



Town of Orleans

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COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PROJECT APPLICATION

Project Title: Historic District Documentation

Submission Date: 11/19/2021

Applicant (note if Town, individual or non-profit): Orleans Historical Commission

Address: 19 School Street, Orleans, MA 02653

Co-Applicant, if any (note if Town, individual or non-profit):

Address:

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Project purpose (Check all that apply):

Open Space

Historic Preservation

Community Housing

Recreation

Project Location/Address: Main Street, East Orleans

Community Preservation Funding Request: \$11,000

Brief Project Summary, Including Justification of Project Category Checked Above: The Orleans Historical Commission is charged by State law and our Select Board with “the protection and development of the historical assets of the town”. In pursuit of this charge, the Commission is preparing to propose that Main Street in East Orleans be designated as an Architectural Preservation District, with additional protections against the demolition of historic resources and the deterioration of the historic streetscape by inappropriate construction. The proposed district is the 1.2 mile section of Main Street between Rt. 28 and the Barley Neck Inn. This area is representative of the 19th Century time period in Orleans’ history, when the district was the institutional, civic, and ecclesiastical center of town. It contains 46 properties that are listed on the Orleans Historic Properties Survey, which is on file with the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

This application will enable the Commission to engage a historical preservation consultant to update the above-mentioned Historic Properties Survey by preparing revised and updated “Form B’s” for existing properties and to develop new “Form B’s” for several additional historic resources that have been identified. This will provide an enhanced, publicly available resource as a part of the preservation process.

Please attach the following information with all applications:

- **Detailed Narrative:** A complete and detailed description of the project including goals and objectives, consistency with Community Preservation Act goals, compatibility with the Orleans Community Preservation Plan and the Orleans Comprehensive Long Range Plan, and relevance to the community and its needs.

- **Action Plan and Timeline:** Note the estimated dates for project commencement and completion and list (with an explanation) all action and steps that will be required for project completion, including any legal requirements or any impediments to implementation.
- **Financial Data:** Provide financial information for the project including total cost, additional revenue sources (public, private, in-kind, volunteer time and services), basis for the fiscal estimates and any other fiscal details currently available. Applicants are encouraged to submit more than one quotation from potential contractors.

GUIDELINES FOR PROJECT SUBMISSION

Please submit **one paper copy** of the application materials to the Community Preservation Committee, c/o Town Administrator, Town of Orleans, 19 School Road, Orleans, MA 02653 by Nov. 22, 2021. **Applicants must also email complete applications in PDF** to Jennifer Fountain, Administrative Assistant, at genuinejenfountain@gmail.com. A single PDF file which appends materials described in item 3 to the application form is preferred.

1. Applications must be received by Monday, November 22 to be considered for recommendation at the Annual Town Meeting.
2. Funds will be available on July 1st following the Annual Town Meeting.
3. Applicants may include any maps, diagrams, and/or photographs pertaining to the project. Letters of Support for the project from community organizations or other sources may also be submitted.
4. The Community Preservation Committee may require additional (or more detailed) information or further clarification to a submitted application.
5. Prior to submission of funding applications, applicants should review the Community Preservation Act (MGL, Chapter 44B, through the Community Preservation Coalition Web site), the Orleans Community Preservation Plan and the Orleans Community Preservation Bylaw, copies of which are available on the Town Web site at <https://www.town.orleans.ma.us/community-preservation-committee>. Nonprofit organizations applying for historic preservation funds for historic structures should obtain a sample copy of an acceptable historic preservation deed restriction (available from the Town Administrator's office) since this type of document will be required. Applicants other than the Town of Orleans should also obtain a sample copy of the Agreement with the Town of Orleans that all successful nonprofit applicants will be required to sign. Please contact the Administrative Assistant by email with any questions.
6. Eligible projects must address one or more of the uses outlined in the Community Preservation Act, Sections 2 and 5 (2), as follows:

Open Space

Acquisition, creation and preservation of land to protect existing water supply/aquifer areas, agricultural and forest land, coastal lands, frontage to inland water bodies, wildlife habitat, nature preserves and scenic vistas.

Community Housing

Acquisition, creation, preservation and support of community housing defined as housing for low and moderate income individuals and families, including low and moderate income senior housing. The Community Preservation Committee is required to recommend, wherever possible, the reuse of existing buildings or construction of new buildings on previously developed sites.

Historic Preservation

Acquisition, restoration, rehabilitation and restoration of historic structures and landscapes that have been determined by the local historic preservation commission to be significant in the history, archeology, architecture or culture of the Town or that are listed on the State Register of Historic Places.

Recreation

Acquisition, creation, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of land for active and passive recreational uses, including land for community gardens, trails and noncommercial youth and adult sports and the use of land as a park, playground or athletic field and for preservation and restoration of recreational facilities. (Community Preservation funds cannot be used for a stadium, gymnasium or similar structure or for the acquisition of artificial turf for athletic fields.)

Detailed Narrative

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The project is consistent with the 2 goals of the Community Preservation Plan in the Historic Preservation category:

The CPC, in consultation with the Orleans Historical Commission, has identified the following historical preservation goals. Proposals brought before the CPC must meet at least one of the following conditions: • A project which contributes to the essential element of public education on the history and heritage of Orleans, and the importance of the “built environment” in preserving our heritage. • A project which preserves, restores, and/or rehabilitates a structure, landscape, artifact that is on the Orleans Historic Property Survey or that has been designated by the Historical Commission as being historically significant.

The project is also consistent with the Orleans Comprehensive Long-Range Plan in several respects. The overall purpose of Chapter 12 of the Plan is to “*determine strategies to preserve and enhance the homes, villages, scenic roads, and vistas that contribute to Orleans’ character.* Specifically, the Plan, under the implementation section calls for *continued efforts to protect the historic character of parts of East Orleans along Main Street and improve the awareness and public education regarding historic structures and sites in Orleans in order to improve protection efforts.*

Action Plan and Timetable

If this grant is awarded, the Commission would begin steps to engage a consultant in July of 2022, when the funds would become available. It is anticipated that a consultant would be engaged by August 15, 2022, and that work would commence Sept. 1, 2022. It is expected that work would be completed by December 31, 2022.

Financial Data

The entire \$11,000 requested in this application will be utilized to engage a qualified historical preservation consultant to perform the work described. In-kind services will be provided by members of the Orleans Historical Commission on a volunteer basis.