



# Town of Orleans

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## COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PROJECT APPLICATION

**Submission Date: October 26, 2020**

**Project Title: Pre-acquisition expenses, Open Space Committee**

**Applicant (note if public or private): Open Space Committee (Public)**

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**Project purpose (Check all that apply):**

**Open Space**     **Historic Preservation**     **Community Housing**     **Recreation**

**Project Location/Address: Town of Orleans**

**Community Preservation Funding Request: \$15,000.**

**Brief Project Summary, Including Justification of Project Category Checked Above:**

In FY20 the almost entirely new Open Space Committee (OSC) was informed that traditionally, the Committee asked for and received operational funds to assist in a variety of tasks which required outside, professional assistance for their completion. Such tasks included the preparation of appraisals to justify the acquisition price of a target parcel, perhaps the surveying of land to determine precise location, or the hiring of conservation professionals to assist in the submission of grant applications. In this context, the OSC in FY20 requested \$15,000 from the CPC. Subsequently, in final budget and approval meetings with the CPC, the OSC chair reduced that request to \$7,500 after seeing the large number of worthy projects seeking CPC funds. We were granted \$7,500, and currently have only \$3,700 remaining for all of FY21.

We anticipate that the \$15,000 may be adequate in 2022, but accurate forecasting our needs is difficult, since acquisition opportunities seem to arise suddenly, without notice. Therefore, we will simply trust that this modest sum will exceed our spending requirements.

A historic perspective in this regard is illuminating. In FY2006, the OSC received a \$60,000 allotment from the CPC. In FY2011, the OSC received \$24,000. In FY2020, the OSC's allotment of \$7,500 pales by comparison.