

# Harvard-Allston Public Realm Flexible Fund

## For Allston-Brighton

### Application for Funding, 2019

Total Amount Requested \$ 16,930

Applicant Organization Name:	<u>Ringer Park Crime Watch</u>		
	<u>c/o West End House</u>		
Organization Address:	<u>105 Allston St</u>	City:	<u>Allston</u> Zip: <u>02134</u>
Contact Person:	<u>Nancy Grilk</u>		
Title:	<u>sub committee co chair</u>		
Telephone Number:	<u>617-955-3082</u>		
E-Mail Address:	<u>grilkpesssek@verizon.net</u>		

Application submission(s) must be authorized and signed by an authorized signatory of the Organization.

Name and title of Authorized Signatory:

Nancy Grilk, sub committee co chair

Signature of Authorized Signatory:

Nancy Grilk

Nancy will be out of town from 5/15-5/25. Please send any correspondence about presentation or questions about proposal to Andrea Howard at [ahoward@westendhouse.org](mailto:ahoward@westendhouse.org)

## Applicant Information

1. Name of entity(ies) applying for funding and name of project.

Ringer Park Crime Watch Committee with West End House serving as fiscal agent

2. Background on applicant(s): type of organization, e.g. 501 (c) 3, public agency, etc.; organization leadership

Ringer Park Crime Watch Committee, under the leadership of Boston Police Department D-14, is an active community group focused on the safety and vitality of Ringer Park. The chair and all participants are volunteers, and the committee is staffed by Edward DeJesus, the Community Service Officer with BPD D-14. Officer DeJesus recently replaced Gerald Ajemian who has transferred to another position within the BPD

3. Primary contact person name, phone number, e-mail.

Nancy Grilk, Co-chair of the Ringer Park Public Art/Tribute Committee, 617-955-3082, grilkpessek@verizon.net

4. Key personnel involved in the project.

Nancy Grilk, Co-chair of the Ringer Park Tribute Committee  
Officer Gerry Ajemian, Community Service Officer, Boston Police Department, D-14  
Cathy Baker-Eclipse, Boston Parks & Recreation

5. Any partner organizations/property owners to be involved in project.

Boston Parks & Recreation (property owner); West End House, Inc. (fiscal agent); Selbert Perkins Design (landscape architect); DCL (fabricator); BPD D-14 (Crime Watch convener)

6. If applicant is a non-profit organization, provide qualifications and prior history of executing similar projects.

The Ringer Park Crime Watch Committee will be executing the project under the supervision of Cathy Baker-Eclipse, from Boston Parks Department. BPD D-14 successfully executed the Stanley Kaplan memorial at the intersection of Commonwealth Avenue and Washington Street in Brighton utilizing a Browne Fund grant.

## Project Information

1. Briefly describe the proposed project. Include a description of the site with a map and identify all property owners. If the applicant is not the sole property owner, please include letters of support from property owner(s).

In the Spring of 2017, the Ringer Park Crime Watch committee, secured funding from the HAPRFF to support the design and installation of entry signage and much needed pathway lighting. In total, there are 5 new entry signs and 16 new solar powered light columns with installation planned for the summer of 2019. As we entered the final design phase, some shortcomings were identified. First, we identified the need for 2 additional light columns to illuminate the pathway leading to the Imrie Street entrance. We considered moving 2 of the 16 columns to the area in need, but this only created the same problem elsewhere along the pathway leading from Allston Street to Gordon Street (the more highly traveled pathway within the park). Secondly, it was determined that a larger solar panel would be required on each of the lighting columns. This created an undesirable aesthetic, so our designer created a leaf shaped backer to be adhered to the 16 solar panels. We respectfully request financial support from HAPRFF to make these desired additions to the project.

Stanley A. Ringer Park is a 12.38-acre Olmsted-designed public park, owned and operated by the City of Boston and located in Allston. The park is adjacent to the West End House Boys & Girls Club, the Jackson Mann School – a K-8 public school, and the Jackson Mann Community Center.. The landscape features grassy rolling hills with stands of trees, a softball field, two basketball courts, tennis courts, and an urban wild wooded area with hiking trails. The Park further houses a playground with play equipment for children aged toddler to 13+, along with chess tables and a water feature. Ringer Playground is an all ages, family friendly, pet friendly green space with multiple tree shaded areas. A diverse residential community abuts the park. The park draws interest from residents of all Allston Brighton neighborhoods, including a significant number of children and teenagers from North Allston who benefit from daily use of Ringer Park. There are 75 students enrolled at Jackson Mann School who live in North Allston and an additional 110 children and teenagers registered at the West End House Boys & Girls Clubs who live in North Allston. Each of the community organizations use Ringer Park each day for recess, sports leagues, gardening, nature education, bike riding and general recreation. Additionally, these organizations provide weekly family activities in the summer that include food, music and other family orientated activities. Ringer Park is the only green space in this densely populated neighborhood.

