



CPA Funding Application Pre-Application

City of Worcester

Submitted On:

Dec 2, 2025, 04:27PM EST

Project Name	Beaver Brook Hockey Rink
Project Location and/or Address	Beaver Brook Park: 15 Mann Street Worcester, MA 01602
Project Lead Organization (or Individual if Applicable)	Worcester Renegades Youth Street Hockey: Jeremy Fahlbeck
Legal Status of the Organization	501(c)3
Current Property Owner (if Different from the Applicant)	City Of Worcester
Please attach written permission by the property owner for submission of this application if other than applicant.	Beaver Brook Park - Floor Hockey CPA Letter of Support 11-25.pdf
Brief Project Description	Full hockey rink replacement including safer playing surface, new boards and fencing. New/Upgraded bleachers that allow accessible viewing.
Project Contact Information	Jeremy Fahlbeck [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
What CPA category does this project fall under? (Check All that Apply)	Open Space and Recreation
What activity are you proposing to do in this category? (Check All that Apply)	Rehabilitate / Restore
What is the total project budget?	Approximately \$450,000
How much are you requesting in CPA funding?	Approximately \$450,000
What general budget line items will the CPA funds be used for? (CPA funds can only be used to fund capital expenses. Maintenance activities are not eligible.)	Tearing down/ Removal of existing hockey rink. Laying even concrete pad Installing sport court decking Building new boards/fencing Expanding and installing bleacher seating. Pricing is incomplete at this time, we are awaiting multiple estimates
Eligible Open Space and Outdoor Recreation Project location. Open Space and Outdoor Recreation projects funded with CPA must take place on land that is permanently protected for recreational or	This project takes place in an existing municipal or state park. These spaces are considered protected under Article 97.

conservation use. NOTE: Projects that take place in the public right of way (ROW) are not eligible for CPA funding in this category.

Is there anything else you would like us to know about your project at this stage?

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Jan 6, 2026, 04:04PM EST

Project Name (Please make sure this corresponds with the Project Name on the Determination of Eligibility Form)	Beaver Brook Park – Street Hockey Renovations
Project Contact Information	Jeremy Fahlbeck [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Please briefly describe your project.	Replacing current structure of hockey rink at Beaver Brook Park in Worcester. Including rink resurfacing, board replacement, fencing and goal replacement, and bleacher accessibility. The current infrastructure is deteriorating and inadequate to a point beyond routine maintenance.
What permissions, permits and plans will be necessary to carry out this project, and what is the status of their acquisition?	Written approval from the City of Worcester as well as notification/approval of the conservation commission. No changes to existing footprint will be required so there are no foreseen complications.
Please attach any related permissions or permits related to the project.	Beaver Brook Park - Floor Hockey CPA Letter of Support 11-25.pdf
Do you foresee any delays in acquiring these permissions within the next 6 months? If yes, please explain, otherwise, type N/A.	N/A
What is the desired start and end date of this project?	07/10/2026-08/21/2026
Please attach a Timeline for the project.	Worcester Renegades Rink site work timeline.pdf
Please upload a complete project budget (.xlsx or .pdf) that includes the source of the funding for each line item. CPA funds can ONLY be used on CPA eligible project elements. Please make sure to be specific about the use of all CPA monies requested.	Worcester Renegades_CPA Application_budget details_.pdf
Please upload any renderings and/or estimates for this project.	Worcester Renegades Hockey 154'x79' Hockey Rink Quote.pdf

