



**Application for Community
Preservation Funding
For Projects Requesting \$25,000 or more**

1. PROJECT NAME Amherst Regional High School Track and Fields Renovation

2. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Amherst-Pelham Regional School District

Project Sponsor or Organization: Douglas Slaughter, Finance Director

Address: 170 Chestnut St

City: Amherst State: MA Zip: 01002

Daytime Phone: 413-362-1812 Fax: _____

E-mail: slaughterd@arps.org Website: _____

Property Owner (if different from Applicant)

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

3. PROJECT INFORMATION

CPA Category (Please check all that apply):

Open Space # of acres _____

Historic Preservation

Recreation # of acres ~15

Affordable Housing # of units _____

Project Location/Address: Amherst Regional High School, 21 Mattoon St, Amherst, MA 01002

Leverett Assessors Map: N/A Lot: N/A

Brief Project Description: Augmentative financial support for the reorientation and renovation of the ARHS Track, interior athletic field, and surrounding athletic fields.

4. AMOUNT OF CPA FUNDING REQUESTED: \$176,000

For CPC Use

Date Received	Funding Recommendation
Date Application Deemed Complete	
Public Hearing	

B. PROJECT NARRATIVE

Please see attached materials.

To assist the CPC in reviewing your application in a fair, equitable, and efficient manner, please provide a thorough project description, addressing each of the following points in the order indicated. Use separate sheets as needed and number each point to correspond with the section headings below. Please limit your submission to 5 additional pages.

1. **Goals and Description:** Provide a detailed project description, including but not limited to:
 - a. Project goals;
 - b. Description of project activities and outcomes and the property involved and its proposed use;
 - c. Indication of how the project is eligible for CPA funding;
 - d. Description of the project applicant and any project partners.
2. **Community Need:** Indicate what community need(s) the project will address and how these are consistent with Town policy and plans. Describe the ways that the project will benefit the Town.
3. **Community Support and Outreach:** Demonstrate community support for this project. Submit at least 3 letters, petitions, or other documentations of support.
4. **Maintenance:** If ongoing maintenance is required for the project, indicate how it will be funded.
5. **Success Factors:** Describe how the project's success will be measured. Indicate the specific method(s) that will be used to evaluate each project outcome. Identify any significant barriers to complete the projected outcomes and specify how these would be addressed.
6. **Project Permits & Approvals:** Provide documentation as required:
 - a. Control of Site: Provide documentation that the applicant has control over the site, such as a Purchase and Sales Agreement, option, or deed. If the applicant does not have site control, explain how public benefits will be protected in perpetuity. If the applicant is not, or will not be, the owner of record, submit a certification of project approval by the owner.
 - b. Deed Restrictions: Identify the present owner and attach a copy of the deed up to present owner. In addition, identify the entity that will be holding rights to enforce the restriction. In order for a project's funding to be distributed fully, an applicant must have filed with the CPC a copy of the appropriate deed restriction.
 - c. Hazardous Materials: If there is any reason to believe that hazardous materials, or if there are hazardous materials present at the proposed site, please indicate the proposed plan for remediation.

- d. Environmental Concerns: Identify all known wetlands, floodplains, and/or any natural resource limitation that occur within the project boundaries.
- e. Evidence of Historic Significance [for historic preservation projects]: An applicant must provide evidence that the historic resource is listed or eligible for listing on the Massachusetts State Register of Historic Places or obtain a letter from the Leverett Historic Commission [“LHC”] that the historic resource is locally significant. Consult with the LHC for its approval process.
- f. Under CPA, all work on historic resources must comply with the United States Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation. The Leverett CPC requires historic preservation projects to obtain a Preservation Restriction, in order to protect the Town’s investment should the property change hands or become subject to additional development pressures. The Massachusetts Historical Commission must grant final approval of Preservation Restrictions.
- g. Permitting: Indicate any further actions that will be required to complete the project, such as environmental assessments, zoning or other approvals, agreement on terms of any required conservation, affordability, or historic preservation restrictions, and any other known barriers to moving forward. Present evidence that the project does not violate any zoning ordinances, covenants, restrictions, or other laws or regulations and that the project will expeditiously meet environmental and other permitting requirements, so that on-the-ground activities will begin within the first 12 months after the project’s start date. Evidence of consultation with the Conservation Commission, DPW, Planning Board, Historical Commission, Select Board, etc. where applicable, is strongly recommended.

