



Town of Orleans

19 School Road Orleans Massachusetts 02653-3699
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FY24 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PROJECT APPLICATION

Project Title: CHO Meetinghouse Balcony Railing (Grant Application #2)

Submission Date: November 21, 2022

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

The Centers for Culture and History in Orleans (a.k.a. The Orleans Historical Society) – non-profit organization

Mailing Address: PO 353, Orleans, MA 02653

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

Mailing Address:

Project Contact Person: Cris Harter

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Federal Tax Identification Number (if non-profit): 04-6168175

Project purpose (Check all that apply):

Open Space Historic Preservation Community Housing Recreation

Project Location/Address: 3 River Road, Orleans, MA 02653

Community Preservation Funding Request: \$15,000

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

See attached narrative.

[Town of Orleans Community Preservation Act Application 2022](#)

The Centers for Culture and History in Orleans (CHO) request \$15,000 for the addition of a structural railing to be installed in the balcony of the CHO Meetinghouse. Currently the balcony cannot be used by visitors because it is non-compliant to safety building standards.

[Submitted by The Centers for Culture and History in Orleans a.k.a. The Orleans Historical Society](#)

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.

1. **DETAILED NARRATIVE**
A. **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**
● **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 of limits to 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.

B. **BACKGROUND**
The CHO Meetinghouse Site has recently undergone extensive renovations to the main Meetinghouse building, the Hurd Chapel outbuilding and the adjacent Plaza. In total the renovations amounted to \$1.2 million. Attendance at the Museum was impacted by the COVID pandemic during 2020 and 2021. In 2022, although not back to pre-COVID levels, we have seen a significant increase in the use of the Meetinghouse and the Hurd Chapel for CHO events and

GUIDELINES FOR PROJECT SUBMISSION

Please 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 by Nov. 21, 2022.

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 21 to be considered for recommendation at the Annual Town Meeting.
2. Funds for approved projects will be available on July 1st following the Annual Town Meeting upon submission of appropriate invoices and accounting.
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. 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 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, 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.)

Sept, 2022