What is the status of the match funding identified in the budget?	<p>The project is set to be financed by a third party. Unfortunately, the financing is contingent on the grant approval and signing on for the project. However, this financing will allow payments to be made to the contractor and be reimbursed by grant funds. Any further financial commitment may be crowd funded by league families and sponsors, if absolutely necessary.</p>
Please explain why CPA funding is needed for this project. If CPA is the only proposed funding source for this project, please explain why.	<p>The hockey rink at Beaver Brook is a landmark in the city but it has remained structurally untouched for around 20 years. We have rebuilt and repaired as much as we can over the years, but we are a small nonprofit organization. The cost we would need to charge to complete this project without help would make the game unaffordable for the exact same families we are here for.</p>
Please describe the experience of the project manager or project management team in completing a project like this one. Please include examples of similar projects pursued in the past, and why they are relevant.	<p>The Worcester Renegades board of directors includes community members and business owners from various backgrounds. This is the first time as an organization we have pursued a project like this, however, with the assistance of city of Worcester and our project partner Sport Court Northeast, we are confident the project will be a success.</p>
Please describe the financial position of the organization and its ability to cover the upfront costs of this project. CPA funding is provided on a reimbursement basis.	<p>The organization is admittedly a small nonprofit organization, but one that is financially strong and has never operated at a deficit. The project can be financed to cover upfront costs through Sport Court Northeast, who has agreed to handle our entire project. The financing is contingent on grant approval.</p>
How will this resource/property/building be maintained in the future?	<p>The City of Worcester and the Worcester Renegades have worked together phenomenally over the years through communication and cooperation to ensure the rink has been maintained. This process will undoubtedly continue. A rink maintenance fund will be built into future Renegades budgets for deck upkeep. The current structure has been maintained for 20 or so years. Upgrading to newer composite materials from the current wooden structure should ensure the new rink lasts for a quarter century or more</p>
Please describe how this project/program will benefit Worcester residents in general, as well as specific groups that will benefit from the project.	<p>The WRYSH program is committed to providing enriching athletic opportunities for the youth of our community at the lowest cost to our members. The Beaver Brook Park rink plays a crucial role in this mission. WRYSH is an accessible alternative to ice hockey and allows children from all backgrounds to participate in a team sport at a low price. Repairing this facility will directly benefit hundreds of young athletes each year, contributing to their physical and social development.</p>
Please identify which of the Community Priorities identified in the Community Preservation Plan align with this project (check all that apply).	<p>PRIORITY 1: Increase accessibility to historic resources, open space, parks, and in community housing.</p>
Please describe how this project aligns with the above Community Priorities.	<p>For many years, the street hockey rink at Beaver Brook Park has been the heart of youth street hockey in Worcester. It has served as a vital space for our program, which is built on the core values of sportsmanship, determination, and community engagement. The rink is not only central to our</p>

	youth development efforts but also supports the city's youth summer programs and is enjoyed by countless park patrons throughout the year.
Historic Resource Category Goals	This project does not align with any of these Category Goals.
Open Space and Recreation Category Goals	GOAL 2: Refurbish existing park amenities to meet the city's changing needs.
Community Housing Category Goals	This project does not align with any of these Category Goals.
Please describe how this project aligns with the above Category Goals.	Ice hockey is an incredibly expensive sport. One that many families simply cannot afford, but many children still develop a passion for the game. The Renegades mission from its inception has been to grow the sport by providing a fun, affordable environment for Worcester families that might otherwise not consider hockey an option. In a growing urban environment, this park is the ONLY place residents from some economic backgrounds have access to the sport.
Does your project align with any other City or Regional Plans? Please be specific. See the City of Worcester website to view local plans.	"Attracting new residents, visitors and businesses through the promotion of cultural offerings, events and marketing activities." The league has cultivated relationships with a thriving community in the region, however had to "host" our own tournament in Fitchburg due to the lack of a suitable surface. This is an opportunity to host other communities, drive local business and showcase the sports success in an urban environment.
Does your project have community support? Please describe outreach efforts for this project.	The project currently has no corporate sponsorship. It is solely a league endeavor at this point. There is still some chance the Worcester Railers could become involved at a later date; however, those discussions will not be complete at the time of submittal.
Is there anything else you want the CPC to know about your project?	For four decades this park has been home to a passionate community. In recent years, hockey as a sport has grown throughout the Country, now appealing to people from all walks of life. In just 8 years, this league has transformed the sport from purely recreational to one that has traveled to compete against international teams and teams from different states and regions within the country. While this growth is remarkable, it has never detracted us from our original mission to provide a safe, affordable, fun way for anyone to learn a sport that we all love. Not one child from the city has or ever will be excluded for financial reasons. We provide scholarships and equipment assistance for ANY family that has ever requested it. While this project requires a substantial financial commitment, profit has NEVER been a priority of this organization. Only providing for our community.



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