List below any permits needed for the project. Provide copies of permits already acquired.
 (Applicants are responsible for all costs associated with permitting, including, but not limited to abutter mailings and advertising.)

Name of Permit	Filed (Y/N)	Date Filed	Date Obtained

C. PROJECT BUDGET, FUNDING, & TIMELINE

Please see attached materials.

- Project Budget:** State the total budget for this project, and how CPA funds will be spent. Provide a detailed itemization of all project expenses, such as personnel, consultants, contracted services, equipment, and supplies. For each item, specify in parentheses how the expense was calculated, e.g. (# of hrs. x cost/hr.) Applicants should obtain at least 2 quotes for project costs when possible; if not, indicate where cost estimates have been used. For each item, identify whether CPA funds or other funding will be used, and note where applicant and/or partner in-kind contributions will cover non-CPA fundable expenses such as administration.

Use table below or include as a separate attachment.

Expense Item	Total	CPA	Other
TOTAL			

- Other Funding:** Describe efforts to secure other funding. Indicate what additional funding sources are available, committed, or pending. Include commitment letters, if available. Use table below or include as a separate attachment.

Sources of Funds Other than CPA	Amount	Funding Requested (Y/N)	Funding Secured (Y/N)

3. Total Project Funding:

If the proposal is part of a multi-phase project, please indicate below the projected project costs and funding sources for the additional phases to completion.

Fiscal Year	Total Project Cost	CPA Funds to be Requested	Other Funding
2023			
2024			
2025			
2026			

Project Narrative and Budget Information - ARHS Track and Fields Renovation

Project Narrative

1. Goals and Description

An Athletic Facilities Strategic Plan was developed as a result of the work of the Amherst Center Recreation Working Group with membership from both the Town of Amherst as well as the Regional Schools and completed in June of 2019. This project supports the on-going work of revitalizing the existing recreation spaces in downtown Amherst by seeking additional funding for a portion of ARHS Track and Fields reorientation and restoration project.

A preliminary design and cost estimate for a re-oriented track with interior field along with renovations to surrounding field spaces places the current total project cost at \$4,406,015. (Please see the attached materials from SLR, Inc., our designers.)

In recent months many public meetings have been held with extensive discussion of this critical project. During those meetings the importance of a North-South reorientation for the track and center field and the many benefits of the project were outlined and supported. The track will be 8 lanes and meet all the standards for hosting regional track events and competitions. The natural grass field inside the track will be large enough to allow play by the following sports: soccer, football, field hockey, lacrosse and ultimate. In addition, the project will create a similar size field to the west of the main facility.

As part of the overall funding strategy for this project, requests from all four of the Regional Schools Member Towns' CPA funds were anticipated to support the project. We are in the process of re-initiating those requests of the other three communities.

This funding request augments resources from the Regional Schools Capital Planning process, funds raised by the Amherst Hurricane Boosters as well as funding and requests of the CPA Committees of all four Regional Schools Member Towns.

The funding will support the design and construction costs which includes the following components:

- Reorientation and construction a new High School Track with a natural surface field interior
- Improved access and pathways systems.
- ADA accessibility to all facilities' areas.
- Preparation and improvements to fields and recreational spaces outside the track for continued use as well as additional upgrades in the future.

While these recreational spaces are owned by the Regional School District, they are a significant recreational resource to others in the geographic region as a whole.

