

## PROJECT APPLICATION FORM – FY27

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**Applicant:** Bruce Webb

**Submission Date:** 9/29/25

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**Applicant's Address, Phone Number and Email**

**Purpose: (Please select all that apply)**

40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, MA 02719

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- Open Space
- Community Housing
- Historic Preservation
- Recreation

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

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**Project Name:** Community Gardens

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**Project Location/Address:** North Park - Green Street

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**Amount Requested:** \$ 10,063.00

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**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.

**Estimated Date for Commencement of Project:** 5/1/26

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**Estimated Date for Completion of Project:** 5/30/26

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**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?
  
- Does the project preserve a threatened resource?
  
- Is the project consistent with existing Planning Documents such as the Master Plan and Open Space Plan?  
**Goal 4.1 and 4.2**
- Does the project comply with the zoning regulations?
  
- Does the project have a means of support for maintenance and upkeep, such as a defined maintenance plan?  
**Blue Waters and Green Food Community Organization**
- Does the project involve currently owned municipal assets?  
**The park property is owned by the Town of Fairhaven**
- Does the project serve underserved populations or address more than one focus area of the CPA?  
**The Park is located in the EJ neighborhood on the north end of town**
- 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?
  
- Does the project have community support?  
**Robust community engagement has already taken place**
- Does the project have sufficient supporting documentation?  
**MVP 2.0 project documentation**
- Does the project provide a positive impact to the community?  
**The goal is to provide stewardship and community belonging**
- Has the applicant/ team demonstrated the ability and competency to implement the project as proposed?  
**There is support from the town and community**
- Does the applicant have site control, or the written consent by the property owner to submit an application?  
**Park is town owned - will work with Board of Public Works on upkeep**

**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?
  
- 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)?
  
- 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?
  
- Are there any particularly important historic aspects about the property?
  
- Are there other potential uses for the property, which could benefit the Town?
  
- 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?
  
- 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?
  
- Was the structure built before 1921? Has it otherwise been identified as being historic or have cultural value?

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

- Will more than one age group use the project?
  
- Can the project be used by more than one activity (multi-use)?
  
- How many participants will normally use the project at once?
  
- Is this project the first of its kind in the Town or County?
  
- Are grants available to help pay for the construction? If so, has application been made for the grant?
  
- Does the project include considerations for additional parking?
  
- Can the project be used more than 1 of the 4 seasons per year?
  
- Does the project match the character of the surrounding area?
  
- Does the project include all normal safety considerations?
  
- Does the project meet all building and safety codes?
  
- Is the project accessible by pedestrians, bicycles, transit?

**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?  
**Producing a seed project will open up future MVP grant**
- Does the property or structures have historic significance?  
**The Old Stone Schoolhouse is located at North Park**
- 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?  
**There are old basketball courts and open green space**
- Is this parcel suitable for a community garden or farm?  
**yes, the application is for a Community/Veggie Garden**
- Is this parcel suitable for nature observation and educational programs?

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**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?