, assisted living, and memory care), and The Ledges, for adults living with developmental disabilities. As we focused on potential grant opportunities, we felt that this grant creates a unique opportunity to provide service and outreach opportunities that would benefit two specific groups that are currently underserved. These groups include English Language Learners (ages birth to age 5) and seniors experiencing aging issues. We would actively seek to combine dynamic learning tools that will engage toddlers, and also be utilized to provide sensory stimulation for adults living with memory loss, including individuals living with alzheimer’s and dementia. The grant would focus on providing easy access to dynamic learning tools and library resources that encourage sensory exploration, as well as cognitive, social, and creative development. In this way we would be able to introduce our youngest learners (Birth – Age 5), with outreach specifically to English Language Learning students and their families, as well as seniors who may be experiencing aging issues, including memory loss or dementia, to the library in a manner that promotes social connectivity, and which is not limited by any barriers to services. It will empower families, children, and seniors, and will increase community engagement for all library users. This would align closely with a goal of the Master Plan for the Town to “Provide social, recreational, and cultural opportunities that enhance the quality of life for all ages and incomes in Hopedale”. The grant will be a first step in becoming a more multi-cultural, dementia-friendly library that will actively engage both of these underserved communities. Actions include creating a comfortable space (updated furnishings for the community program room); sensory tables and supplies, and updated technology (smart board and projector). The funds received as part of this grant would be used for the initial outlay of equipment and supplies. The Library would be responsible for coordinating updates to technology as part of our operating budget, and funding from the Friends of the Library would supplement the purchase of items that would be used as part of the sensory programming options.

Total Amount of Funding Requested *

Funding request should be between \$5,000 and \$15,000.

10,000

How will the funding be used? Please be as specific as possible on the item(s) and/or service(s) that you intend to purchase. If the item or service requires ongoing maintenance and/or support, please indicate how that will be covered in the long term. *

Word limit: 200 words

Updated seating and tables for community room: \$4000 Purchase stackable chairs (16-20): \$2000 Purchase nesting tables (2-4): 2000 Sensory Tables and Bins: \$ 3500 Sensory Tables (2-4) with castors and bins with covers Liquid Floor Tiles Light Table Sensory Tray Sensory Exploration Materials Smart Board/Projector: \$2500

Section 4: Conditions and Agreements

This section is regarding the requirements for those selected to receive grant funding. Not all applications will be selected for funding, but agreeing to the condition below is a requirement for selection.

After completion of funded project, but no later than February 1, 2024, each recipient will be required to submit a brief report (1-2 pages) detailing the implementation and outcome of the project. *

If selected as a recipient, we agree to this requirement.

Martha White

From: Chief Daige
Sent: Tuesday, January 3, 2023 2:30 PM
To: Martha White
Cc: Jeff Nutting
Subject: Select Board Meeting 1/9

Good morning, Martha,

I just wanted to mention as a reminder (more me than you 😊) that we will need to revisit Alex Cappella's appointment as his date will change to 12/27/2022 from the September date which was originally stated at the last meeting.

Thanks,
Tom

**TOWN OF HOPEDALE
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT COMMITTEE BY-LAW**

ARTICLE xxx

Section xxx

There is hereby established a Community Preservation Act Committee, consisting of *seven (7) to nine (9)* voting members pursuant to General Laws, Chapter 44B. The Committee shall perform the duties set forth in this by-law and shall be governed by the provisions of this by-law and General Laws, Chapter 44B, Sections 3 to 7, inclusive.

Section xxx

The membership of the Community Preservation Act Committee shall consist of the following:

- One member of the Housing Authority, as designated by the Housing Authority;
- One member of the Planning Board, as designated by the Planning Board;
- One member of the Historical Commission, as designated by the Historical Commission;
- One member of the Conservation Commission, as designated by the Conservation Commission;
- One member of the Park Commission, as designated by the Park Commission;
- Up to *four (note that I suggest two)* citizens-at-large, appointed by the Select Board for staggered terms;

All members to be appointed for a term of three years.

Section xxx

The Community Preservation Act Committee shall study the needs, possibilities, and resources of the Town regarding community preservation. In doing so, the Committee shall:

- Consult with existing municipal boards
- Hold one or more public informational hearings on the needs, possibilities and resources of the Town regarding community preservation possibilities and resources. Notice of said hearing shall be posted publicly and published for each of two weeks preceding a hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town.

The Community Preservation Act Committee shall make recommendations to the Town Meeting for acquisition, creation and preservation of open space, for the acquisition and preservation of historic resources, for the acquisition creation and preservation of land for recreational use, for the creation, preservation and support of community housing and for the rehabilitation and restoration of such open space, historic resources land for recreational use and community housing that is acquired or created as provided in this section. With respect to community housing, the Community Preservation Committee shall recommend, wherever possible, the reuse of existing buildings or construction of new buildings on previously developed sites.

The Community Preservation Act Committee may include in its recommendation to the Town Meeting a recommendation to set aside for later spending funds for specific purposes that are consistent with community preservation by for which sufficient revenues are not then available in the Community

Preservation Fund to accomplish that specific purpose or to set aside for later spending funds for general purposes that are consistent with community preservation.

