



# CPA Funding Application Form

City of Worcester

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<b>Project Name</b>	Project: Window Restoration & Knob-and-Tube Wiring Replacement
<b>Project Location and/or Address</b>	911 Main Street
<b>Project Lead Organization (or Individual if Applicable)</b>	Pilgrim Congregational Church
<b>Legal Status of the Organization</b>	Historic Church - Non Profit
<b>Current Property Owner (if Different from the Applicant)</b>	
<b>Brief Project Description</b>	Pilgrim Congregational Church, a historic landmark over 100 years old and listed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places, is seeking CPA funding to restore its original windows and upgrade its outdated electrical system.
<b>Project Contact Information</b>	Corey Vick [REDACTED]
<b>What CPA category does this project fall under? (Check All that Apply)</b>	Historic Resources
<b>What activity are you proposing to do in this category? (Check All that Apply)</b>	Rehabilitate / Restore
<b>What is the project budget?</b>	\$833,000
<b>How much are you requesting in CPA funding?</b>	\$833,000
<b>Historical Resource Projects: Have you received a Positive Determination of Local Historic Significance from the Worcester Historical Commission?</b>	This project does not require a Determination of Local Historic Significance
<b>Are you requesting an expedited review process for your project? The CPC shall consider an expedited timeline for review (i.e., a Special Application) only under certain circumstances. See the Application Guidance document (linked below) for more</b>	No

<b>information.</b>	
<b>Please briefly describe your project.</b>	Pilgrim Congregational Church, a historic landmark over 100 years old and listed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places, is seeking CPA funding to restore its original windows and upgrade its outdated electrical system. These improvements are necessary to preserve the building's architectural integrity, improve energy efficiency, enhance safety, and ensure continued use as a vital community gathering space.
<b>What permissions, permits and plans will be necessary to carry out this project, and what is the status of their acquisition?</b>	Permits and all applicable filings according to historic bylaws and rules when Grant is approved.
<b>Do you foresee any delays in acquiring these permissions within the next 6 months? If yes, please explain, otherwise, type N/A.</b>	N/A
<b>What is the desired start and end date of this project?</b>	Depends on Grants Spring 2025 -Fall 2025
<b>Please attach a Timeline for the project.</b>	Pilgrim_CPA_Project_Timeline.docx
<b>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.</b>	CPA_Grant_Budget_Historic_Church (1)z (2).xlsx
<b>Please upload any renderings and/or estimates for this project.</b>	CPA_Grant_Budget_Historic_Church (1)z (2).xlsx
<b>What is the status of the match funding identified in the budget?</b>	As a small, aging congregation, our church faces limited financial resources. With declining attendance and no outside revenue, we rely solely on member donations. We have already spent limited funds to keep the historic building functional. A recent leadership change, due to the death of the pastor and illness among key members, has added to the challenges of addressing urgent repairs like outdated plumbing, heating, and structural issues.
<b>Please upload commitment letters and/or funding agreements demonstrating that match funding is in place.</b>	Match_Funding_Statement_Corey_Vick.pdf
<b>Please explain why CPA funding</b>	The church serves as an anchor in Worcester's Main South neighborhood, providing a venue for worship, outreach, and public