Ringer Park has several features that are unique to an urban park. These features can be considered attributes AND liabilities. With much of the 12 acres hidden from the street, park visitors can find a mini oasis away from the hustle and bustle of city life. This attribute however, is not lost on those who want to drink, smoke, use drugs and spend the night as it is the perfect hideaway. Areas where people are clearly inhabiting the park have been found, complete with bonfires, bedding, trash and human feces. There have been frequent 911 calls made for individuals who have overdosed in the wooded area of the park. Another plus is Ringer Park's proximity to five major road ways – Commonwealth Avenue, Gordon Street, Brighton Ave, Cambridge Street and Allston Street – which makes it a convenient pathway for those heading to work and school. The heavy foot traffic is great news for park goers and residents who know that the more eyes on the park, the safer it can be. This attribute, however, is not lost on those people

looking to do harm to others. Young people traveling from adjacent public schools, for instance, have been a target for criminals looking to steal cell phones, headphones, sneakers, etc.

2. Describe public benefits of the project with reference to review criteria.

This specific request will create additional lighting in the park in a critical area, while the addition of the leaf shaped solar panel backer improves the aesthetic of a very prominent aspect of the project

The public benefits of the larger project includes:

- Enhancing public safety while engaged in the park or traveling within the park;
- Promoting community collaboration and civic and cultural growth through the planning and implementation of this project;
- Increasing the use and enhancing the user experience while at Ringer Park; and,
- Providing easy identification of the park, its entrances and its pathways.

3. Explain why HAPRFF funding is required.

As the project moved to the installation phase, we identified an area of the park in need of additional lighting (Imrie Road entrance). In addition, during the final design phase the need for a larger solar panel became evident. Our designer came up with a plan to soften the look by including a large leaf on the back of the solar panel. With installation imminent, we had to move quickly to secure funding if we were to implement these additional elements. The announcement of the current round of HAPRFF funding presents the only opportunity for funding in our needed timeframe.

4. Explain if this project/funding would be part of a larger phased project, and if HAPRFF funding would be sought for future phases.

The other elements of this project, include 5 new entry signs and 16 solar column/light fixtures. Additionally there is public art installation honoring community contributors for which HAPRFF funds are not sought.

5. Timeline (start date, end date, milestones).

Installation is scheduled for July 2019.

6. Project maintenance requirements, protocols, and sources of funding.

There are funds committed to a maintenance reserve to support the maintenance of this project. This reserve is funded through the Browne Fund and the West End House. All installations will be treated with graffiti deterrent coatings and are design with an urban environment in mind.

7. Anticipated project sustainability/life span

The fabricators had sustainability in mind when making its material recommendations.

8. Anticipated regulatory review and necessary permits

We have worked hand in hand with the Boston Parks Department to ensure this project aligns with their vision and therefore do not anticipate any barriers to implementation

## Materials

1. Budget, including anticipated total cost and percentage to be funded by the HAPRFF.

Fabrication & Installation

2 additional solar columns	\$11,570 (\$5780 each)
Solar panel backer – leaf detail	\$ 5,360 (\$335 each)

TOTAL	\$16,930
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2. Other funding sources, if applicable, and amount and status (e.g. funds granted, requested, date when status will be known).

We are only approaching HAPRFF for support of the above enhancements to this project

The following grants have been awarded for the remainder of the project (art installation; entry signage; lighting):

