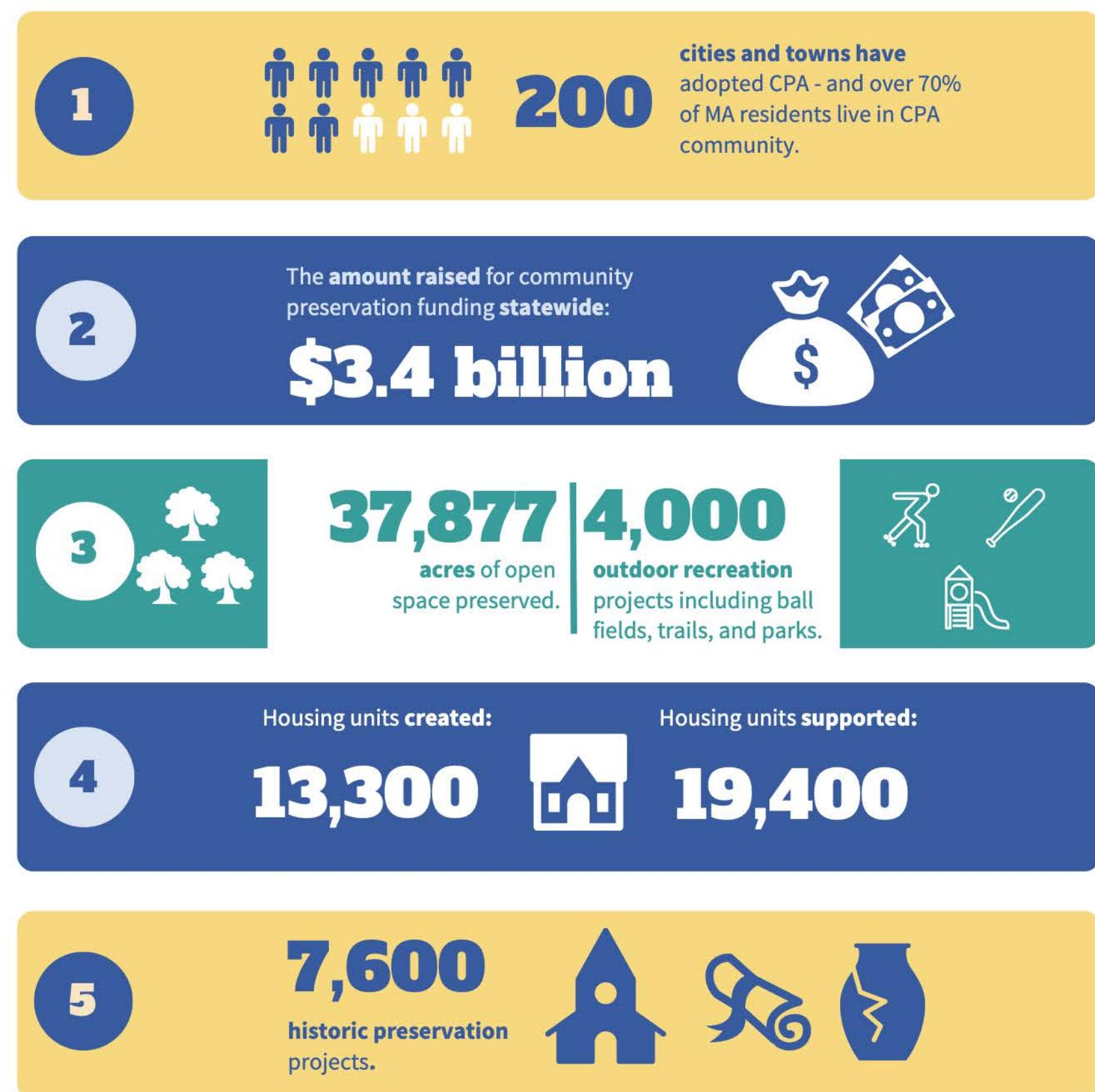


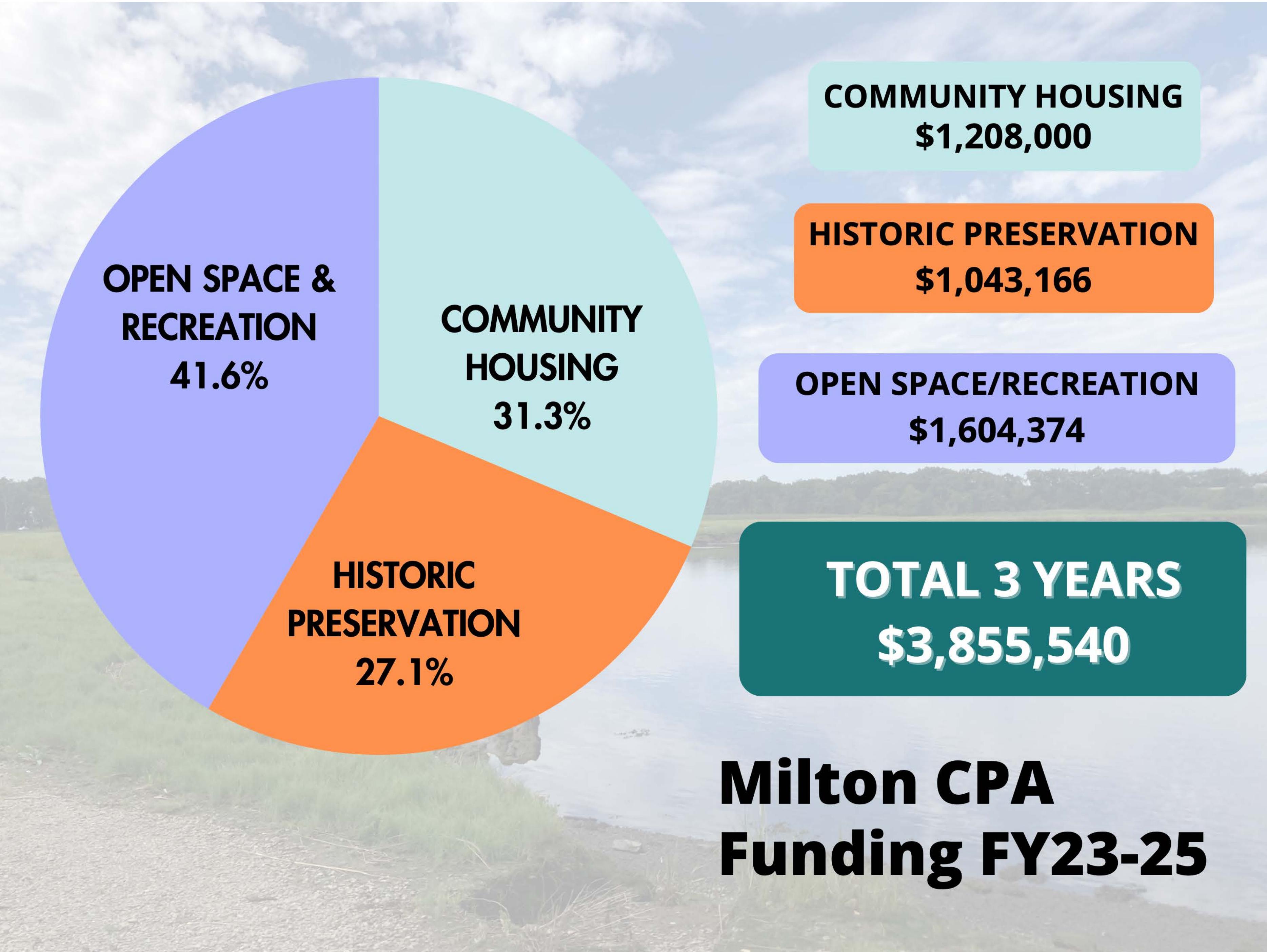
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An Overview of the Community Preservation Act (CPA)

CPA is a state law passed in 2000 that allows Massachusetts communities to conduct a referendum to add a small surcharge on local property taxes. When combined with matching funds from the statewide Community Preservation Trust Fund, this dedicated fund is used to build and rehabilitate parks, playgrounds, and recreational fields, protect open space, support local affordable housing development, and preserve historic buildings and resources.