2. Community Need

This project will support the renovation of multi-use recreation spaces utilized by all Regional School District students. This renovation will provide appropriate and, in many ways, enhanced facilities for all

Leverett students at the Regional Schools through its use for Physical Education courses and extracurricular activities. When not in use by the schools it will serve as a regional resource for recreation. Besides being available for general public use it will be available for Amherst Recreation Department programming which includes opportunities for Leverett students other than those in the Regional Schools.

3. Community Support and Outreach

This project and the potential funding mechanisms have been included in many public meetings over the last few years. The project itself has been widely supported as a need for the Regional Schools.

4. Maintenance

The Regional Schools, in cooperation with the Town of Amherst DPW, will regularly maintain and keep up the facility. Ongoing capital needs for the facility will be a part of the Regional Schools Capital Planning process.

5. Success Factors

Completion of the project will allow for ARHS to host home track meets for the first time since 2018, ADA accessible fields spaces, as well as create the possibility of other kinds of programming than is currently possible (e.g., hosting MIAA tournament events).

6. Project Permits & Approvals

- a. Control of Site – The site is under the direct ownership and control of the Amherst-Pelham Regional School District
- b. Deed Restrictions – None currently exist.
- c. Hazardous Materials – As a part of the early design work testing for hazardous materials has been done and none were found.
- d. Environmental Concerns – The Tan Brook is currently culverted under the playing fields at the site and due consideration is being taken as designs are being developed.
- e. Evidence of Historical Significance – N/A
- f. CPA Historical Restrictions – No Historic Preservation restrictions are expected to be needed. However, other deed restrictions such as open space/recreation restrictions are expected to be required.
- g. Permitting – Several permits for this work will be required and the delineation of these will occur through the design phase of the project.

Budget, Funding & Timeline

1. Project Budget – Current estimates are shown below.
2. Other Funding – Multiple other sources of funding are being sought to complete this project.

The chart below shows the most recent authorizations and potential sources.

Sources of Funds	Amount	Funding Requested (Y/N)	Funding Secured (Y/N)
Regional Schools/4 Member Towns – Debt Authorization	\$1,500,000	Y	Y
Amherst Hurricane Boosters	\$104,840	Y	Y
Town of Amherst Free Cash	\$900,000	Y	Y
Town of Amherst CPA	\$957,500	Y	Y
Town of Pelham CPA	\$11,500	Y	Y
Town of Amherst CPA	\$800,000	Y	N
Town of Pelham CPA	\$99,000	Y	N
Town of Leverett CPA	\$176,000	Y	N
Town of Shutesbury CPA	\$136,000	N (To be requested in August 2024)	N
Total Secured to date	\$3,473,840		

3. Total Project Funding – Not a multi-phase project.



Option 3C – Construct New Track & Field – North/South



■ Key Elements:

- New 8-Lane Running Track
- New Perimeter Fencing
- New LED Field Lighting System
- New ADA Accessible Walks
- New Natural Grass Athletic Field Within Track
- Restore Area West of Track to New Natural Grass Athletic Field
- Option 3C OPCC:
\$4,160,000



