

Cape and Islands United Way Community Investment Committee Grants for 2010

Aging and Vulnerable Populations Panel

American Red Cross

Cape and Islands Red Cross Chapter provides aid and sustenance during everyday local disasters like house fires, floods, and accidents. Red Cross volunteers operate mass care, sheltering, comforting, assessing disaster victim's needs and ensuring that they have a safe place to stay, including food, clothing and basic human necessities. The goal of this program is to have Red Cross volunteers trained, equipped, and ready to operate pre-positioned and supplied disaster response shelters on Nantucket to respond to local emergencies.

Gosnold

The Gosnold Drug Court Treatment Program is a collaborative effort with the judicial system. It provides treatment and monitoring to individuals whose substance dependence has brought them in frequent contact with the legal system. The program aims to support the participants so they may sustain their commitment and treatment while they actively pursue employment and/or educational advancements and undergo drug and alcohol testing.

Housing For All

CHAMP Homes has been serving low income and vulnerable populations on Cape Cod since 1991. One the largest providers of care on Cape Cod, CHAMP Homes offers affordable and supportive community housing. Originally established to serve younger populations, the CHAMP program continues to experience an increase in the need for the aging, elderly and vulnerable individuals. The funds will aid in providing appropriate living conditions for individuals requiring reliable back-up emergency systems, to meet the standards of the American Disabilities Act, and easy to use facilities fixtures at CHAMP Homes.

Cape Cod Counsel of Churches

The United way funds will be used to leverage the ICCH Main Street Initiative funds through a donation to the Council of Churches. The funds will be designated to support the outreach work to homeless individuals by Tom Naples. The ICHH Main Street Initiative targets individuals who have no apparent permanent housing; have engaged in disruptive, inappropriate and illegal activities in Hyannis area; and individuals who entered Hyannis from another community and may be better served by being connected to support systems from their community of origin.

Sight Loss Services, Inc.

Sight Loss Services, Inc. is the central resource agency for the visually impaired on Cape Cod. The Education and Awareness department would like to establish a new lending library that would include two kinds of resources: practical large print Braille resources; and instructional reference resources for family members of the visually impaired or professional who work with the visually impaired. Access to these materials will be the first of its kind outlet for those looking for guidance or information pertaining to sight loss. This grant will pay for the initial inventory for the library.

Alzheimer's Services of Cape Cod

Alzheimer's Services of Cape Cod & the Islands is the primary provider of education, support and information to develop the capacity of family and professional caregivers to better care for individuals affected by Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia on Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, and Nantucket. ASCCI is requesting a grant to support the proactive, systematic expansion of existing services called the "Family Caregiver Support and Outreach Program" for regional family outreach, respite, and education, with the ultimate goal of building the capacity of more families through evidence-based supportive services.

Falmouth Service Center

Falmouth Service Center is a food pantry and resource center for the communities of Falmouth and Mashpee. The program has grown to include twice monthly home delivery of food to frail elders referred by many local partners and periodic meetings of these Upper Cape providers who share mutual clients and want to help them safely stay in their homes. The grant would help provide equipment such as shower seats, tub transfer benches, wheelchairs, rollator walkers, rubber mat ramps, and Knox boxes to be loaned to elders or the disabled to provide a safe home environment. The Falmouth Service Center has found that by loaning equipment to this constituency it gains entry to homes that need the additional services they provide.

Samaritans of Cape Cod

This grant request will assist the Samaritans with increasing their volunteer base, manning their crisis hotlines 365 days a year, expanding their Senior Outreach Program to Martha's Vineyard, and developing a Safe Place Support Group to assist survivors who have lost a loved one to suicide.

Supporting and Sustaining Families

Boys and Girls Club

The Project Learn program integrates mind, body & soul – a holistic approach – where youth learn how eating right, keeping fit and engaging in positive relationships becomes a winning combination in their lives.

Calvary Baptist Church

This program provides the Cape Cod population with the basic human necessity of food. These funds are required to purchase and replace a fifty year old stove, food, and necessary supplies (paper goods, utensils and cups) associated with the meals program

Cape & Islands Suicide Prevention Program

As a member of the Mass Coalition for Suicide Prevention, the Cape & Islands Suicide Prevention Center is proposing to provide training and promote awareness through an ongoing marketing campaign.

Cape Cod Needy Fund

This program is focused on the prevention of homelessness of existing homeowners and will provide financial assistance to homeowners who are experiencing temporary financial difficulties in meeting their mortgage obligations.

Cape Mediation

This program supports and sustain families by giving people, that are under the threat of losing their homes through eviction or foreclosure, the chance to mediate with their mortgage company or landlord.

Community Health Center of Cape Cod

This program will provide mental health services including counseling services, pharmacology services, education screening, assessment and support for children, adolescents and their families through a new family resource center for behavioral health.

Independence House

This community based/housing stabilization program addresses the intersection of domestic violence, economic self sufficiency and access to housing.

Homeless Prevention (IFC)

This program is directed at continuing and expanding the street outreach program on the outer Cape, mostly Provincetown, where sheltering services are not readily available.

St. Vincent DePaul

This program is intended to provide financial aid to those having problems paying rent or mortgages and face eviction or loss of property. The goal of the program is to get people “over the hump” and back on their feet.

The Family Pantry

This program is focused on feeding families. This grant will provide 15 families with 3 large bags of food every 3 weeks for a year.

