

# TRURO CPC MINI GRANT APPLICATION

## I. COVER SHEET

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

**Applicant:** Scott Donnelly **Submission Date:** November 1, 2024

**Contact Person:** Scott Donnelly

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**Telephone:** 508-254-5800 **E-mail:** scottrobertdonnelly@gmail.com

**Town Committee** (if applicable): Pamet Harbor Commission has endorsed this project.

**Name of fiscal agent** (if applicable) N/A

### PROPOSAL INFORMATION

**Purpose:** (Select all that apply)

☐ Open Space

☐ Community Housing

☒ Historic Preservation

☒ Recreation

**Project Name:** Pamet Harbor History Outdoor Display

**Project Location/Address:** Pamet Harbor, Truro MA

**CPC Amount Requested** (maximum \$20,000): \$3,860.00 **Total Project Cost** \$6,460.00

**Estimated Start Date:** July 2025 **Estimated End Date:** October 2025

### Project Summary:

In the space below, provide a brief summary of the project. If the project is approved by the CPC this is the 2-3 sentence description will be used in the Town Warrant.

Pamet Harbor receives visitors with varied interests including boating, fishing, shellfishing, birding and simply enjoying the spectacular sunsets and scenery. The proposed project will be an outdoor display that showcases the rich history of the harbor as a thriving maritime center that included fishing fleets, shipyards fish packing facilities and sailworks. It is hoped that this will enhance the visitor experience and preserve this history of Pamet Harbor.

**II. PROJECT NARRATIVE:** In no more than 2 pages please include

- Brief description of the organization/community group
- A description of the project including,
  - Who will it serve?
  - How does this project meet Community Preservation Goals? Please connect to specific goal(s).
  - Who will be responsible for implementing and overseeing this project?
  - Maintenance: If ongoing maintenance will be required, who will be responsible and how will it be funded?

The Pamet Harbor Commission has the responsibility to advise the Town of Truro on how to best maintain and utilize the harbor so it can function optimally for the boating community. The Commission has also taken on a broader mission to preserve the incredible natural beauty of the harbor for its many visitors. We observe visitors appreciating the harbor in a variety of ways including: boating, fishing, birdwatching, clamming and simply enjoying the spectacular sunsets and scenery.

The Commission is proposing an opportunity to enhance the visitor experience. We propose to bring to light the rich maritime history of the harbor over the past 200 years by creating an outdoor display panel at the harbor that showcases this history. This project is well aligned with the Community Preservation goals to preserve the history of the town while enhancing the recreational activities of the harbor.

The outdoor display will focus on the thriving fishing industry which included large numbers of schooners using the port, and the related industries such as shipbuilding and mackerel packing. The placement of the panel will be determined by the Harbormaster where it can be safely viewed.

**III. Budget:** Please detail the full costs of the project. You may use the attached budget sheet (Word and Excel versions available)

Budget attached.

**IV. Other:** You may attach supporting information such as:

- information on proposed materials
- relevant photographs, diagrams, maps etc.

**Attachments:**

1. Proposed budget
2. Panel estimate from Pannier Graphics
3. Sample panel displays (Cold Storage, Seabirds)
4. Sample historical images

Truro Preservation Committee Mini Grant Budget Form

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<b><i>Item</i></b>	<b><i>Total Cost</i></b>	<b><i>Request from CPC</i></b>	<b><i>\$ from other sources</i></b>	<b><i>Description</i></b>
Research material and sourcing photos	\$1,600	\$0		In-Kind contribution 40 hours at \$40/hour
Graphic Designer	\$1,875	\$1,875		Design graphic panel. To be printer ready with Publisher or Powerpoint. 25 hours x \$75/hr
Display fabrication, including stand	\$1,085	\$1,085		Gel Coat Panel 36" x 24" Traditional T exhibit base
Shipping of display	\$400	\$400		Estimate provided by the fabrication company
Labor associated with working with the town, graphic designer and fabricator	\$400	\$0		In-Kind contribution 10 hours at \$40/hour
Installation of display at harbor	\$600	\$0		In-kind contribution by DPW. (To be reviewed with Director of DPW)
Contingency fund	\$500	\$500		Used if needed for unforeseen expenses or adjusted estimates. To be returned if not needed
<b>Project Totals</b>	<b>\$6,460</b>	<b>\$3,860</b>		

Hey Scott,

Good to hear! Our quoted prices usually "expire" after 60 days. With these prices below being ballpark prices, these won't technically expire like a proposal would, but it will be good to verify these prices after the approval.