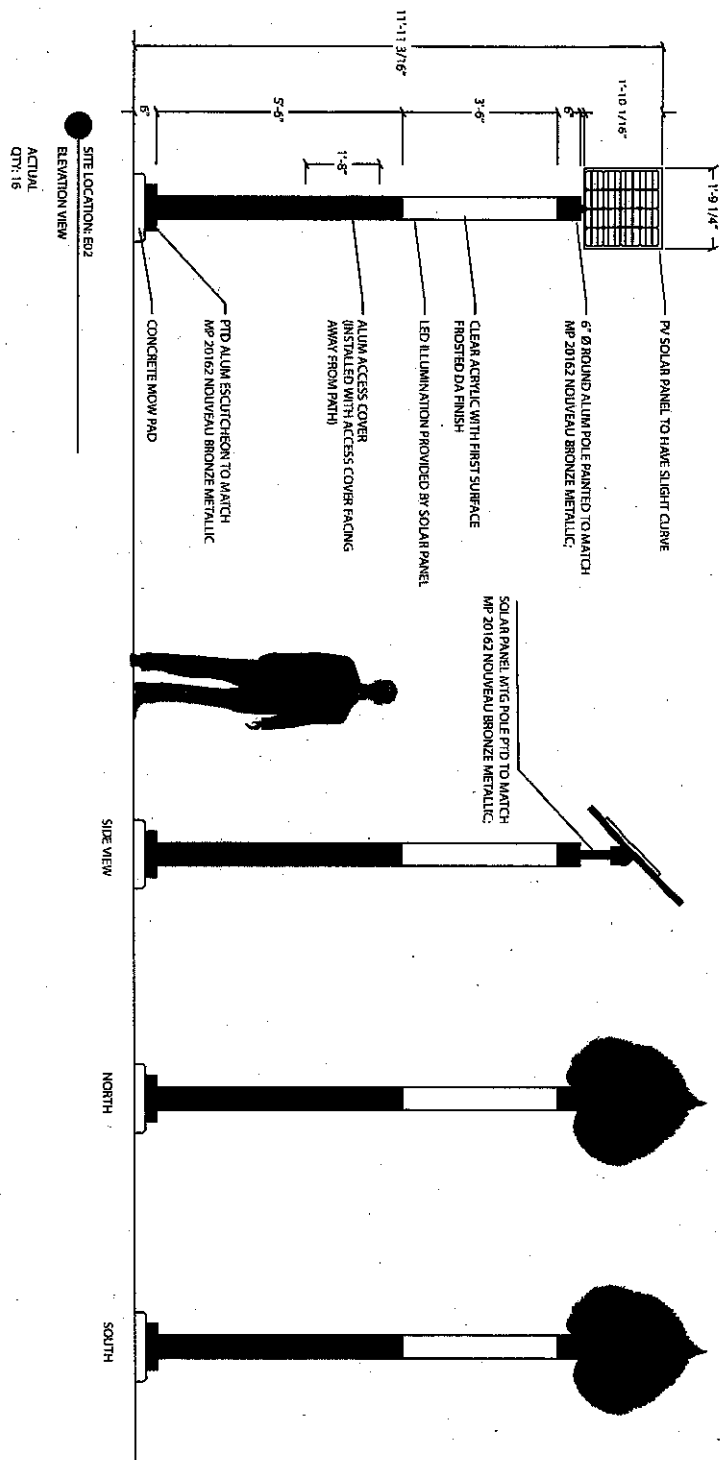
Browne Fund, \$150,000  
Harvard Allston Public Realm, \$100,000  
George B. Henderson Foundation \$40,000

