



City of Cambridge Press Release

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Historic City Hall Renovations

Cambridge, MD (March 3, 2025). The City of Cambridge is pleased to announce plans to begin stabilization work at the Historic City Hall location at 307 Gay Street. As one of the City Council's Top Five priorities, City Staff has been diligently working to obtain funding to renovate this iconic structure. The estimated cost for the complete renovation of the building and surrounding parking lots is approximately \$10.5 million.

Cambridge is grateful to the Dorchester County State Delegation for sponsoring funding in the annual legislative bond initiative and for the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) and Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) in recognizing the importance of this structure to our city. In addition, City Council has allocated funding in each of the last few years' budgets. Cambridge's city manager, Glenn Steckman, noted "Cambridge will not be able to fund the entire \$10.5 million renovation solely with grants. The City is actively researching additional means of funding this important renovation project."

Total funding secured to date of \$1,175,000, which includes a required \$100,000 match approved by the City Council will allow Cambridge to begin this initial stabilization phase. The focus will be on the following activities:

- Restore the clock tower,
- To address **façade** issues such as peeling paint, rotting woodwork, masonry issues, and damaged doors and windows,
- Abate hazardous materials such as asbestos, mold and PCP from the interior of the building.

Requests for Proposals (RFP) for the above work items will be issued this spring after approval by the state, with a target start date in May 2025. In addition to communicating directly with prospective contactors, the RFPs will be announced on the City's website and through social media and the press. As part of the process, prospective contractors will be invited to visit the site once the RFPs are issued.

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