



Town of Orleans

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COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PROJECT APPLICATION

Submission Date: November 25, 2019

Project Title: Orleans Historic Properties Survey Revision and Update

Applicant (note if public or private): Orleans Historical Commission

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Project purpose (Check all that apply):

Open Space Historic Preservation Community Housing Recreation

Project Location/Address: Orleans Historical Commission

Community Preservation Funding Request: \$7550.00

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

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The Nauset Heights Association has indicated its interest and intent to pursue listing as a district on the National Register of Historic Places. Preliminary research by the Historical Commission has determined that the current “Form A” for Nauset Heights would need to be revised to include additional territory on Lower Nauset Heights not included on the current form. This would require the engagement of a consultant, the purpose of this application.

Detailed Narrative

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Residents of the Nauset Heights area of Orleans have approached the Historical Commission with significant interest in listing Nauset Heights as a district on the National Register of Historic Places. In order to proceed with the listing process, it has been determined that an expanded and revised "Form A" in the Orleans Historic Properties Survey would be required. The present "Form A" for the area encompasses Upper Nauset Heights, but does not include much of Lower Nauset Heights, an area with historical significance that contributes to the entire potential district.

The Historical Commission has obtained a proposal from Public Archaeology (PAL) to complete all of the steps required to file an amended Form A for Nauset Heights, allowing an application for National Register status to proceed. These steps include:

- Planning and coordination
- Research
- Fieldwork
- Mass Historical Commission Form A amendment
- National Register Eligibility Evaluation.

PAL estimates that the entire project could be completed within 6 months of initiation.⁵⁰

Financial Data:

The requested amount of \$7550.00 is inclusive of all labor and materials required to complete this project. (See attached proposal)

Project Timeline:

July 1-15	Engage Consultant, initiate work
July 15- November 15	Fieldwork and research
November 15- December 15	Prepare and finalize revised Area Form,