3. Images, renderings, and other relevant information

Enclosed/attached

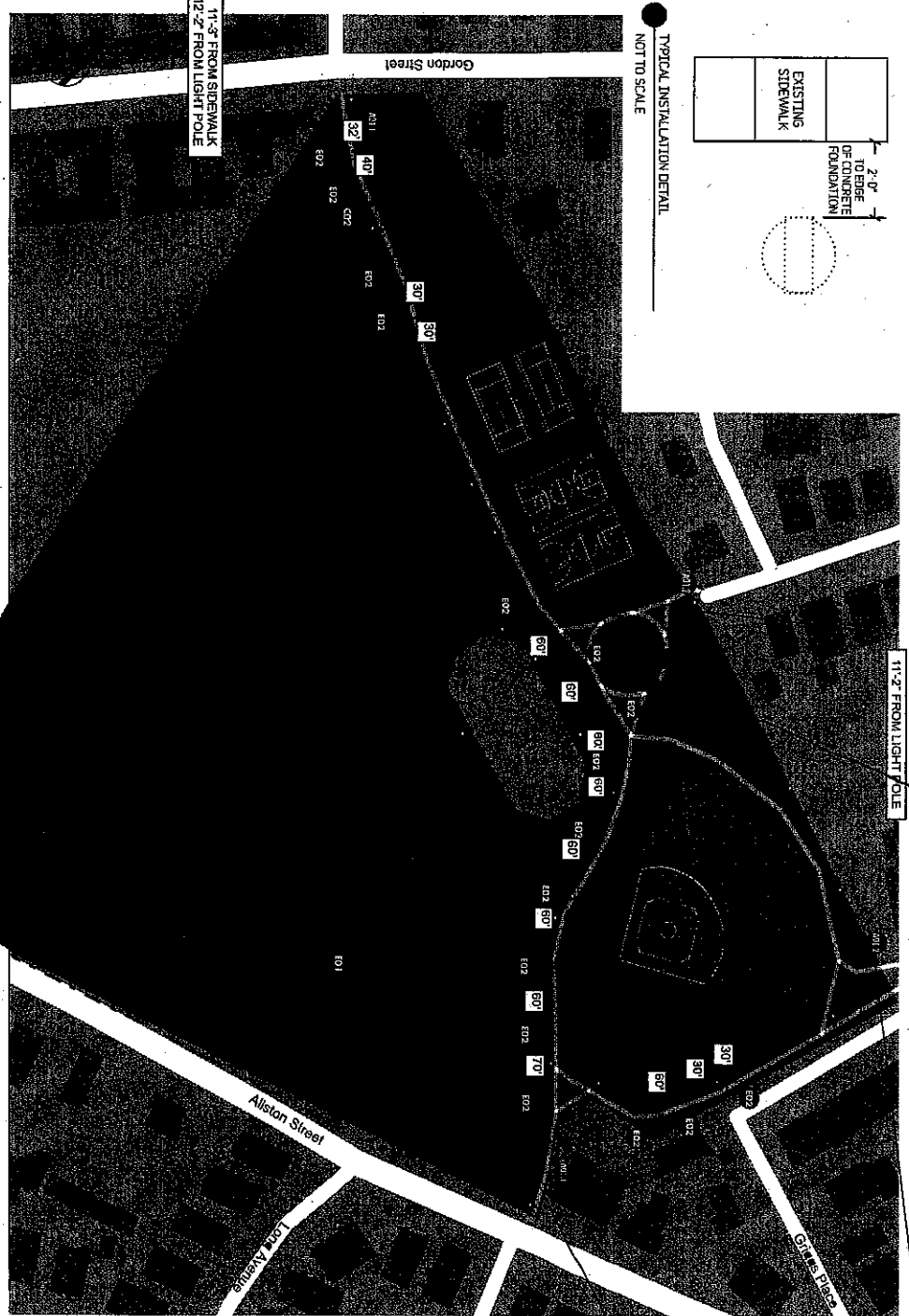
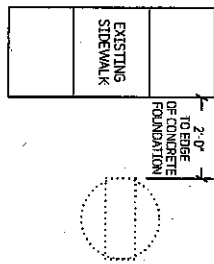
4. Letters of support

Because this is an enhancement to the previously funded project, we have included the letters of support included with the previous proposal.



ALTERNATE:  
 LINDEN LEAF SHAPE TO BE FLAT SHEET ALUMINUM  
 BACKER TO SOLAR PANEL, PAINT TO MATCH  
 MP 20162 NOUVEAU BRONZE METALLIC

proposed location of two additional light poles

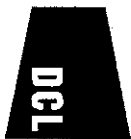


SITE PLAN  
RINGER PARK SCULPTURE & PUBLIC ART PROGRAM

E02 - light posts  
E01 - art installation

A01.1 - main entrance signs  
A01.2 - secondary entrance signs

C02 - urban wild sign



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Ringer Park  
Sculpture & Public Art

TITLE	INDEX
ISSUE	For Approval
02 NOV 18	

Revised  
13 DEC 18  
14 JAN 18  
25 JAN 18  
01 MAY 19

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# BOSTON

Martin J. Walsh, Mayor

May 22, 2017

Trustees of the Edward Ingersoll Browne Fund  
City of Boston  
Boston City Hall  
Boston, MA 02201

Dear Trustees,

On behalf of The Boston Parks and Recreation Department, I write to offer support for the Ringer Park Art Tribute project. BPRD has been engaged with the Ringer Park Tribute Committee through its designer selection process, and will continue to work with their selected designer to complete final plans acceptable to BPRD.

Thank you for your consideration of this project.

  
Chris Cook  
Commissioner



**Boston Parks and Recreation Department**

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House of Representatives  
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May 22, 2017

Trustees of the Edward Ingersoll Browne Fund  
City of Boston  
Boston City Hall  
Boston, MA 02201

Dear Trustees,

I am writing to strongly support the Ringer Park Art Tribute project for the proposed art installations at the Stanley Ringer Park in Allston to honor Stanley A. Ringer, Brian Honan, William Margolis, and Dawnn Jaffier.

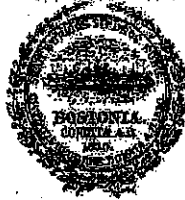
The Ringer Park Tribute Committee has conducted a thorough and thoughtful process in selecting Selbert Perkins Design as the finalist to design and install the artwork. I believe that the design will honor the legacy and service of the honorees adding aesthetic and safety improvements to Ringer Park.

