

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: West Retaining Wall Project

Project Location/Address: 40 center street

Amount Requested: \$320,000

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.

Project Summary:

The West Retaining Wall at the Fairhaven Town Hall is in urgent need of repair. A 2018 feasibility study identified this wall as an area of concern, and its condition has significantly deteriorated since then. There is a serious risk of failure, which could pose a threat to public safety and the workers of Town Hall and the integrity of the surrounding grounds.

Funding Request:

We are requesting \$320,000 in CPC funds to repair the West Retaining Wall. These funds will cover all necessary construction, labor, and materials costs.

Project Timeline:

- **Start Date:** Work will begin approximately one month after funds are received.
- **Duration:** The project is expected to be completed within two months from the start date.

Cost-Saving Measures:

To ensure efficient use of funds, we will be using the same architect and design specifications that were successfully employed in the East Retaining Wall project. This approach not only reduces planning and design costs but also ensures consistency and structural compatibility.

Public Benefit:

Repairing the West Retaining Wall will preserve a critical component of our historic Town Hall property,

protect public safety, and ensure continued access and use of the grounds by residents and Town Hall personal

Estimated Date for Commencement of Project: 4 months after funding

Estimated Date for Completion of Project: 2 months from start date

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.
Not at the moment

Does the project leverage additional or multiple sources of public and/or private funding?

Does the project preserve a threatened resource?
Town Hall

Is the project consistent with existing Planning Documents such as the Master Plan and Open Space Plan?

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?

Does the project involve currently owned municipal assets?
Yes

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? Yes

Does the project have community support?

Does the project have sufficient supporting documentation?
Yes

Does the project provide a positive impact to the community?

Has the applicant/ team demonstrated the ability and competency to implement the project as proposed?
Yes

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?
Yes the wall could collapse into the town hall.

- 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?

- 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? *yes*

- Was the structure built before 1921? Has it otherwise been identified as being historic or have cultural value? Yes

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?
- 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?

