



Town of Orleans

Community Preservation Committee
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FY27 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PROJECT APPLICATION

(for consideration at Annual Town Meeting in **Spring 2026** or Special Town Meeting in **Fall 2026**)

SECTION A

Project Title: Restoration of Historic Veteran's Memorial **Submission Date: November 17, 2025**

Applicant (note if Town, individual or non-profit): **Kevin Higgins, Veteran's Committee**

Mailing Address: 19 School Road, Orleans MA 02643

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

Mailing Address:

Project Contact Person(s): Kevin Higgins

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Federal Tax Identification Number (if non-profit):

Project purpose (Check all that apply):

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

Project Location/Address: Veteran's Memorial Park, Orleans - intersection of Route 28 and Main Street

Community Preservation Funding Request: \$20,000

Brief Project Summary, including justification of project category checked above: The existing World War I monument was damaged in the early 70s by a motor vehicle crash. It had been repaired, but repairs failed. HH Crosby and Sons removed the original memorial, repaired the edges and rebuilt the side wings to support the structure. They then returned the monument and, utilizing crane services, placed it back into the newly refurbished Veteran's Memorial Park. Also, the Coast Guard bell was repaired. The support structures holding the bell, were rusted out and decaying. New support structure was created to support the original Coast Guard bell and replaced it in the Park, as well. Small, original monuments, deemed historical through the CPC application of 2022) have been carefully cleaned and restored and replaced in the park by HH Crosby. It is worth noting that when the Historic Commission first considered the monuments, Ron Peterson suggested the restoration would cost about \$45,000. The actual work was conducted by Tom Blute, a member of a Gold Star family, so he was able to invest his own time and commitment reducing the total invoice to just \$20,000. The Veteran's Committee is asking the CPC to recognize the significance of these historic monuments and fund the restoration costs that have been completed.

SECTION B

Please attach the following information with all applications:

- **Detailed Narrative:** A detailed but succinct 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 detailed and 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. Costs relating to historical rehabilitation/renovation should be clearly identified (if possible) compared to other costs, such as code compliance or accessibility improvements. Applicants are encouraged to submit more than one quotation from potential contractors.

GUIDELINES FOR PROJECT SUBMISSION

- A) **For early assistance**, complete Section A, and submit it to the CPC via email, **between July 1 and Oct. 31, 2025**. You will be contacted by the CPC regarding detailed information to fully complete the application by the November 17, 2024 deadline as described in Guideline B below.
 - B) Fully completed applications need to be submitted **by Nov. 17, 2025** for consideration at the Annual Town Meeting. **Applications should be received by July 1, 2026** for consideration at the Special Fall Town Meeting. Late applications may be accepted at the discretion of the CPC.
 - Submit **two (2) complete paper copies** of the application and other materials to the Community Preservation Committee, c/o Town Administrator, Town of Orleans, 19 School Road, Orleans, MA 02653. Applications can be dropped off at the front desk.
 - **Applicants must also email complete applications in PDF** format to Jennifer Fountain, Administrative Assistant, at jfountain@town.orleans.ma.us A **single PDF file** which appends materials described in item 3 (below) to the application form is preferred.
1. **Complete Applications must be received by Monday, November 17, 2025 to be considered for recommendation at the Annual Town Meeting** in the Spring of 2026. Complete Applications must be received by July 1 2026 for consideration at the Special Town Meeting in the Fall of 2026.
 2. Funds for approved projects will be available on approximately July 15th following the Annual (Spring) Town Meeting 2026 and about six weeks after the Special Town Meeting in the Fall of 2026 upon submission of appropriate invoices and accounting and a signed grant agreement from the CPC.
 3. Applicants may be asked to 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. Clear, concise presentation of materials is appreciated by the Committee.
 4. The Community Preservation Committee may require additional (or more detailed) information or further clarification for a submitted application including the advice of legal counsel or the Historic Commission.
 5. Prior to submission of funding applications, applicants should review the Community Preservation Act (MGL, Chapter 44B, through the Community Preservation Coalition website), 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 an opinion from the Orleans Historic Commission about the suitability of their proposal under Orleans historic building guidelines. All historic preservation or rehabilitation must comply with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Rehabilitation.

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, preservation, 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. Plans for restoration and rehabilitation must comply with Secretary of the Interiors' standards.

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 structures or for the acquisition of artificial turf for athletic fields.)