Option 3C – Construct New Track & Field – North/South

PRELIMINARY OPINION OF PROBABLE CONSTRUCTION COSTS					
	ITEM	UNIT	QTY	UNIT PRICE	COST
SITE PREPARATION					
1	Gen. conditions, S&E, mobilization, staking, temp construction fencing, clearing & grubbing)	PERCENT	10%	\$3,053,000	\$305,300
REMOVALS					
2	Remove and dispose bituminous sidewalk (full depth)	SY	4,500	\$8	\$36,000
3	Remove and dispose bituminous curbing	LF	1,090	\$2	\$2,200
4	Remove and dispose bituminous drive	SY	3,200	\$12	\$38,400
5	Remove and dispose chain link fence	LF	590	\$3	\$1,800
6	Remove and stockpile topsoil (12" depth)	CY	8,300	\$35	\$290,500
7	Remove and dispose existing track surfacing	SY	4,800	\$3	\$14,400
8	Remove and dispose asphalt base full depth	SY	4,800	\$7	\$33,600
9	Remove and dispose track edge drain	LF	1,300	\$10	\$13,000
10	Remove shot put event area (full depth)	LS	1	\$5,000	\$5,000
11	Remove pole vault runway and associated pads (full depth)	LS	1	\$5,000	\$5,000
12	Remove long jump/triple jump runway and associated sand pits	LS	1	\$7,500	\$7,500
13	Remove and dispose athletic field lighting	LS	1	\$15,000	\$15,000
14	Remove and dispose scoreboard and footings	LS	1	\$2,500	\$2,500
RUNNING TRACK AND EVENTS					
15	Install new track edge drain	LF	1,305	\$65	\$84,800
16	Concrete D-zone curb	LF	420	\$50	\$21,000
17	Install underdrains - Track	LF	1,320	\$10	\$13,200
18	Reconstruct stone base (8" depth)	CY	1,500	\$35	\$52,500
19	Pave 4" new asphalt base	SY	6,850	\$25	\$171,300
20	New pole vault event area	LS	1	\$25,000	\$25,000
21	New dual long/triple jump event area and sand pits	LS	1	\$25,000	\$25,000
22	New shotput event area	LS	1	\$40,000	\$40,000
23	F&I 13mm urethane bound track surfacing and markings	SY	6,850	\$50	\$342,500
GRASS ATHLETIC FIELD					
24	Install underdrains - Field	LF	3,600	\$6	\$21,600
25	Collector pipe - 12" HDPE	LF	1,300	\$85	\$110,500
26	Drainage structures	EA	2	\$5,000	\$10,000

27	Install free-draining material layer (12" depth)	CY	3,410	\$50	\$170,500
28	Amend and place topsoil (8" depth)	CY	2,250	\$30	\$67,500
29	Install new irrigation system	SF	92,050	\$1	\$92,100
30	Sod field	SF	92,050	\$2	\$184,100
31	Install football goal posts	EA	2	\$13,000	\$26,000
32	Furnish and install new scoreboard	LS	1	\$35,000	\$35,000

ATHLETIC FIELD LIGHTING					
33	New 4-pole LED athletic field lighting system	LS	1	\$500,000	\$500,000

FENCING					
34	4' ht. chain link fence	LF	2,520	\$50	\$126,000
35	4' ht. 4' wide single swing gate	EA	4	\$800	\$3,200
36	4' ht. 8' wide double swing gate	EA	4	\$1,500	\$6,000
37	4' ht. 12' wide double swing gate (vehicular)	EA	1	\$5,000	\$5,000
38	20' ht. ball safety netting	LF	400	\$200	\$80,000

SITE IMPROVEMENTS					
39	Bituminous concrete walks	SF	25,635	\$8	\$192,300
40	Bituminous concrete curb	LF	1,300	\$10	\$13,000
41	Concrete bleacher pad	SY	670	\$120	\$80,400
42	Parking line striping	LF	540	\$3	\$1,600
43	Site restoration (topsoil seed and lawn)	SF	112,000	\$2	\$168,000

ST	Sub-Total				\$3,438,300
INF	2025 Inflation Estimate	PERCENT	5%	\$3,438,300	\$171,915
CONT	Contingency on Subtotal and Inflation	PERCENT	15%	\$3,610,215	\$541,600
T	Total Cost (Subtotal, INF, CONT, To the nearest 10,000)				\$4,160,000

DS	SLR Design Fee (Investigation, Design, Permitting, Bidding, and Construction Phase Services)	LS	1	\$254,175	\$254,200
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Abbreviations
CY= CUBIC YARD
SY = SQUARE YARD
LF = LINEAR FEET
EA = EACH
LS = LUMP SUM



Project Schedule

- Site Investigations
 - Test Pits – After the conclusion of the Spring 2024 sports season
- Preliminary Design*
 - June 2024 through July 2024
- Permitting
 - July 2024 through October 2024
- Final Design and Bidding
 - October 2024 through January 2025
- Construction Administration
 - June 2025 through August 2025

* Requires Selection of Option to Proceed with Phase of Work