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Community Preservation Committee
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FY27 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PROJECT APPLICATION

(for consideration at Annual Town Meeting in **Spring 2026** or Special Town Meeting in **Fall 2026**)

SECTION A

Project Title: NW Schoolhouse safety additions **Submission Date:** 11/17/2025

Applicant (note if Town, individual or non-profit): OddFellows 132/NW Schoolhouse
Mailing Address: 2 Namskaket Road, Orleans

Co-Applicant, if any (note if Town, individual or non-profit):
Mailing Address:

Project Contact Person(s): Paul Davies

Telephone: 508 237 4422 **E-mail:** pdavies344@yahoo.com

Federal Tax Identification Number (if non-profit): 13611

Project purpose (Check all that apply):

Open Space YES: Historic Preservation Community Housing Recreation

Project Location/Address: 2 Namskaket Road

Community Preservation Funding Request: \$22,338.84

Brief Project Summary, including justification of project category checked above:

The NW Schoolhouse is pleased to report that the restoration of the old hall's kitchen (and necessary safety improvements to satisfy the Board of Health) is being completed right now. All this has occurred with the generous support of the Orleans Community Preservation Committee. All of us who have worked on the project are extremely grateful for the support from your committee. Finally, Orleans will have an exceptional place for residents and summer visitors to enjoy all types of events and activities including the service of a commercial kitchen.

A few small items are still needed to ensure the public areas allow the safest operation. A small grant of \$12,338.84 should cover the cost of a suitable fire alarm call box, appropriate tile for a hygienic kitchen area that is easy to clean, and the final sheet rock installation.

Additionally, we are requesting \$10,000 which our architect has indicated will be the cost of bringing our construction documents up to current building codes.

CPC FY 27 Northwest Schoolhouse Restoration Project

Northwest Schoolhouse is a historic, multi-level community facility that currently hosts daily AA recovery meetings, weekly classes in yoga, tai chi, and karate, and a growing roster of educational and cultural programs. This week Lower Cape Outreach is using the Schoolhouse to provide free toys for needy families.

However, the building's lack of an elevator prevents older adults, residents with disabilities, and individuals with limited mobility from safely accessing programming on all floors. This significantly restricts equitable participation in essential health, wellness, and recovery services.

Installing a four-story elevator is therefore critical for accessibility. Without it, the building cannot meet basic ADA standards, cannot serve a substantial portion of the Orleans population, and cil.

cannot fully function as the inclusive cultural and community facility the Town and region need.

Adding an elevator transforms Northwest Schoolhouse from a partially accessible building into a fully inclusive community hub. It makes the entire facility usable for public meetings, cultural events, workshops, wellness classes, intergenerational programs, and emergency-response or sheltering functions when needed. The public benefit is immediate, ongoing, and substantial.

The proposed elevator addition has been professionally designed with CPC funds by the architectural firm of Fredrichs and Maclean of Cataumet. They have indicated that it would require \$10,000 to bring their 81 page plan up to current building codes in terms of electrical, mechanical and structural changes to the building code.

Up to date architectural plans for a four-story elevator addition will make this project shovel ready and eligible for large grants such as the Cultural Facilities Fund grants from the Massachusetts Cultural Council

Financial Data and Projected Timeline

Item (Rationale)	Supplier	Cost	Timing
<u>Upgraded Fire Alarm Box</u> (The upgraded box facilitates more rapid communication with emergency authorities which is recommended when larger numbers of people might be in attendance and impacted by an emergency)	Johnson Controls	\$2,850	August 2026
<u>Sheet Rock Installation</u> (Originally, plans were for a volunteer to install sheetrock but it has proved to require appropriate expertise to complete the installation)	Lorange Drywall	\$7,829	July 2026
<u>Tile</u> (It is strongly recommended to use tile in a kitchen to make it easy to clean. Installation is covered but assistance is needed to acquire tile)	Cloutiers	\$1659.84	June-July 2026
<u>Architectural Plans for Elevator Addition</u> (We are requesting \$10,000 to bring our CPC Funded construction documents up to Current building codes in order to pursue State and Federal Grants)	Fredrichs and MacLean	\$10,000	July 2026
FY 27 Grant Request			
		\$22,338.84	