**Cooper Collins** / Account Manager  
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**From:** scott donnelly <[scottrobertdonnelly@gmail.com](mailto:scottrobertdonnelly@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 19, 2024 3:21 PM  
**To:** Collins, Cooper D. <[cdc@pannier.com](mailto:cdc@pannier.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Pannier Graphics Follow Up

Cooper,

This looks very good and as we discussed. I am going to use your proposal as part of my small grant request. This may take some time to get approved and funded (months even). When approved, I will circle back and see if your prices still hold. I might be useful to tell me when your proposal expires, if you have ever done that. Thanks again.

Scott

On Mon, Aug 19, 2024 at 10:00 AM Collins, Cooper D. <[cdc@pannier.com](mailto:cdc@pannier.com)> wrote:  
Good morning Scott,

Thank you for the call this morning. I look forward to working on this project with you! Below is a recap of what we discussed on the phone, as well as some additional resources.

For one of our Gel Coat Panels at 36"w x 24"h, the cost would be about \$410. This is assuming you send us a print ready design file.

For one Traditional T exhibit base to fit the above panel, the cost would be about \$675. This is assuming the legs are directly embedded into the ground and powder coated a standard color.

Below is a link to our other exhibit base options. The double pedestal and cantilevered bases are also very popular with panels at your size.



### [Low Profile - Pannier Graphics - Durable Outdoor Signs and Frames](#)

Below is a link to our standard color options for the bases.

### [Colors & Finishes - Pannier Graphics - Durable Outdoor Signs and Frames](#)

I have also attached a spec sheet for our Gel Coat Laminate panels. It is not mentioned on the sheet but these panels are covered by a 10 year warranty to any delaminating or fading.

If you need any other resources or are ready for a formal quote, please let me know!

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## Renowned businesses

*"Pamet harbor was a busy place. Mackerel packing establishments, stores of all kinds, carpenters, riggers and sailmakers, blacksmiths and mechanics of every sort, found plenty to do."* (John B. Dyer 1909)

The success of the Truro fishing fleet led to an investment boom.

Fifty local owners built Union Wharf in 1830. Lower Wharf and North Wharf (north of the model area) were added in 1837, and the A. Hinckley Wharf likely later.

Businesses included two shipyards, described below, two sail lofts, fish packing and inspection firms, hardware and marine stores, and a blacksmith shop.

Sails produced by the Devereaux and Hinckley sail loft were reputed to be among the best-designed in the country.

Dozens of sawworks supplied the mackerel packing houses.

Most of these businesses (and the fishing vessels) were owned by groups of local investors. This shareholding method helped to raise capital, generated returns for investors and diversified risk.



Photo courtesy of Castine Historical Society

Between 1837 and 1851, the Magoun & Sleeper and Rogers & Hopkins shipyards built fifteen vessels of 60 to 82 feet.

The model and half-hull in this display depict the brig *Eschol*, built in 1847 at Magoun & Sleeper near the northern end of the present-day harbor parking lot. In 1850, Magoun & Sleeper employed 3 full time builders, each paid \$135 per year, and was working on two vessels valued at a total of \$4,000.

Rogers & Hopkins was owned and operated by Henry Rogers of Boston as master builder, assisted by Nathaniel Hopkins of Provincetown.



Photo courtesy of Essex Historical Society & Shipbuilding Museum of Essex, MA

## Training ground for sea captains

*"Truro... was not only a fishing port and whalers' town but the hometown for no fewer than forty-five captains of long-voyage sailing vessels.... Three Truro sea captains commanded clipper ships..."* (Whalen, 2007).

NAME	VESSEL	CREW
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Nathaniel Atkins	Dyer's record of Truro captains, vessels and their crews, circa 1850.	

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In a town of 2,050 residents in 1850, Nathaniel Atkins Dyer listed fifteen Truro captains and thirty-four Truro crew members of ships, barks, brigs and schooners engaged in "Freighting, Foreign and Coastwise" commerce.

Three Truro captains and seven crew members were whalers.

Dyer emphasized that many of these captains learned navigation at the Truro Academy (1840-1854.)



Art courtesy of MIT Museum

A rescue at sea illustrates the extent to which Truro produced leading mariners: when the Liverpool to New York packet *Roscius*, "the largest and finest merchant ship of her time," rescued the crew of the disabled Truro schooner *Garret* after the storm of 1841, the Captain and an officer of the *Roscius* were John Collins and Joshua Caleb Paine, both of Truro.

One might ask "what were the odds?" but given the number of sea captains from Truro, the odds were not so long as we might now think.