

FY23 FUNDING CYCLE PRE-APPLICATION FORM

Submit an electronic copy no later than **11:59 PM the first Tuesday in June** via the web-form (<https://form.jotform.com/220888141966062>) or email to maldencpc@cityofmalden.org.

PROJECT NAME: Early Learning Center Playground Project

PROJECT LOCATION/ADDRESS: 257 Mountain Ave, Malden, MA 02148

APPLICANT(S) NAME & TITLE/ORGANIZATION: Malden School Department

CO-APPLICANT (IF APPLICABLE) _____

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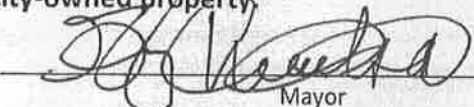
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DATE: 6/7/22


In the chart below please check all categories that apply to this project (at least one). For more detailed information on these categories, refer to the "Community Preservation Act Funding Allowable Uses" chart in the application instructions.

	Open Space	Recreational Land	Historic Resources	Community Housing
Acquisition				
Creation				
Preservation				
Support				
Rehabilitation/ Restoration	x	x		

Signatures Required for projects entailing City-owned property:
For purposes of coordination; does not indicate approval or endorsement of project.


 Mayor

Assigned to staff liaison Emily Granoff

Signature of staff liaison 

Have you reviewed the Malden CPC Plan? Yes No
Have you attended a CPA informational session in Malden or surrounding cities? Yes No
Have you spoken with any boards, commissions, community organizations, or elected officials about your project? Yes No
If yes, please list here: Mayor Christenson, Malden Disability Commission, School Department

PROPERTY OWNERSHIP

Legal Property Owner of Record: City of Malden
Is the owner the Applicant? Yes No
Does this project proposal entail City-owned property Yes No

For all projects on City property, The City Department with Care, Custody and Control must be the Applicant or project will be deemed ineligible for this Applicant.

If applicable, please list the City Department with Care, Custody and Control: Malden Public Schools

If the Applicant is not the owner, does the Applicant have site control or written consent of the property owner to submit an application? Yes No NA
If Yes, please attach written documentation. If No, project will be deemed ineligible for this Applicant.

PROJECT FUNDING

Have you identified other potential funding sources? Yes No
If yes, please list the potential funding sources here: \$350,000 in CDBG funding awarded in FY23, potential to apply for additional CDBG funding in FY24.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: *(Please describe the community needs this project is addressing and how this project aligns with CPC goals)*
The Early Learning Center, located at 257 Mountain Avenue in Malden, currently serves as a playground exclusively for students at the Early Learning Center during the Center's hours of operation. The existing playground is not handicapped accessible, is not easily accessible to the neighborhood, and is surrounded by asphalt. This project seeks to rebuild the playground with accessible equipment and to make it a community resource, available to all families after school hours and on weekends. Proposed improvements include reconstruction of the playground, seating areas, improved landscaping, and changes to the layout of the school parking lot, entrance, and drop off area that will benefit school and neighborhood families. The playground is currently laid out in three disparate areas, separated by concrete; this project would condense the equipment into one contiguous area covered in safety surfacing, allowing more room for parking and drop-off while improving the safety and usability of the playground itself.
Design work is scheduled to begin in fall 2022, with a bid opening in spring 2023 and construction beginning in the summer of 2023. The design process will include three public meetings between August 2022 and March 2023.

PROJECT STATUS: *(Please describe what level of planning, research and discussions have already been undertaken to inform this proposal)*
\$350,000 in Community Development Block Grant Funds have been secured for this project, covering design fees and about 30% of estimated construction costs. Survey and design work for this project will begin in July 2022 when CDBG funds become available. Current estimates suggest that the design will be finished and the project ready to go out to bid in early 2023, with construction wrapping up in fall of 2023.
This project has significant support from community stakeholders, including Mayor Gary Christenson and Superintendent Noriega-Murphy. The project includes an initial public meeting in the fall of 2022, with additional or alternate forms of engagement such as focus groups as needed later in the process to solicit additional community input and meet CPC community engagement requirements.

FOR HISTORIC RESOURCES PROJECTS:

Is the resource listed on the State Register of Historic Places? Yes No
(You can check designation at mhc-macris.net)
If no, has the Malden Historical Commission determined that the resource is significant? Yes No
(Please submit documentation of State Register listing or MHS letter of determination.)

FOR CPC USE: Date Received _____ Eligible _____
 Date Reviewed _____ Potentially Eligible _____
 Date Applicant Notified _____ Not Eligible _____
 ID# _____ More Information Needed _____

COMMENTS:

Applicant Signature: Toni Mej