

PROJECT APPLICATION FORM – FY27

Applicant: Kevin Fournier

Submission Date: 10 /1 /25

Applicant's Address, Phone Number and Email

Purpose: (Please select all that apply)

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- Open Space
- Community Housing
- Historic Preservation
- Recreation

Town Committee (if applicable) or other sponsoring organization: Town Hall

Project Name: Air Conditioner for Town Hall Auditorium

Project Location/Address: 40 Center st. Town Hall

Amount Requested: \$700,000

**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.

**To install an adequate air-conditioned unit for the Town Hall auditorium so functions can go year round the install will meet all historic requirements.**

**Funding Request:**

I am writing to formally request funding in the amount of \$700,000 from the Community Preservation Committee for the installation of a modern air conditioning system in the **auditorium of the Town Hall**, a designated historic building.

The Town Hall serves as a central gathering place for public meetings, cultural events, and community functions. However, due to the absence of proper climate control—especially during the warmer months—both attendance and the revenue that can be gathered have been negatively impacted.

Installing an air conditioning system will not only enhance the comfort and accessibility of the auditorium for all community members, including seniors and individuals with health concerns, but it will also open up Town hall for more events and local gatherings

This project will be carefully planned to ensure that the new system will be installed with respect to the building's historic features, working closely with preservation specialists as required.

**Project timeline:** this project is still in the beginning stages and may require more money to move forward we will searching for grant funds for additional funding.

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We believe this project aligns with the goals of the Community Preservation Act, particularly in the area of **historic preservation and community use**. We kindly request your consideration and support for this initiative that will benefit our town for generations to come.

Please let me know if additional documentation or a formal proposal is required. I would be happy to present further details in person at an upcoming CPC meeting.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

**Estimated Date for Commencement of Project:** 6 months after project is full funded

**Estimated Date for Completion of Project:** 2 months estimate

**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*?

Does the project have other sources of funding? If so, indicate percentage.

Does the project leverage additional or multiple sources of public and/or private funding?  
We will be working for additional funding.

Does the project preserve a threatened resource?

- Does the project have a means of support for maintenance and upkeep, such as a defined maintenance plan?  
3 month inspection when in use.
- Does the project involve currently owned municipal assets?
- Does the project serve underserved populations or address more than one focus area of the CPA?
- Does the project reclaim abandoned or previously developed lands?
- 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?  
Project will require electrical permit and permission from state and local historical commission
- Does the project have community support?  
yes
- Does the project have sufficient supporting documentation?  
Not at the moment we are in the start up phase
- Does the project provide a positive impact to the community? Yes this provides a positive impact to the community
- Has the applicant/ team demonstrated the ability and competency to implement the project as proposed?
- Does the applicant have site control, or the written consent by the property owner to submit an application?  
Yes

**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?  
Yes
  
- Is the property eligible for listing on the National or State Register of Historic Places?
  
- Has the property been included in the local Survey of Historic Properties (MACRIS)?  
Yes
  
- Is the property in danger of being demolished?
  
- Are there potential archeological artifacts at the site?
  
- Did the property ever play a documented role in the history or is it noted in published histories of the Town?  
Yes
  
- Are there any particularly important historic aspects about the property?
  
- Are there other potential uses for the property, which could benefit the Town?  
For the continued use of the auditorium in the summer months
  
- Could the building be converted for affordable housing use while still retaining its historic character?
  
- Is the owner interested in preserving the historic integrity of the property?  
Yes
  
- 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?  
  
All standards have and will be meet for every project
  
- Was the structure built before 1921? Has it otherwise been identified as being historic or have cultural value?  
Yes historic value.

**Recreation Criteria** - Check off and Address each criterion as it applies:

- Will more than one age group use the project?

Yes groups of all ages use the auditorium

- Can the project be used by more than one activity (multi-use)?

Yes

- How many participants will normally use the project at once?

- Is this project the first of its kind in the Town or County?

No the library was recently funded or will be funded for air conditioning

- Are grants available to help pay for the construction? If so, has application been made for the grant?

Applications will be filed for grants

- Does the project include considerations for additional parking?

- Can the project be used more than 1 of the 4 seasons per year?

Auditorium will be used year round with this project

- Does the project match the character of the surrounding area?

Yes

- Does the project include all normal safety considerations?

Yes

- Does the project meet all building and safety codes?

Yes

- Is the project accessible by pedestrians, bicycles, transit? Pedestrians

**Open Space Criteria for Parcel Selection - Check off and Address each criterion as it applies:**

- Is the project within the Nasketucket Watershed Area?
  
- Is the project with 100 feet of wetlands? Is the project with 200 feet of a river?
  
- Is stream and bank protection an issue? Is vernal pool protection a consideration?
  
- Would this proposal enhance protection of any FEMA designated floodway?
  
- Does the project include any Area of Critical Environmental Concern?
  
- Would this proposal contribute to preservation and/or creation of forested land?
  
- Will this proposal protect other parcels? Will this proposal impact other parcels?
  
- Does this parcel abut protected land? Does this parcel support a significant wildlife habitat?
  
- Is this parcel at risk for development? Did this parcel have a past proposal for development? Is it for sale?
  
- Are grants available? If so, has application been made?
  
- Does the property or structures have historic significance?
  
- Are there and stonewalls, old foundations, roads, trails, cart paths or scenic vistas?
  
- Are there any active or passive recreation possibilities associated with this parcel?
  
- Is this parcel suitable for a community garden or farm?
  
- Is this parcel suitable for nature observation and educational programs?

**Affordable Housing Selection Criteria - Check off and Address each criterion as it applies:**

- Will this involve the renovation of an existing building? If so,
  - Is the building structurally sound?
  
  - Is it free of lead paint? Is it free of asbestos, pollutants, and other hazards?
  
  - Is there Town sewerage? Or is the septic system in compliance with Title 5?
  
  - Does the building comply with building, sanitary and handicap accessibility codes?
  
  - Is this a conversion of market rate to affordable housing?
  
  - Is this a tax title property?
  
- Does this project involve the building of a new structure? If so,
  - Will the structure be built on tax title property, on Town owned land or donated land?
  
  - Will the building be free of environmental hazards?
  
  - Are there programs such as Habitat for Humanity involved?
  
  - Will the project be built on a previously developed site?
  
- Does the project provide housing that is similar in design and scale with the surrounding community?
  
- Does this serve the 60% income level population? Does this serve the 80% income level population?
  
- Is long-term affordability assured? Will this be geared to one age group?
  
- Will there be more than two bedrooms? Will there be multiple units?
  
- Will it be located near services (grocery, mass transit, etc.)?
  
- Will priority be given to local residents or employees of local businesses?

