

Harvard-Allston Public Realm Flexible Fund

For Allston-Brighton

Application for Funding, 2024

Total Amount Requested \$ 10,000.00

Applicant Organization Name: Friends of the Honan-Allston Library Inc.		
Organization Address: 300 North Harvard St.	City: Allston	Zip: 02134
Contact Person: Paula Alexander		
Title: President		
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Application submission(s) must be authorized and signed by an authorized signatory of the Organization.

Name and title of Authorized Signatory:

Paula Alexander, President

Signature of Authorized Signatory:

Paula Alexander

REQUIRED APPLICATION CONTENTS

Applicant Information

1. Name of entity(ies) applying for funding and name of project. **Friends of the Honan-Allston Library Inc.**
2. Background on applicant(s): type of organization, e.g. 501 (c) 3, public agency, etc.; organization leadership **The Friends of the Honan-Allston Library is one of the 26 neighborhood branches of the Boston Public Library system. We are a 501 (c)3 Non-Profit I.D. Number 01-0561478, Certificate of Exemption No. 1940705280 (Expiration Date: November 1, 2026) and the only neighborhood branch located directly North of I-90 in the Harvard Impact Area designated to serve the community.**
3. Primary contact person name, phone number, e-mail. **Paula Alexander, President, Tel: 617-510-2038, email: rnina3344@hotmail.com**
4. Key personnel involved in the project. **Paula Alexander, President; Sarah Markell, Vice President Friends of the Honan-Allston Library; and Carin O'Connor, (Honan-Allston Librarian)**
5. Any partner organizations/property owners to be involved in the project. **No**
6. If the applicant is a non-profit organization, provide qualifications and prior history of executing similar projects. **The Honan-Allston Library is a warm, welcoming and beautiful educational and cultural resource for our voracious readers and patrons – as well as for community groups, artists, musicians, opinion leaders, authors, non-English speakers, teens, children, new parents and babies, job seekers, homework help seekers, computer users, civic groups, and voters.**

Conveniently located on North Harvard Street and directly on the MBTA bus route #66, and Blue Bike Station, the Honan-Allston Library houses a rotating art gallery featuring local artists and mixed media, eclectic lecture series, separate space for children, teens, special needs children on the autistic spectrum, adult learners, small meeting rooms and the RITA M. DiGESSE COMMUNITY ROOM available for civic groups, concerts, the RAY MELLONE PARK adjacent to the building, a beautiful outdoor courtyard designed for quiet contemplation. Since the inception of the HARVARD ALLSTON PARTNERSHIP AND THE HARVARD FLEX FUNDS, the Friends have applied for and received grants for many improvements to the library such as the multicultural sewing program led by our Branch Librarian, Carin O'Connor with the help and generous support of HAP Fund grants. Thanks to the generosity of the HAPFund and Harvard Flex Fund Grants the Friends of the Library acquired materials and products for the Children's Librarian to help with special needs children on the Autism spectrum; indoor furniture and computers for the Teens Area providing dynamic and creative programming always *FOR FREE* to all our patrons!

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 the property owner(s). **The outdoor furniture in the outside courtyard of the library needs to be replaced. This is the original furniture that was installed when the library branch opened in 2001. The site of the Honan-Allston Library is a neighborhood branch of the City of Boston Public Library, located at 300 North Harvard Street, Allston 02134. Attached is a map of the site.**
2. Describe public benefits of the project with reference to review criteria. **Receipt of the Harvard Flex Fund grant would be a tremendous improvement of upgraded furniture for the comfort of the general public, library patrons, groups of local grammar school students to use while reading and learning, while enjoying the outdoor courtyard garden area and benefitting from the fresh air and open space. The new furniture would be an important addition to our branch library.**
3. Explain why HAPRFF funding is required. **The condition of the present furniture purchased in 2001 is in poor condition and new furniture is needed for the safety and comfort of our library users. In order to upgrade and present a beautiful, well-maintained outside courtyard area of the library, more funds are needed to accomplish this goal and allow for a**

more aesthetically pleasing environment to not only our library patrons, but the neighborhood as a whole. Awarding grant money from the Harvard Flex Fund to the Friends of the Honan-Allston Library will help to accomplish an improved enhancement of the public realm on North Harvard Street in Allston.

4. Explain if this project/funding would be part of a larger phased project, and if HAPRFF funding would be sought for future phases. **Not applicable for this application**
5. Timeline (start date, end date, milestones). **As soon as grant is awarded, the furniture would be ordered.**
6. Project maintenance requirements, protocols, and sources of funding. **With the purchase of new outdoor teak furniture we also plan to purchase and a tarps to cover all the furniture during the winter to protect it from ice, snow and cold weather. The Harvard Flex Fund will be our source of funding.**
7. Anticipated project sustainability/life span **Lifetime Warranty from WestminsterTeak.com**
8. Anticipated regulatory review and necessary permits **Not applicable**

Materials

1. Budget, including anticipated total cost and percentage to be funded by the HAPRFF. **We propose to order a 6 piece Teak Hardwood bench, chair and table set and four additional chairs in the amount of \$9,643.00 and tarp covering for winter storage totaling \$10,000. Please see the attached WestminsterTeak.com vendor pricing breakdown total of \$10,000.00**
2. Other funding sources, if applicable, and amount and status (e.g. funds granted, requested, date when status will be known). **Due to City of Boston budget constraints, the main Boston Public Library will not be able to provide funds for the purchase of replacement outside courtyard furniture.**
3. Images, renderings, and other relevant information. **Please see photos of present outdoor furniture that is in poor condition and the WestminsterTeak.com vendor pricing breakdown total of \$10,000.00.**
4. Letters of support **Please see Letters of Support attached separately.**

Honan-Allston Branch of the Boston Public Library

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Hours

Monday - Tuesday 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Wednesday 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Thursday 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Friday - Saturday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM



