

**Town of Hanover
Community Preservation Committee
Application for Funding**
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Name of Proposal: Transportation Collection Restoration Project

Address of Proposal (or assessor's parcel ID): 514 Hanover Street

CPA Category (circle all that apply):

Open Space Historic Preservation Affordable Housing Recreation

CPA Funding Requested:	\$ 9,500
Total Cost of Proposed Project:	\$ 11,500
Expected Completion Date:	November 2022

If the project is expected to continue over more than one year or if bonding the project is anticipated detail the cost of project on the following chart (explanation may be attached on a separate sheet.)

Fiscal Year	CPC Funds Requested	Total Cost	Other Funding Sources
2018			
2019			
2020			
Total			

If the proposal is on Town-owned land, either the applicant or the co-applicant must be the Town Board, Commission, or Department in control of the land.

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1.Goals: The Hanover Historical Society requests a grant of \$9,500 to continue its Transportation Collection Restoration Project. The project will be the restoration of three items in the Transportation Collection of the Hanover Historical Society. One of the items is a mid to late 19th Century horse-drawn hay wagon. The other items are two, small 19th Century horse-drawn sleighs. Both have histories of use and ownership in Hanover and the surrounding towns. The hay wagon is a rare survivor of the typical type of wagon used on Hanover's farms and fields into the early 20th Century. The wagon came from the estate of Fannie A. Phillips, and descended through her family. The Historical Society acquired the wagon from the estate in 1994-5, along with other wagons, carriages, and sleighs, including the recently restored Surrey Carriage and Philips Company pung sleigh, thanks to CPC funds in 2021, and the Doctor's Buggy in 2019. This collection is housed in the Drummer Samuel Stetson House Lower Barn and Phillips Carriage House. The wagon is in need of a full-scale restoration, including repairing and reattaching the seat, axles, wheels and shafts, necessary for preserving the wagon for the future. The two small sleighs are examples of 19th Century winter transport vehicles. One of the sleighs is a small, utility sleigh used by the Phillips family of South Hanover. The other one is a typical small one-seat sleigh popular in the 1880s and 1890s. The goal of the project is to fully restore the wagon and sleighs, documenting the process, and preserving these vehicles for the future. This will continue and further the restoration project of the Historical Society's

Transportation Collection, providing opportunities for future educational and interpretive programs, including school visits to Stetson House, public events, and exhibiting.

2. Community Need: This Transportation Collection Project fits with the Hanover Master Plan regarding Historical and Cultural Assets by helping to “Preserve and protect critical historic and cultural resources in Hanover.” (Master Plan p.131) This is a rare opportunity to not only preserve these items but also to document the process of restoration undertaken by Hanover resident Frank “Whitey” Corriera, who is one of the very few people in New England who restores, builds, and repairs carriages and wagons, a disappearing craft trade. The project will help “improve public awareness of and education about Hanover’s historic and cultural assets.” (Master Plan p.132) This continuance of the Historical Society’s Transportation Collection restoration will be photographed, filmed, and an exhibit created online to promote awareness of the project and the Historical Society’s stewardship of historic Hanover items. Restoration of these three items will help the Hanover Historical Society to preserve, interpret, and display the changes in Hanover’s transportation over time, especially to Hanover students studying local and national history.

3. Community Support: The Hanover Historical Society has around 100 individual and business members, and works with other town organizations like the John Curtis Free Library, the Council on Aging, and other non-profit organizations like the Wildlands Trust. The Historical Society has a long-standing and close relationship with the Center Elementary School whose 3rd grade students visit the Stetson House every Spring, either on-site or virtual as in the case of 2021. The Historical Society has also begun a relationship with the South Shore Charter School, providing

educational and virtual field trip opportunities. Future corporate and private sponsorship of the Historical Society will be sought to help insure the entire Transportation Collection's preservation, interpretation, and exhibition.

4. Timeline: Preliminary work on the items from the Transportation Collection Restoration Project will begin in December, 2021, with evaluation and transportation of the items by Frank "Whitey" Correira to his workshop. Work restoring the wagon will take five to six months and on the sleighs from two to three months each. Restoration work will begin soon as funding is approved in May, and should be completed by November of 2022.

5. Credentials: The Hanover Historical Society has existed for over ninety years and conducted several restoration and conservation projects. In the Fall of 2019, the Historical Society commissioned Frank "Whitey" Correira to restore a mid-19th Century Doctor's Buggy that was used by Dr. Gad Hitchcock of Hanson and descended through the Phillips family of South Hanover. The work was accomplished in three months, fully restoring all the metal, cloth, glass, wood, and leather pieces of the carriage. The Historical Society was granted CPA funds at Hanover's Town Meeting in May 2021 for restoring a 19th Century Surrey Carriage from the Phillips family and a 19th Century pung sleigh used by the Philips & Sons Company of South Hanover.

6. Success Factors: The success of the project will be measured in the satisfactory completion of the restoration of wagon and sleighs. Further success will be measured by the full documentation of the project for sharing with the public, describing the process of the work and the importance

and history of the vehicles in the transportation collection. Future opportunities for public display and exhibition, and inclusion of these vehicles in school visits and tours will also contribute to measuring the success of the project.

7. Budget:

Hay Wagon restoration, materials and labor	\$6,000
Sleigh One restoration, materials and labor	\$1,750
Sleigh Two restoration, materials and labor	\$1,750
CPA Funds subtotal	\$9,500
Interpretive materials, graphic labels	\$750
Storage covering, materials	\$500
Staff time for documentation of project	\$750
Total	\$11,500

Budget explanation: the restoration of the hay wagon and sleighs includes parts, specifically rare leather, wood, and iron items from Pennsylvania, and labor including wood fabrication and wheel cleaning and repair. The interpretive materials are graphic signs and labels printed specifically for the hay wagon and sleighs for display purposes. This figure accounts for both materials and labor. The staff time is calculated as five hours per week at \$25 per hour, for 30 hours over the course of the restoration project. Staff time will be used to document the project, which includes photographing, filming, creating an online exhibit, and developing other educational materials for recording the entire project, raising public awareness, and providing for future interpretation.

8.Other Funding: Other possible funding sources including private individuals and foundations, and corporate and business sponsorships will be considered and approached for assisting with the future public programming associated with the Historical Society's transportation collection.

9.Maintenance: Future maintenance of the carriage and sleigh, and the other large items in the Historical Society's collection will be funded from other sources solicited specifically for that purpose.