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PROJECT APPLICATION FORM – FY27

Applicant: FAIRHAVEN PROTECTING SOCIETY **Submission Date:** OCTOBER 1, 2025

Applicant's Address, Phone Number and Email **Purpose: (Please select all that apply)**

Fairhaven Protecting Society

Open Space

c/o 146 Washington Street – Fairhaven, MA

Community Housing

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Historic Preservation

FairhavenProtectingSociety@gmail.com

Recreation

Town Committee (if applicable) or other sponsoring organization: Fairhaven Historical Commission

Project Name: 1937 Maxim fire truck restoration

Project Location/Address: Located at Fire Museum - 4 Spring Street Fairhaven, MA

Amount Requested: Option #1 \$95,000 Option #2 \$395,000

Project Summary: In the space below, or attached sheets if necessary, provide a detailed summary of the project citing the elements of the Guidelines for Submission and Review and Recommendation Criteria found in the Application Guidelines.

This project would be for the restoration of a town owned antique fire truck under the title of Historic Preservation. This truck is a 1937 Maxim open cab antique fire truck that is most commonly seen in town parades, special events and also used to give fire truck rides at the Fairhaven Homecoming Fair. Recently the truck has been experiencing some mechanical issues that has not allowed it to participate in town functions. These issues range from mechanical problems, such as overheating and failure to start to electrical issues. In addition, there are some safety concerns with brakes and chassis condition. A major restoration would bring the truck back to its full glory and reliable service restoring a proud piece of Fairhaven fire history.

The restoration quotes are in 2 options depending on available funds.

Estimated Date for Commencement of Project: Vendor could start any time after July 1, 2026

Estimated Date for Completion of Project: October 2027 (15 months to allow for unexpected delays)

General Criteria for All Projects – Check off and Address each criterion as it applies:

- ✓ Is the project consistent with the goals of the Town of Fairhaven Community Preservation Plan?
Yes
- ✓ Does the project have other sources of funding? If so, indicate percentage.
No, not for a restoration project. There is only money for general upkeep.
- ✓ Does the project leverage additional or multiple sources of public and/or private funding?
There is town funding for general maintenance only. There are presently no other funding sources.
- ✓ Does the project preserve a threatened resource?
Yes- Antique fire apparatus
- ✓ Is the project consistent with existing Planning Documents such as the Master Plan and Open Space Plan?
N/A
- ✓ Does the project comply with the zoning regulations?
N/A
- ✓ Does the project have a means of support for maintenance and upkeep, such as a defined maintenance plan?
Yes- The truck is under the care of the Fairhaven Protecting Society with fundraising efforts and some town funding for general upkeep.
- ✓ Does the project involve currently owned municipal assets?
Yes- This is a town owned, insured and registered vehicle. Registered to "Town of Fairhaven"
- ✓ Does the project serve underserved populations or address more than one focus area of the CPA?
Historic preservation
- ✓ Does the project reclaim abandoned or previously developed lands?
N/A
- ✓ Does the project require a Special Permit, NOI, Building Permit or other permitting? Please list all local and State permits you are aware of that the project will need?
N/A
- ✓ Does the project have community support?
Yes- Many town groups look forward to utilizing this vehicle for functions, education and parade use.
- ✓ Does the project have sufficient supporting documentation?
Yes
- ✓ Does the project provide a positive impact to the community?
Yes – Community pride for one of Fairhaven's first motorized fire trucks.
- ✓ Has the applicant/ team demonstrated the ability and competency to implement the project as proposed?
Yes – This group has taken care of the antique truck that is under the town ownership for many years and will continue its good work for many more years to come.
- ✓ Does the applicant have site control, or the written consent by the property owner to submit an application?
Yes – This truck is currently under the care and oversight of the Fairhaven Protecting Society with ownership by the Town of Fairhaven.

Historic Preservation Selection Criteria - Check off and Address each criterion as it applies:

- ✓ Is the building on the National or State Register of Historic Places?
N/A Not a building

- ✓ Is the property eligible for listing on the National or State Register of Historic Places?
No

- ✓ Has the property been included in the local Survey of Historic Properties (MACRIS)?
No

- ✓ Is the property in danger of being demolished?
Not demolished but chance of going into deeper disrepair.

- ✓ Are there potential archeological artifacts at the site?
No

- ✓ Did the property ever play a documented role in the history or is it noted in published histories of the Town?
No

- ✓ Are there any particularly important historic aspects about the property?
Played an important part of the fire departments history as one of its first motorized fire trucks.

- ✓ Are there other potential uses for the property, which could benefit the Town?
This truck is used for parades, town fairs and collaboration with civic groups for rides and entertainment

- ✓ Could the building be converted for affordable housing use while still retaining its historic character?
N/A

- ✓ Is the owner interested in preserving the historic integrity of the property?
Yes – This piece of history should be preserved for future generations

- ✓ Does the proposal conform to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties? Has previous work on the building conformed to the Standards?
N/A

- ✓ Was the structure built before 1921? Has it otherwise been identified as being historic or have cultural value? **N/A**

Narrative – 1937 Maxim Fire Truck

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Quote #1 calls for: **Mechanical Only Restoration of 1937 Maxim Fire Engine:** Truck will be gone through completely mechanically. Engine, chassis, coolant system, electrical, brakes and fuel system. Making the truck mechanically sound and safe.

\$95,000

This partial restoration is anticipated to taken up to 6 months.

Quote #2 calls for: **Complete front to back restoration:** This will include all of the items from Quote #1 adding body restoration, painting and replating of chrome as well as striping and lettering to original specifications of the period.

\$395.000

This complete restoration is anticipated to take up to, and possibly exceeding 1 year from the time it goes to the restoration vendor.

This truck is under the care of the Fairhaven Protecting Society which is an organization dedicated to the preservation of Fairhaven Fire Service history. It is housed at the Spring Street Firehouse which also serves as one of the museums being set up for future displays. Ownership is the “Town of Fairhaven”.

It is most commonly seen at town parades, fairs, and special events. It is an original piece of history purchased new by the town in 1937 as one of its first motorized fire trucks to be added to the fire departments equipment.