

**BOXFORD SMALL REPAIR GRANT TRUST
PROGRAM STATUS**

We did it! The Town unanimously approved and funded the Boxford Small Repair Grant Trust on May 10, 2022 at the annual Town meeting. This is just the first step of the long process of implementing it. As you remember from the presentation, the bylaw must now go to the State for their approval. Because of the narrow focus of the program to assist seniors and residents of any age with a permanent disability, a home rule petition process is required with a vote by both houses of the legislature.

We are not sure how long this first phase will take since it is dictated by the schedule of the legislature. Once we have State approval, the Select Board can establish the trust and the Board of Trustees. The Trustees will then be able to define the details of the grant program. Hopefully, this portion will not take too long since a lot of work can be done in parallel while the bylaw is with the State. We hope that the grant program will be ready by the end of the first quarter of 2023. We ask your patience as we go through the slow process of getting the program going.

Thank you for all the support and encouragement that we received during this long process.

The Boxford Housing Partnership