

2009 Grants

Supporting & Sustaining Families Panel

Boys & Girls Club of Cape Cod

Triple Play Fitness Program is designed to help improve the health & fitness of our youth. It provides knowledge and skills children need to thrive, a safe and healthily environment where they can learn those skills and safe and affordable childcare for their families. Youth learn how to eat right, keep fit and engage in positive relationships to bring about positive changes in their lives---mentally, physically and socially.

Cape Cod Times Needy Fund

In collaboration with Falmouth Service Center, the Cape Cod Times Needy Fund will be the safety net for Cape Cod residents with oil heat. They will assist clients on a case-by-case basis considering financial need in real time. Keeping households warm in winter benefits the entire community.

Community Health Center of Cape Cod

The Pediatric Oral Health Initiative will assist families in overcoming both financial and transportation barriers to dental care. The program will provide access, treatment and preventative care to all member of our community, especially to all children beginning in Falmouth and expanding to the other towns on the Upper Cape and the Islands.

Gosnold

The Gosnold Reaching Out program is a resource for families to reach out to health care professions and /or physicians for assistance with a loved one's addiction. Families learn about addiction, its effects on them and their loved ones; they develop skills to intervene to end the merry-go-round of denial and sustain long term family recovery.

Independence House

Community Based/Housing Stabilization Program (with matching funds) will help families to maintain safe and appropriate housing and develop skills to achieve and maintain economic stability and other life skills. Also provided is childcare, children's services, transportation assistance, information and referral and basic assistance with food as needed.

Interfaith Council

The street outreach program on the outer Cape, mostly Provincetown will provide housing during the winter and periods of extreme weather, will provide needed health care with the Duffy Health Center and will provide documentation for the homeless to become eligible for foods stamps.

Nantucket Human Services Center

This project is to develop a plan for creating a multi-service center that would provide suitable and affordable space for approximately 20 Island non-profit social services organizations.**St.**

Vincent de Paul Society

This program is to provide financial assistance for higher than normal home heating bills expected this winter.

Nurturing Children and Youth Panel

Big Brothers Big Sisters Cape Cod & Islands

To support a school-based mentoring program matching at-risk children with qualified high school and college students.

Boys & Girls Club of Cape Cod

To support the club's Teen Program which includes a full-time teen director and a 24 member teen advisory Council.

Calvary Baptist Church

To support the hiring of a part-time staff person to assist with the Calvary Pantry Kitchen program. It has been serving hot meals to those in need Monday thru Fridays from 3:00 to 6:00 PM since January, 2007. The program served 32,106 hot meals in calendar year 2007.

Cape & Islands Council, Boys Scouts of America

To support the Scout Reach program in collaboration with Big Brothers/Sisters of Cape Cod. The program serves at risk boys in grades 1-5 in a 5-hour program on Saturdays.

Cape & Islands End Driving Deaths among Teens (EDDY)

To offer on-going support to the school-based program, which also includes a safety program for car seats and boosters for young children.

Cape Cod Community College Diploma Plus Program

Diploma Plus is an award winning program that gives at-risk students from the Cape & Islands high schools a chance to earn a traditional diploma while obtaining college credits by spending their entire senior year at CCCC

Child & Family Services

Program offers therapeutic interventions for children who are victims of physical and/or sexual abuse.

Falmouth Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS)

To support the VIPS school-based mentor program in conjunction with school guidance and adjustment counselors using adult community volunteers

Family & Children's Services of Nantucket

To continue support for the agency's Project SUCCESS program to address the critical increase in teen suicides on Nantucket

MA Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children MSPCC

To support the MSPCC Connecting Families program which provides services to support the well being of children and families at high risk of being abused or neglected

Thornton W. Burgess Society

To support the Society's natural history & conservation programs by developing curriculum kits for local schools to use with elementary students

YMCA of Cape Cod

To support the YMCA High Flight after school delinquency prevention program for at-risk youth

Aging and Vulnerable Populations Panel

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.

Barnstable Housing Operation In From The Streets

Operation In From The Streets (OIFTS) is a collaborative effort by local human service agencies and volunteers to bring Cape Cod's most critically in need population, the chronically homeless, into services and supported housing. This year, the goal is to accommodate an expected increase in the number of individuals requiring service, to continue the cooperative efforts of the agencies that serve the chronically homeless, and to include everyone on Cape Cod in the effort to sustain OIFTS and successfully further the transition of OIFTS into the collaborative 24/7 single point of entry resource center, the Barnstable county Regional Assessment Network for the Care of the Homeless (BRANCH).

