

Decision guidelines are used to evaluate project proposals as well as define the process by which the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) to make recommendations to the voters.

- 1) **Consistency** with:
 - a) the [Orleans Comprehensive Plan](#), the [Conservation, Open Space, and Recreation \(CROS\) Plan](#) and the [Affordable Housing Guidelines](#), where applicable,
 - b) other Town-approved planning documents;
 - c) recent Town Meeting actions;
 - d) endorsement by other municipal boards, departments, or nonprofit organizations; and,
 - e) specific to historic projects, proposals must meet certain [qualification standards](#)
- 2) **Preservation of the essential character** of the Town, including acquisition, preservation, or rehabilitation of threatened resources.
- 3) Serving populations in town that have **specific financial needs**.
- 4) Meeting **more than one CPA purpose** (linking open space, historic preservation, recreation, and community/affordable housing) or demonstrating why serving only a specific CPA purpose is essential for a given proposal.
- 5) **Urgency/time sensitivity**, if submitted with sufficient time for thorough CPC consideration.
- 6) **Affordability and practicality** of the project, including determination that the benefits of the project outweigh the costs.
- 7) **Feasibility of implementing** the project expeditiously and within budget, and the leveraging of additional sources of non-CPA public and/or private funds.
- 8) **Preservation, utilization, and/or enhancement of town-owned assets**.
- 9) **Demonstration** by applicant, through successful performance on similar projects and/or financial self-sufficiency, of the ability to implement and maintain the project as proposed.
- 10) Assurance that the individuals, teams, or organizations who will administer a CPC-funded project are **qualified to do so in a timely and thorough manner**.