Section xxx

The Community Preservation Act Committee shall not meet or conduct business without the presence of a quorum. A majority of the members of the Community Preservation Act Committee shall constitute a quorum. The Community Preservation Act Committee shall approve its actions by majority vote. Recommendations to the Town Meeting shall include their anticipated costs.

Section xxx

This by-law may be amended from time to time by a majority vote of the Town Meeting, provided that the amendments would not cause a conflict to occur with General Laws, Chapter 44B.

Section xxx

In case any section, paragraph or part of this by-law be for any reason declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court of last resort, every other section, paragraph or part shall continue in full force and effect.



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Select Board
Glenda A. Hazard, Chair
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Town Administrator
Jeff Nutting
Interim Town Administrator

January 3, 2022

To: Select Board, Finance Committee, School Committee

From: Jeff Nutting, Interim Town Administrator

Subject: Financial Summit - meeting of elected and appointed officials and department heads to discuss the FY 24 financial issues.

I respectfully request the Select Board hold a meeting in February or early March to discuss the financial challenges facing the Town.

By then, most FY24 department budgets and other anticipated expense items should be available, as well as preliminary revenue projections.

Unfortunately, I anticipate that there will be a significant gap between the FY24 projected expenses and revenues.

This meeting will give the Select Board, Finance Committee, School Committee, and others an opportunity to hear all available financial information at the same time, ask questions and help develop a game plan for developing a balanced budget for presentation to the Annual Town Meeting.

C: Department Heads
Boards and Committees

ORDER OF TAKING

WHEREAS, the Town of Hopedale, a municipal corporation, *acting by and through its Select Board*, with an address of 78 Hopedale Street, Hopedale, Massachusetts 01747 (the "Town") hereby certifies that the Town did vote to acquire by purchase, eminent domain or otherwise, the fee interest in the land known as a portion of 364 West Street, Hopedale, Worcester County, Massachusetts, containing 130.18 acres, more or less, which is classified as Forest Land under Chapter 61 of the General Laws, and shown on the plan attached hereto as Exhibit A (the "Plan") as "Map 2, Block 5, One Hundred Forty Realty Trust, Chapter 61 Forest Land Parcel-130.18 Acres" (the "Property"), which Property excludes the areas shown on the Plan as "Railroad Right of Way" and "Map 2, Block 5, One Hundred Forty Realty Trust, Excluded Wetlands – 25.06 Acres";

WHEREAS, the Select Board has deemed that public necessity and convenience require that it should take charge of and take by eminent domain a fee interest in the Property to maintain and preserve the Property and the forest, water, air, and other natural resources thereon for the use of the public and for conservation and recreation purposes to be managed under the control of the Hopedale Parks Commission;

WHEREAS, the taking was authorized by a two-thirds vote at the 2022 Special Town Meeting held on July 11, 2022, pursuant to Article 1, a certified copy of which vote is recorded herewith; and

WHEREAS, the Property is currently owned by Michael R. Milanoski and Jon Delli Priscoli, Trustees of the One Hundred Forty Realty Trust, u/d/t dated September 16, 1981 and recorded in the Worcester South County Registry of Deeds (the "Registry") in Book 7322, Page 177, by virtue of a deed recorded with the Registry on June 11, 2021 in Book 65363, Page 65.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the undersigned Select Board of the Town of Hopedale, acting herein under the authority conferred on us by Chapters 40 and 79 of the General Laws, do hereby adopt this Order of Taking to take, on behalf of the Town, a fee simple interest in all of the Property.

AND FURTHER ORDERED that included in this taking and without limiting the provisions of the foregoing, said taking includes all trees, bushes, vegetation, roadway improvements and all structures located thereon, including but not limited to structures for the collection of storm drainage and sewerage, but not including wires, cables, poles, towers, pipes, conduits and other appurtenances for the conveyance of gas, electricity, cable television or telephone communication located in or upon the Property, and not including railroad tracks or appurtenant loading structures currently in place on the Property.

AND FURTHER ORDERED that no betterments are to be assessed under this Taking.

AND FURTHER ORDERED that in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 79, as amended, an award of Four Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,400,000.00) is made.

AND FURTHER ORDERED that a representative of the Town shall record this Order of Taking in the Registry within thirty (30) days from its final passage, shall notify the Treasurer and Collector of Taxes in the Town of Hopedale of this taking in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 79, and shall cause notice of the taking to be given to all persons entitled thereto and do all things necessary for the validity of this Order of Taking.

[Signatures to appear on next page.]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the Select Board, have executed this Order of Taking this 9th day of January, 2023.

TOWN OF HOPEDALE
SELECT BOARD

Glenda A. Hazard, Chair

Brian R. Keyes

Bernard J. Stock

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
COUNTY OF WORCESTER

On this 9th day of January, 2023, before me, the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared _____, members of the Select Board for the Town of Hopedale, proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which was personal knowledge, to be the persons whose names are signed on the preceding or attached document and acknowledged to me that they signed it voluntarily for its stated purpose.

Notary Public
My Commission Expires:

Exhibit A
(attached)