<p><b>is needed for this project. If CPA is the only proposed funding source for this project, please explain why.</b></p>	<p>events. Due to a small, aging congregation and limited financial resources, the church is unable to fund these critical preservation efforts without CPA support. This project directly aligns with Worcester’s Community Preservation Plan by protecting a historically significant structure and contributing to neighborhood revitalization.</p> <p>The work will be by experience worker.</p>
<p><b>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.</b></p>	<p>The project management team at Pilgrim Congregational Church has recent and directly relevant experience overseeing historic preservation work. The team was recently awarded a state grant for emergency roof repairs, which is currently in progress. This successful application was prepared with the assistance of a dedicated volunteer, who continues to support project coordination, grant compliance, and communication with preservation officials.</p> <p>The ongoing roof project involves navigating public funding requirements, managing professional contractors, and ensuring adherence to historic preservation standards—all of which are directly applicable to the proposed window restoration and electrical upgrade. This experience demonstrates the team’s growing capacity to manage publicly funded capital projects, address urgent structural needs in a historic building, and preserve the architectural character of a significant community landmark.</p>
<p><b>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.</b></p>	<p>As a small, aging congregation, our church faces limited financial resources. With declining attendance and no outside revenue, we rely solely on member donations. We have already spent limited funds to keep the historic building functionable. A recent leadership change, due to the death of the pastor and illness among key members, has added to the challenges of addressing urgent repairs like outdated plumbing, heating, and structural issues.</p>
<p><b>How will this resource/property/building be maintained in the future?</b></p>	<p>Pilgrim Congregational Church is committed to the long-term care of the building. We will:</p> <p>Follow the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for all restoration work</p> <p>Conduct annual inspections and ongoing maintenance of the windows and electrical systems</p> <p>Maintain a detailed maintenance log</p> <p>Engage professionals for repairs when needed</p> <p>Continue to seek funding, volunteer support, and preservation guidance</p> <p>We are prepared to do whatever is necessary to maintain the historic integrity.</p>

<b>Please describe how this project/program will benefit Worcester residents in general, as well as specific groups that will benefit from the project.</b>	The upgrades will allow for expanded use of the church, supporting community activities and services.
<b>Please identify which of the Community Priorities identified in the Community Preservation Plan align with this project (check all that apply).</b>	PRIORITY 1: Increase accessibility to historic resources, open space, parks, and in community housing.
<b>Please describe how this project aligns with the above Community Priorities.</b>	<p>Goal 1: Acquire and restore historic buildings in danger of demolition – by addressing critical deterioration in the church’s windows and outdated electrical systems, this project protects the building’s future.</p> <p>Goal 2: Promote adaptive reuse of historic structures – the project enables the continued use of the church for community-centered purposes while preserving its historic elements.</p> <p>The church serves as a cornerstone of the Main South neighborhood, supporting city goals for neighborhood revitalization and community engagement.</p>
<b>Historic Resource Category Goals</b>	GOAL 1: Acquire and restore historic buildings in danger of demolition.
<b>Open Space and Recreation Category Goals</b>	This project does not align with any of these Category Goals.
<b>Community Housing Category Goals</b>	This project does not align with any of these Category Goals.
<b>Please describe how this project aligns with the above Category Goals.</b>	N/A
<b>Does your project align with any other City or Regional Plans? Please be specific. See the City of Worcester website to view local plans.</b>	<p>Yes, your project aligns with several key City of Worcester and regional planning initiatives, particularly those emphasizing historic preservation, community revitalization, and equitable development.</p> <p>---</p> <p>The City of Worcester’s Community Preservation Plan prioritizes the preservation of historic resources that contribute to the city’s cultural identity and civic life. Your project—restoring stained-glass</p>
<b>Does your project have community support? Please describe outreach efforts for this project.</b>	Yes, we have strong community support. Letters from local officials and community members have been provided, expressing broad recognition of the church’s cultural significance and the importance of its preservation.

<p><b>Please upload any letters of support.</b></p>	<p>Senator Kennedy - LOS Pilgrim Congressional Church (1).pdf  Scan Letter CPA support March 2025.pdf  Rep. LeBoeuf - LoS Pilgrim Congregational Church (2025.04Apr.01).pdf  Emergency Lter from Michele.pdf</p>
<p><b>Is there anything else you want the CPC to know about your project?</b></p>	<p>This project represents a vital investment in one of Wbrcester’s historic treasures. CPA funding will allow Pilgrim Congregational Church to address urgent needs while preserving its historic character, ensuring it remains a safe, accessible, and meaningful space for the community.</p>