5 facts about CPA's statewide impact (as of November 2024):





Allowable Spending Purposes



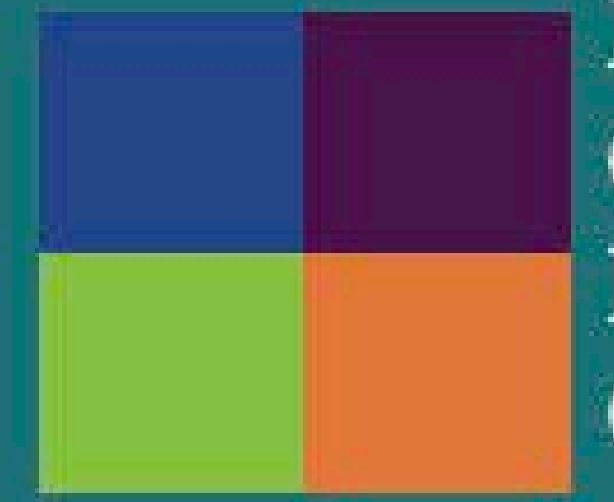
Project Eligibility & Terms ¹	Community Housing	Historic Preservation	Open Space	Recreation
	<p><i>Housing for low & moderate income individuals and families, including low- or moderate income seniors age 60+</i></p> <p>+Moderate income is less than 100% of US HUD Area Wide Mean (AMI). +Low Income is less than 80% AMI.</p>	<p><i>Buildings, structures, vessels, real property, documents, or artifacts listed on the State Register of Historic Places or determined by the Historic Commission to be significant in the history, archeology, architecture, or culture of Milton</i></p>	<p><i>Land to Protect:</i> -Existing and future well fields -acquifers and recharge areas-watershed land-agricultural land-grasslands-fields-forest land-fresh and salt marshes and other wetlands- oceans,rivers, streams, lakes, & pond frontage- beaches, dunes, and other coastal lands to protect scenic vistas-land for wildlife or nature preserve- land for recreation</p>	<p><i>Land for active or passive recreational use including but not limited to:</i> -community gardens -trails-noncommercial youth and adult sports-use as a park-playground- or athletic field</p> <p>Shall not include horse or dog racing, artificial turf, or the use of land for a stadium, gymnasium, or similar structure</p>
ACQUIRE <i>Obtain by gift, purchase, devise, grant, rental, lease or other- wise.²</i>	YES	YES	YES	YES
CREATE <i>To bring into being or cause to exist.³</i>	YES	NO	YES	YES
PRESERVE <i>Protection of personal or real property from injury, harm, or destruction.</i>	YES	YES	YES	YES
REHABILITATE/RESTORE <i>Capital improvements, or the making of extraordinary repairs for the purpose of making (a re-source) functional for its intended use including but not limited to improvements to comply with ADA, MAAB⁴, and other federal, state, local regulations, or access codes, or federal standards for historic properties.</i>	YES <i>If acquired or created using CPA funds</i>	YES	YES <i>If acquired or created using CPA funds</i>	YES
SUPPORT <i>Provide grants, loans, rental assistance, security deposits, interest rate write downs or other forms of assistance directly to individuals & families who are eligible for community housing, or to an entity that owns, operates, or manages such housing for the purpose of making housing affordable.</i>	YES	NO	NO	NO



Milton FY26 CPA Funding Deadlines

**ELIGIBILITY APPLICATIONS DUE
*MAY 30, 2025***

**FUNDING APPLICATIONS DUE
*SEPTEMBER 26, 2025***



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