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PROJECT SUBMISSION FORM

Sudbury Historical Commission

October 6, 2022

Applicant:

Submission Date:

Group or Committee Affiliation (if any):

Applicant Address:

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Purpose (please select all that apply):

Open Space & Recreation

Community Housing

Historic Resource

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Project Name: Hosmer House Cultrual Landscape, Building and Collections Study

Project Description:

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Costs:

- (1) \$110,000 - Hosmer House Historic Structure Report and Cultural Landscape Report (Potential funding from MHC)
- (2) \$20,000 - Hosmer House Collections Report

Fiscal Year	Total Project Cost	CPC Funds Requested	Other Funding Sources (Amount and Source)
2024	\$130,000	Up to \$130,000	MHC (see item 1 above)
2025			
2026			
2027			
2028			
Total	\$130,000	\$130,000	MHC (see item 1 above)

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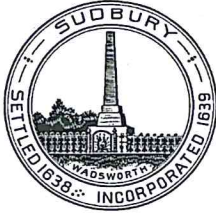
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Attachment A

Town of Sudbury

Historical Commission 2022 CPC Funding Application

Hosmer House Cultural Landscape, Building and Collections Study

Project Description

Historic c 1793 Hosmer House was gifted to the Town of Sudbury by its last owner, Artist Florence Hosmer in 1978. Like the preservation non-profit Historic New England's Codman House in Lincoln, Massachusetts, Hosmer House is a unique historic resource in one particular respect because the house is not empty but contains a family's possessions and varied house contents that represent the family's presence over time. Hosmer House reflects a Sudbury family's life in Sudbury and provides an opportunity for an historic interpretation of Sudbury. Ms. Hosmer also bequeathed a collection of her paintings with the property.

The Historical Commission seeks funding for a Hosmer House Cultural Landscape, Building and Collections Study modeled after the American Institute of Conservation's (AIC) Conservation Assessment Program (CAP) to be conducted by architectural and landscape historians and historic house conservation specialists.

This project is comprised of three parts:

- Part I: Cultural Landscape Study Report to provide a detailed outline of the history and significance of the property and outline appropriate treatments for the care and management oversight of the landscape.
- Part II: Historic Structures Study Report to identify character-defining features and current condition of the exterior and interior of the house, outline appropriate treatment, care and maintenance for its features and building fabric, and provide strategic planning and management oversight recommendations.
- Part III: Historic Collections Study Report to identify the various types of objects and collections housed at Hosmer House, assess their current condition and state of care and conservation, outline appropriate treatments and conservation of the collections and provide recommendations for oversight and management of the collections.

Statement of Need

As you have heard from Sudbury's residents, many residents have expressed that one of the reasons they moved to Sudbury and remain in Sudbury is its historic charm and character. Residents have also expressed interest in and recognition of the Town Center, of which Hosmer House is a key element, as an important and valued historic site in Sudbury.

The 2021 Town Master Plan states:

The rich history of Sudbury is the cornerstone that gives the Town sense of place and creates a unique experience for the people who live here and those who visit. Connections to the past are part of the

experience in the historic Town Center and traveling among the hundreds of historic homes scattered about Town.

The Master Plan included a strong section on Historic and Cultural Identity with the stated goal to *preserve, protect, and develop the historical and cultural assets of Sudbury to foster appreciation of the Town's heritage for enjoyment today and by future generations.*

The recent 2022 Town-wide Historic Preservation Plan recognizes the need for and recommends that these proposed Hosmer House studies and assessments be made. In the past the Historical Commission has advocated for and overseen structural improvements to Hosmer House to assure its structure's integrity, has restored many of Ms. Hosmer's paintings, and has coordinated with the Town's Facilities and Parks and Recreation Departments about the ongoing maintenance of the structure and grounds.

However, no comprehensive study and evaluation or formulation of a plan for or management of the preservation and conservation of the Hosmer House's cultural landscape, building or varied house collections has ever been undertaken. Hosmer House is a prominent, key anchor, and unique contributing historic asset in the National Register of Historic Places Town Center Historic District established in 1973 and local Town Center Historic District and warrants a professional comprehensive level of study in order for it to be preserved, maintained, conserved for the benefit, use and enjoyment of the community and residents of Sudbury now and for the future.

CPC General Criteria

This proposal:

- Under General Criteria the Hosmer House Study is consistent with the Town's 2021 Master Plan and 2022 Historic Preservation Plan.
- Under the General Criteria the Hosmer House Study Reports will aid in the protection and preservation of the essential Historic Character of the Town by protecting its historical resource, namely the Hosmer House, itself as an anchor historic property in the Town Center Historic District. It will provide a comprehensive blueprint for preserving this town owned historic property, its landscape setting and vast historical house collection.
- Under the General Criteria the proposed Hosmer Study is urgently needed because no comprehensive study has ever been conducted to establish a baseline for the protection and preservation of this historic resource.

Category Specific Criteria

The development of a Hosmer House Study Reports as recommended by the 2022 Town-wide Historic Preservation Plan would definitely yield "Public Benefits" as stated in the Category Specific Category.

The "Public Benefit" would include guidance on achieving preservation and conservation goals for the Historical Commission but also for other town departments and other boards and commissions.

Historical resources and landscapes can be a source of pride for our community, serve as tangible links to our past, and serve to engage, entertain, and educate the community about our history. Various town boards and commissions and town departments have a vested interest in, oversight of and/or statutory jurisdiction to protect, preserve and the maintenance of Sudbury's historic sites, buildings, objects, and

landscapes. Hosmer House, with its objects (collections) and landscape, is an important historical resource and site owned by the town.

CPC funds may be used for preservation of historic resources – and a Hosmer House Study is an essential tool for its ongoing and future preservation to be achieved. Cost proposals to undertake the study will be solicited from appropriately qualified consultants.

The Hosmer House is located in the Sudbury Center Historic District.

As a CPC Historic Category Specific Requirement, the Historical Commission will seek the support of town boards and departments.

Town Interest

Sudbury residents have indicated that Hosmer House is a source of pride for our community, serves as a tangible and visual link to our past, serves to educate the community about our history and its development over time and provide an interpretive experience for residents.

Various town government entities have vested interests in and oversight responsibility of and/or statutory jurisdiction to protect, maintain and preserve Hosmer House.