Cape Cod Council of Churches

The purpose of this grant is to enhance and sustain a Continuum of Care for Homeless Individuals across Cape Cod. The goal of the Continuum is to ensure that clients are shepherded from chronic homelessness to appropriate, maintainable independent housing through a team effort between the Street Outreach Project and the Overnights of Hospitality Case Management Services. This program collaborates with the NOAH shelter, Salvation Army, Homeless Not Hopeless, CHAMP Homes, VinFen, DMH, DMR, Social Security, Duffy Health Center, Pilot House, Bridge to Hope Ministries, Housing Authorities, HAC, Cape Cod Hospital, Mental health facilities, and Calvary Baptist Nutrition Center.

Helping Our Women \$ 12,000

Helping Our Women (HOW) provides direct services to women with chronic, life threatening, or disabling illnesses from Eastham to Provincetown. Services include case management, weekly support groups (one for women with cancer, one for women with chronic illness) and transportation to medical appointments. HOW's largest program is a Financial Assistance Program that provides monthly assistance of up to \$55 each to low-income clients for medical bills, prescriptions, dental and mental health services, complementary therapies, utilities and over the counter treatments.

Samaritans of Cape Cod \$ 5,000

To deepen community understanding about depression, mental illness, suicide and the responsibility we all share to de-stigmatize, break the debilitating silence, and offer hope. In order to open up the lines of communication and become a visible resource, The Samaritans would like to launch a Communities Help Prevent Suicide Campaign collaborating with Councils on Aging, schools, youth organizations, civic and religious organizations to dispel myths about suicide, and provide information on safety plans and who to turn to in a crisis.

Martha's Vineyard Panel

Total Value of Grants Recommended = \$ 30,000

Habitat for Humanity of Martha's Vineyard \$ 2,808

This grant recommendation represents partial funding of the HHMV request for \$9,000. This grant will serve to build their 6th Habitat home and will be located in West Tisbury. With the current downturn in the economy, affordable housing is of critical need in the community. This request is a unique collaboration with Smith College who has sold the land on which this home will be built to Habitat for a nominal fee. This project will involve Smith College students and alumni in not only in building this home but also in longer term projects that involve the housing crisis that exists on Martha's Vineyard. Smith College students past and present will be actively involved in building homes and awareness raising efforts for affordable housing. \$.93 of every dollar granted to this organization goes towards the organization's mission, "...work towards the elimination of substandard housing on Martha's Vineyard and, in the process, build stronger families and a strong community."

Island Elderly Housing

This grant recommendation represents partial funding of Island Elderly Housing's request for \$29,808. This grant will serve to partially fund a year long community meals program that will provide nutritional meals to the residents of their housing in two different locations. Island Elderly Housing provides quality affordable housing for very low and low income elderly and the disabled on Martha's Vineyard. They manage 165 apartments with approximately 170 residents on 4 campuses on the Island. They are the largest affordable housing provider in Dukes County. The health and psychological benefits of this program are important and there are no programs of this type currently available on the Island. The program demonstrates strong collaboration with other agencies and modeling potential.

Vineyard Health Care Access Program

The grant recommendation represents partial funding of the VHCAP request for \$11,329. 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 provide 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 with healthcare assistance and information. In FY 2008 this program will assist over 2000 Islanders (12% of the Island population) to enroll in public benefit plans.

Vineyard Nursing Association

This grant represents partial funding of the VNA request of \$28,200. The VNA is the only Medicare certified non-profit health care agency serving Martha's Vineyard. The \$9000 will go toward the cost of home health aide training that will grant nursing assistant certification. On June 30, 2008 the Vineyard's other nursing service, the VNS, closed its doors and left their existing clients without support. The VNA accepted these clients into their program. This funded program will provide certified training to existent VNA home health aides, newly acquired VNS home health aides and general members of the Island community. The impact of this program is in providing critical care to the aging and vulnerable population of the Island.

The Vineyard Playhouse Company, Inc.

This grant recommendation represents partial funding of the Vineyard Playhouse request for \$10,000. This grant will assist in the support of the 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 in all aspects of theater including script writing, costume and set design, and performance for their peers and the general public.

Women Empowered

This grant recommendation represents partial funding of Women Empowered's request for \$15,000. 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 20 hour a week Life Skills Program Manager who will recruit, train and manage WE's volunteer facilitators, provide intake services and collaborate with other Island Agencies. WE widely collaborates with both governmental and private foundations, and the Island faith communities. They have recently enlisted a new board of directors of known and respected Islanders to direct their future.

The YMCA of Martha's Vineyard

This grant recommendation represents partial funding of the YMCA of MV request for \$30,260. 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 64 children daily. The camp is held at the Oak Bluffs Elementary School 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.