



CG36500 Lifeboat House Project

Community Preservation Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 18, 2024

CG36500 Building Project

Background:

- **Boat is 77 years old – still fully operational and seaworthy**
- **Attracts thousands of visitors to Orleans annually (economy)**
- **Rising costs, fewer volunteers, more severe weather**
- **42 years as caretaker: keeping it in the water is not practical**
- **Best protected and preserved long-term in its own building**
- **This need has been discussed since at least 2015**

CG36500 Building Project (Cont.)

Goals:

- 1. Build a permanent “home” for the CG36500 in Orleans**
- 2. Make the boat and its story accessible year-round**
- 3. Exhibit the nearly 400-year history of lifesaving in Orleans and on the Outer Cape**
- 4. Honor the finest traditions of the U.S. Coast Guard and predecessor lifesaving organizations**
- 5. Attract visitors to Orleans and the CHO (revenue for both)**

CG36500 Building Project (Cont.)

In 2023, the CHO took these initial steps:

- Awarded state and CPA grants = \$90,000 in design funding
- Created Steering Committee (Board + community members)
- Hired SV Design (Chatham) as architect; first sketches done
- Hired H2 Design Studios to help develop world-class museum
- Became first USCG Auxiliary Association “Affiliate” in Mass.
- Met with Town leadership and several department directors

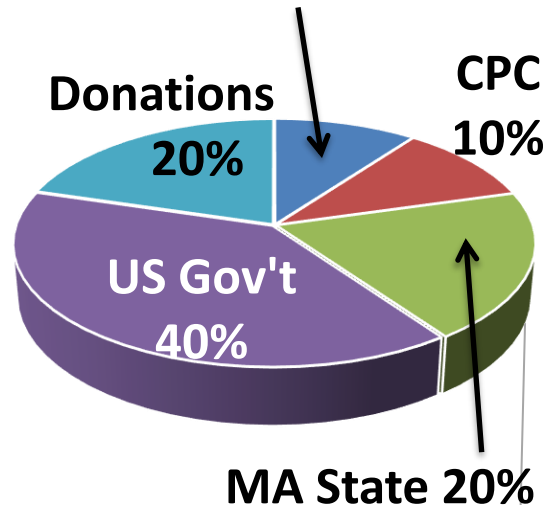




Building Funding, Schedule

Sources of Funds

Private Foundations 10%



Timetable (est.)

- Grant applications ongoing
- Town approvals for site by 5/24
- Begin fundraising by 7/24
- Plans, town reviews by 1/25
- Begin construction by 9/25
- Project completion by 9/26

Estimated cost of building is approximately \$3 million.

Our CPA Application

Requesting \$250,000 for Phase 2 of Project:

- **Plan, fabricate, install specific CG36500 preservation items**
 - Reinforced concrete floor on which boat will sit
 - Steel cradle to protect, support entire length of boat
 - Fire suppression system
 - Others to be determined
- **More details, costs available in Phase 2 construction plans**
- **CHO accepts stipulations from Historical Commission vote**

Our CPA Application (Cont.)

Safeguards to Protect CPC, Town Interests

- **Must secure building site on town property:**
 - CHO is working with Select Board on change to existing lease
 - Lease change must be approved at Town Meeting
- **Expected contingencies**
 - Town Counsel opinion limiting CPA funds to CG36500 preservation are strictly followed
 - School Road setback variance, change-in-use obtained
 - All building codes/regulations met
 - Money is raised for completion before work begins

Our CPA Application (Cont.)

WHY NOW?

A strong indication of Town support via lease change, CPA funding in this cycle is essential for other Federal, State, Foundation grants!