



# Town of Sudbury

Community Preservation Committee

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## PROJECT SUBMISSION FORM

Submitter: Esme Green

Submission Date: October 4, 2018

Group or Committee Affiliation (if any): Goodnow Library

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Submitter's email & phone number:

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Purpose (please select all that apply):

Open Space

Community Housing

Historic

Recreation

Project Manager's email & phone number: TobinK@sudbury.ma.us/978-440-5525

Project Name: Sudbury Newspaper Digitization

Project Description: Goodnow Library seeks funding to digitize local papers back to 1915.

### Costs:

Fiscal Year	Total Project Cost	CPC Funds Requested	Other Funding Sources (amount and source)
2020	30,000	30,000	
2021			
2022			
2023			
2024			
<b>Total</b>			

How does this project meet the General Criteria and Category Specific Criteria for CPC projects (see attached)?

The project would be a public benefit; providing online access to nearly 150,000 pages of local news, which will be searchable. The project also demonstrates the ability to provide permanent protection of the town's historic newspapers.

Does this project fall within the jurisdiction or interest of other Town Boards, Committees or Departments? If so, please list the boards, committees or departments, whether applications and/or presentations have been made, and what input or recommendations have been given.

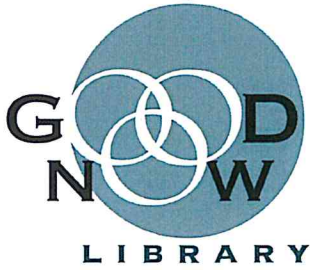
### For Community Preservation Committee Use:

Form received on: \_\_\_\_\_

Project presented to CPC on: \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Determination: \_\_\_\_\_



## GOODNOW LIBRARY

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### Project description:

The Goodnow Library is requesting \$30,000 to cover the cost of digitizing the library's collection of newspapers on microfilm. Going back to 1915, when the paper was called the *Sudbury Enterprise*, then the *Citizen*, *Fence Viewer*, *Tab* and finally *Crier*, the library has nearly 150,000 pages of microfilmed papers. However, the microfilm is hard to search, frequently taking hours to do research on a topic. Access to the information is limited as well, since anyone using the collection must come into the library to do the work. This project would digitize the entire collection, creating searchable PDFs that would be locally hosted.

### How does this project meet the General Criteria and Category Specific Criteria for CPC projects (see attached)?

This project meets the criteria for Historic proposals in two ways: It demonstrates a public benefit, in that it makes accessible over 80 years of unique, local news and information of the town of Sudbury. Genealogists, residents, and historians of all types would be able to search and access the data from wherever they are, and be saved hours of scrolling through microfilm page by page. The second way this project meets the criteria for this category is that it "demonstrates the ability to provide permanent protection for maintaining the historic resource." Creating a digital, searchable version of our local papers ensures their perpetuity.

This project has the support of the original contributors: the Sudbury Historical Society, the Clerk's Office and Information Systems.



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August 27, 2018

Karen Tobin  
Goodnow Library  
21 Concord Rd.  
Sudbury, MA 01776

Dear Ms. Tobin,

Below is a summary of estimated costs by title for microfilm scanning and text conversion of various Sudbury newspaper titles. The cost estimate assumes 300 dpi uncompressed grayscale TIFF master files, with output to searchable PDF documents. The estimated costs are as follows:

**Sudbury Enterprise** 1915-1921 (incomplete), 1931-1937 (incomplete)  
2354 pages @ \$0.20 ea. --- \$470.80

**Sudbury Citizen** 1955-1975  
9462 pages @ \$0.20 ea. --- \$1892.40

**Fence Viewer** 1959-1974  
16103 pages @ \$0.20 ea. --- \$3220.60

**Town Crier & Fence Viewer** 1975-1997  
56995 pages @ \$0.20 ea. --- \$11,399.00

**Sudbury Tab** 1990-1997  
22499 pages @ \$0.20 ea. --- \$4499.80

**Town Crier & Tab** 1997-2017  
38872 pages @ \$0.20 --- \$ 7774.40

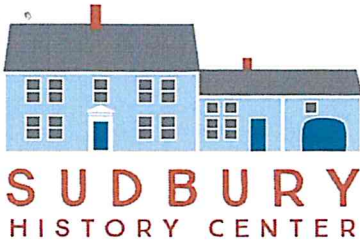
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**Total**  
146285 pages @ \$0.20 --- \$29,257.00

The unit price used in this estimate is valid for work that begins before Sept. 1, 2019.

Sincerely,  
**New England Micrographics, Inc.**

  
Michael F. Monahan



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October 4, 2018

Esmé E. Green, Director  
Goodnow Library  
21 Concord Road  
Sudbury, MA 01776

Dear Esmé,

The Sudbury Historical Society would like to express its support of the Goodnow Library's request to the Community Preservation Committee for Community Preservation Act funds to digitize Sudbury's local papers. The SHS utilizes the papers in its research and work when preparing educational programming and exhibits and we often recommend the newspapers as resources for researchers from all over the country who seek information on local news. Having access to the papers in digital form would allow research when the library is not open and from any location. Having the key word search will save countless hours of searching not only for the researchers themselves, but for the SHS volunteers responding to inquiries as well. Working with digital images also protects fragile papers from deterioration and possible loss.

The SHS respectfully urges the CPC to support funding for the Goodnow Library's request.

Sincerely,

Sally Purrington Hild  
Executive Director