



# Town of Orleans

Community Preservation Committee  
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## FY25 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PROJECT APPLICATION

### SECTION A

**Project Title:** Finch Skatepark Safety Upgrades      **Submission Date:** 10/16/23

**Applicant** (note if Town, individual or non-profit): Nauset Together We Can Prevention Council Inc. Non Profit  
**Mailing Address:** PO Box 792 Orleans, MA 02653

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

**Project Contact Person:** Erica O'Reilly

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**Federal Tax Identification Number** (if non-profit): 04-3281724

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

Open Space       Historic Preservation       Community Housing       Recreation

**Project Location/Address:** 78 Eldredge Parkway, Orleans MA 02653

**Community Preservation Funding Request:** \$ 33,100

### **Brief Project Summary, including justification of project category checked above:**

The Finch Skatepark provides a thriving social hub for our community. The park was established through a grass roots community effort in 1995 and has been volunteer managed for more than 25 years by Nauset Together We Can -- a 501c3 whose goal is to develop and implement solutions to prevent high-risk social behaviors in our youth. Although the towns of Brewster, Eastham and Orleans provide small amounts of funding for day-to-day operations of the park, all funding for the park's infrastructure comes from grants and private donations. The purpose of this grant is to secure funding for safety upgrades to the current electrical service and several existing ramp features in order to keep the park open and available to its may users.

### 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) Complete Section A, and submit to the CPC via email, between July 1 and Oct. 31
    - You will be contacted by the CPC regarding detailed information to complete the application
  - B) Fully completed applications need to be submitted by Nov. 20. 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** to Jennifer Fountain, Administrative Assistant, at [jfountain@town.orleans.ma.us](mailto:jfountain@town.orleans.ma.us) A **single PDF file** which appends materials described in item 3 to the application form is preferred.
1. **Complete Applications must be received by Monday, November 20 to be considered for recommendation at the Annual Town Meeting.**
  2. Funds for approved projects will be available on July 1<sup>st</sup> following the Annual Town Meeting upon submission of appropriate invoices and accounting.
  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 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 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 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.)

Section B.

## **Detailed Narrative**

### **Finch Skatepark Proactive Safety Upgrades: Project Plan**

#### **Relocate Electrical Panel**

Approximately 15 years ago, a shed was constructed next to the skatepark to house the electrical and telephone services. The shed is showing signs of wear. The door has required replacement several times, the structure is becoming a magnet for rodents, and it has on rare occasion been subject to vandalism. As land line telephone service is no longer needed at the skatepark we believe the best course of action is to relocate the electrical service to an outdoor panel and raze the shed.

The Finch Park is the only lighted skatepark on Cape Cod open year-round. This is especially important to a core group of users ages 19-35 who use the park after work. They usually come to the park around 4 or 5 in the evening just as younger users are leaving and stay into the evening. (The park closes at 10:00 pm). It is especially heartening to see the spontaneous mentoring that takes place during the hour or so when the older and younger skaters overlap. There are no scheduled practices or formal coaching in the sport, so younger skaters learn from the older ones who in turn pay it forward as they advance in skills. Keeping the electrical service and lighting safe is essential to the park's continued success.

#### **Ramp Shoring / Resurfacing**

The park is made up of a combination of concrete and wooden ramps. The wood ramps are surfaced with Skatelite, an eco-friendly skate surface designed for outdoor use. Both the concrete and Skatelite ramps have metal toe plates which are repainted annually to avoid excessive rust. The ramps range in age from 3 to 15 years and some are beginning to show varying degrees of wear in the form of worn edges from the repeated impact of skate boards and scooters, missing screws and slight unevenness from expansion and contraction in cold weather. The surfaces are generally wearing as expected and do not currently pose safety issues to the park's users. However, similar to the way tennis and basketball courts require occasional re-surfacing these ramps will soon require attention. While the annual amount allotted to the Finch Park by the towns of Brewster, Eastham and Orleans is enough to cover general park maintenance (trash/recycling, portable toilet services, electricity bills for lighting, repainting of the toe plates, etc.) it does not allow for replacing Skatelite or the pressure treated plywood supporting it. This grant would allow for the proactive replacement of worn surfaces to ensure that the park remains safe in accordance with Nauset Together We Can's duty as managers of the Finch Park.

## Action Plan and Timeline

Work will be scheduled upon confirmation of funding

Electrical Work (1 day) Vendor is scheduling 3-4 weeks in advance

Raze Shed (1 day) Vendor is scheduling 5-6 weeks in advance

Ramp Shoring / Resurfacing (2-3 weeks) 6-8 weeks contractor lead time. Nauset Together We Can will order materials upon confirmation of funding.

## Financial Data

Budget: \$31,300

Raze shed \$1,500

Estimate by Brundage Site Work, 400 Massasoit Rd, Eastham MA 02642

Includes razing the structure, disposal of debris, and loam / seeding of area. Work is expected to take one day.

Relocate Electrical to exterior panel: \$4,400

Estimate by Farrell Electric, 105 Holmes Rd, North Eastham MA 02651

All labor and materials to disconnect power to existing meter socket and panel on shed and remove. Install new 100 amp meter socket and outdoor panel on wooden pedestal with 2-20 amp GFCI receptacles and switch for lights. Relocate existing service and wires running to lights into new outdoor panel. Work is expected to take one day.

Ramp Shoring / Resurfacing: \$25,400 + volunteer labor

All materials (Skatelite, pressure treated plywood, hardware) and debris disposal for ramp shoring/resurfacing as needed. Includes 160 hours of professional crew labor to be augmented by local volunteers. Work is expected to take 2-3 weeks depending on volunteer availability.