We Can

This program supports single mothers, living below the poverty line on Cape Cod. It provides its clients with 1) reinforcement that they are capable of changing their lives, 2) experienced vocational assistance, 3) creative solutions, and 4) breadth of services to stabilize their lives.

Nurturing Children and Youth Panel

A Baby Center

Funding for a project to educate parents and make sure babies and toddlers leave A Baby Center safely. The funding will allow to contract the services of a certified car seat technician who will spend 8 hours per week educating and installing safe seats for clients. The funding will allow for the purchase of new, safe seats and be distributed as needed. Program will run April 2010 through March 2011

Barnstable Schools

Financial support for a program to reduce suicidal behavior among school aged youth. The program addresses prevention and intervention. The program is specifically targeted at grades 8 – 12... approximately 2,100 students.

Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Cape Cod

This grant supports a School-Based Mentoring Program in a partnership with the Barnstable school system. Students ages 7- 14 who live in low-income, single parent families. BB,BS will match caring, qualified adult volunteers with children for weekly quality time for schoolwork, relationship building and adult companionship.

Boys and Girls Club of Cape Cod

Funding for the educational skills and career prep programs of younger children and teens. The program targets supporting young people in learning, encourage them to succeed in school, help them develop skills for the workplace and foster the desire to become lifelong learners.

Cape Cod Child Development

Program support to offer opportunities for children and families to engage in activities (i.e. family sports, how to cook easy and healthy, how to shop on a budget, yoga family time) intended to begin healthy habits or transform unhealthy habits into smarter choices that foster self-esteem, self-discipline, healthy bodies and long-term wellbeing of entire families.

Falmouth Volunteers in Public Schools

Financial support for two school-based programs for at risk students... K-8 and High School. Programs include individual as well as group mentoring. Funding supports oversight and training of over 1,100 active volunteers.

Hospice and Palliative Care of Cape Cod

Program collaboration with the Cape and Islands Suicide Prevention Coalition and Youth Suicide Prevention Project. Support for KGT (Kids Grieve Too) initiative that offers emergent care, individual counseling for at risk teens and community education.

Martha's Vineyard Panel

Vineyard Nursing Association

The VNA is the only Medicare certified non-profit health care agency serving Martha's Vineyard. The \$8,500 will go toward the cost of replacing and upgrading computerized point of care laptop tablets. These laptops will enable VNA Staff in the field to provide a more effective and efficient level of care to their clients. The VNA currently serve 257 clients on the 6 towns of Martha's Vineyard. This grant will aid them in providing critical care to the aging and vulnerable population of the Island.

Vineyard Health Care Access Program

This grant will directly cover the request for Prescription Medication assistance Program Coordinator. This request is a 6/hrs per week for one year program coordinator to provided client assistance services, outreach, voucher, and counseling on prescription insurance, and coordinating with doctor offices and other prescribers. Additionally, it will help pay for the cost of medicines provided to those in need. This program directly benefits low income and medically uninsured residents of Martha's Vineyard through healthcare assistance and information. In FY 2009 this program will assist over 2000 Islanders (12% of the Island population) to enroll in public benefit plans.

The YMCA of Martha's Vineyard

This grant will help underwrite the operation of the YMCA's summer camp on Martha's Vineyard. There is a great need of affordable summer camp for the children of working Island families. The Y's camp fits this need and serves more than 60 children daily. The camp will be held at the newly completed YMCA facility in Oak Bluffs and operates Monday-Friday 7am-5:30 pm for 7 weeks from late June through mid August. More than a child care service, the YMCA Summer Camp provides instruction in art, enrichment activities and outdoor fun for the children served who range in age from kindergarten through Grade 8. This program addresses a critical need for Island working families with 5 day affordable care and enrichment.

The Vineyard Playhouse Company, Inc.

This grant will assist in the support of the annual Fourth Grade Theater Project offered to all fourth grade classrooms on the Island. Approximately 200 fourth grade students participate in this program annually. This project is an intensive, educational and fun introduction to all aspects of theater for nine and ten year olds that is aligned to the MA Curriculum Frameworks for the Arts. Participants gain knowledge of the theater as an artistic collaboration in supportive, hands-on workshops held in the classrooms and at the Playhouse. Each class works with

theater instructors is all aspects of theater including script writing, costume and set design, and performance for their peers and the general public. It is believed that this is unique program to Martha's Vineyard and could and should be replicated on a regional basis.

Women Empowered

Women Empowered serves both men and women and teaches their clients how manage household budgets and a checkbook, how to search for and interview for a job, and problem solving life skills. This grant will serve to partially fund the salary of a 10 hour a week Volunteer Coordinator for the Life Skills Facilitator Program. This person will recruit, train and provide management to WE's volunteer facilitators. WE widely collaborates with both governmental and private foundations, and the Island faith communities. The need for and demands upon this organization's services have grown greatly in the past year. This program was organized and is run by local people who saw a community need and responded to it.

American Red Cross, Cape and Islands Chapter (Specific Request for Martha's Vineyard)

The American Red Cross provides important services of humanitarian aid to communities and individuals during disasters. The services they provide, support and caring for those in need are well known and respected. Our grant request of \$4000 is to be earmarked for the shelter and medical kit line item and another project budget line item that is of primary need as determined by their project director. The Red Cross has put considerable work of late into establishing visibility and reaching out for volunteers on Martha's Vineyard. It's hoped that they will be successful in building a strong network for the future.