

## NHHFA Mini-Grant Application

### DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED:

#### 1. Brief narrative addressing the following (No more 900 words):

##### a. Organizational structure

- i. Members (note representation of business and industry).
- ii. Describe the organization, its mission and legal status.
- iii. Identify fiscal agent.

##### b. Purpose of request

- i. Project goals, activities, time line and intended outcomes.
- ii. People or entities involved in the project.
- iii. Use of mini grant funds.
- iv. Describe other sources of funding for the project/activity, if applicable.

#### 2. Financial information:

##### a. Project budget

- i. Include sources and uses of funds.
  - ii. Mini grant funds may be used to cover staff time for the project.
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#### 1. Brief Narrative

##### a. Organizational Structure

Temple, NH (pop. around 1400+) is committed to exploring strategies to bring affordable housing to our community. In 2019 the Select Board formed the Community Advisory Committee to address the related challenges. We are a committee of 9 volunteers with diverse interests and backgrounds. In 2020 the Temple Land Use Committee was created by Warrant Article at town meeting to inventory and research various underutilized parcels of town-owned land and identify the potential for housing development.

- i. Members of the CAC include representatives from the Conservation Commission, Budget Advisory, Capital Improvements Planning Committee, Planning Board, Historical Society, Recreation Commission, Village Green Committee, both long-time and new residents, young professionals and retirees, and those in between. Recently, our former Road Agent and chair of the Land Use Committee, a library Trustee, and Renewable Energy Task force Chair have joined our conversations. We believe we are a well-rounded and diverse group working together, and reached out to others in the community who we believe possess knowledge, expertise and views that we may be missing.

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- ii. The mission statement for the CAC :

The Temple Community Advisory Committee (CAC) collaborates and supports projects that honor the Vision of the Master Plan.

*From the Vision Statement of the Master Plan, relative to housing:*

*“Temple’s residents should have a diversity of socio-economic backgrounds and ages. Housing stock should be primarily owner occupied. Housing types and costs should vary. Temple should provide reasonable housing opportunities for low and moderate income residents.”*

- iii. The town of Temple is a municipal government organization, and the town is the fiscal agent.

b. Purpose of Request

- i. Project goals, activities, time line and intended outcomes.

Temple is seeking a NHHFA Mini-Grant to bring a Plan NH Charrette team to Temple to in the spring of 2022 to educate our residents on viable affordable housing options and assist town leaders with the development of a plan to provide diverse and sustainable housing options. We hope to learn what has worked and what hasn’t in other NH communities. We seek ideas that will maximize existing Temple assets and not lose the rural nature we hold dear. The charrette format will ensure a healthy, vigorous 2-day discussion with seasoned professionals who are well-versed in NH and its rural challenges. Temple is deeply committed to keeping our Elementary School local and believe it is an asset that we must use or lose so attracting young working families is a target.

There is a town owned parcel adjacent to the school which would be ideal for an affordable housing neighborhood. We are seeking zoning, design, and affordability recommendations for this target area of the charrette.

The CAC believes the key to our success in achieving consensus will be reaching out to our entire community with a ‘save the date’ and advance advertising, early and often as soon as a date can be finalized. To that end, we will organize child care during the Charrette listening sessions and final presentation to bring parents into the discussion. We will also develop a plan to provide transportation to seniors unable to drive.

- ii. People or entities involved in the project.

While the CAC will be the hosts of the Charrette, boards and committee members, trustees and town staff are critical to a successful outcome. They have voiced their support both verbally and in writing. In addition, community members are concerned and passionate about this issue, and we expect broad and diverse participation. The CAC is an all-volunteer committee.

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- iii. Use of mini grant funds.  
The grant we seek will fund the cost of the professional services of the Charrette.
- iv. Describe other sources of funding for the project/activity, if applicable.  
Food and housing for the charrette team will be funded by local contributions, both 'in kind' and monetary. A Community Pot Luck will be held at the end of Day #1 that will provide additional opportunity for casual discussion.

### 2. Financial information:

#### a. Project budget

- i. Include sources and uses of funds.

The cost of the Charrette is \$6000, however Plan NH has agreed to reduce the cost to \$5000 to allow us to use a NHHFA Mini-grant to cover the full cost, without having to raise additional funds for the charrette.

As mentioned above, we will seek local contributions, both monetary and in-kind, to cover the costs of materials, housing, meals, and printing of maps for the team to use while in Temple.

- ii. Mini grant funds may be used to cover staff time for the project.

We do not anticipate using the funds to cover staff time.

Temple has an opportunity to make sustainable affordable housing available, consistent with the vision laid out in our Master Plan to retain the 'rural nature' of our community. We look to Plan NH & NHHFA to **help us to develop a roadmap**. We believe diverse housing options are the cornerstone to a vibrant, healthy and sustainable multi-generational community.

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