I am pleased to endorse the project and the committee's request for \$150,000 for development and installation of the artwork.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

KEVIN G. HONAN  
State Representative



MARK CIOMMO  
BOSTON CITY COUNCIL  
DISTRICT 9

Trustees of the Edward Ingersoll Browne Fund  
Boston City Hall  
Boston, MA 02201

Dear Trustees,

I am writing to offer my support for the proposed art installations at Stanley Ringer Park in Allston. The installations will honor four important members of our community: Stanley Ringer, Brian Honan, William Margolis, and Dawn Jaffier.

Through an inclusive community process, the Ringer Park Tribute Committee has selected the proposal by Selbert Perkins Design Collaborative/SPDC. I support their decision and thank them for their hard work in making this selection.

I fully endorse the committee's request to make improvements to one of Allston's most important parks.

Thank you for your consideration,

*Mark Ciommo*

Mark Ciommo  
Boston City Councilor  
District 9, Allston-Brighton



*The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

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May 16, 2017

Trustees of the Edward Ingersoll Browne Fund  
City of Boston  
Boston City Hall  
Boston, MA 02201

Dear Trustees,

I am writing to offer my strong support for the Ringer Park Art Tribute project for the proposed art installations at the Stanley Ringer Park in Allston to honor Stanley A. Ringer, Brian Honan, William Margolis, and Dawnn Jaffier.

Through a careful selection process, the Ringer Park Tribute Committee has selected Selbert Perkins Design as the finalist to design and install the artwork. While this project would serve to improve the aesthetic of Ringer Park and honor the legacy of the honorees, it would also add needed safety improvements.

I fully endorse the committee's request for \$150,000 for development and installation of the artwork. Thank you for your consideration of this project.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to call my office.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Moran  
2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Majority Leader  
**STATE REPRESENTATIVE**  
**18<sup>th</sup> SUFFOLK DISTRICT**



Trustees of the Edward Ingersoll Browne Fund  
City of Boston  
Boston City Hall  
Boston, MA 02201

Dear Trustees,

On behalf of the Allston Board of Trade, I write to offer support for the Ringer Park Art Tribute project for the proposed art installations at the Stanley Ringer Park in Allston to honor Stanley A. Ringer, Brian Honan, William Margolis, and Dawnn Jaffier.

The Ringer Park Tribute Committee has conducted a thorough and thoughtful process in selecting Selbert Perkins Design as the finalist to design and install the artwork. I believe that the design will honor the legacy and service of the honorees adding aesthetic and safety improvements to Ringer Park.

The Director's on the Allston Board of Trade are pleased to endorse the project and the committee's request for \$150,000 for development and installation of the artwork.

Thank you for your consideration of this project.

Sincerely,

Ann Faldetta  
President, Allston Board of Trade

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Andrew McGarty, New Balance Athletics, Inc.  
Benny Omid, Dunkin' Donuts  
Bill Margolin, West End House Boys & Girls Club  
Bill Mills, Boston College  
Bob Imperato, Boston Realty Associates  
Carol Woolston, Saint Joseph Preparatory HS  
Dan Cuddy, Private Industry Council  
David Price, WGBH  
Elizabeth Leary, Boston University  
Heather Kim, Douglas Paul Real Estate  
Jerry Quinn, Brighton Ave. Realty  
James Barrows, Harvard University

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Joseph Charles, Rock City Pizza  
Marc Kadish, MAK Properties  
Elizabeth Browne, Charles River Health  
Rosie Hanlon, Jackson Mann Community Center  
Scott Matalon, Stingray Body Art  
Seth Delury, Tavern in the Square  
Shlomo Pinkas, Sam-Son Apartments  
Tatiana Bougdseva, East Boston Savings Bank  
Thomas Myers, Oak Square YMCA  
Thomas Stohr, Swissbäcker

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Allston Board of Trade, PO Box 334, Allston MA 02134

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Trustees of the Ingersoll Browne Fund

City of Boston

Boston City Hall

Boston, MA 02201

Dear Trustees,

I am writing to offer my support for the Ringer Park Tribute Project. This project, utilizing local artists, will honor Stanley A. Ringer, Brian Honan, William Margolis, and Dawn Jaffier within Ringer Park.

After conducting an in-depth process, the Ringer Park Tribute Committee has selected Selbert Perkins Design as the finalist to bring the artwork to life at Ringer Park. I believe this project will recognize the service of the honorees, as well as, adding safety improvements to Ringer Park.

I am very pleased to endorse this amazing project and the Ringer Park Tribute Committee's request for \$150,000 for the development and installation of the artwork.

Thank you for your consideration of this project.

Respectfully,



Captain Paul Russell

Commanding Officer District 14

Boston Police Department

Mayor Martin J. Walsh