

## community development partnership

Promoting a vibrant and diverse community on Lower Cape Cod

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The Community Development Partnership (CDP) is pleased to announce a Community Impact grant award in the amount of \$15,000 from the Cape and Islands United Way to support the CDP's Cape Community Housing Partnership.

The Cape Community Housing Partnership (CCHP) is a comprehensive community-based strategy to increase the region's affordable housing capacity. Through the program, low- to moderate-income residents, business and community leaders, municipal staff, and local elected and appointed officials with the knowledge and skills to support the creation of more affordable housing.

Last year was the debut of the CCHP and consisted of the Cape Housing Institute, which was targeted towards municipal employees and officials and Advocacy Training, which was targeted towards residents. The goal of each was to provide participants with the tools and skills they needed to work on and advocate for affordable housing in their communities.

"The Cape Community Housing Partnership is an innovative approach to building support for affordable housing," said Jay Coburn, Executive Director of the CDP. "We are grateful that the Cape & Islands United Way has recognized that responses to the region's need for affordable housing require funding outside-the-box approaches."

This spring, Annual Town meetings throughout the Lower Cape saw a number of housing initiatives brought forth to address the region's affordable housing crisis.

Over \$4 million was allocated for affordable housing initiatives by Town Meeting voters of the eight Lower Cape towns. Most of these initiatives that were brought forth and supported were done so by municipal leaders and residents who participated in the CDP Cape Community Housing Partnership.

For more information about the Cape Community Housing Partnership, contact CDP's Director of Housing Advocacy, Andrea Aldana (508) 240-7873 x10, <u>andrea@capecdp.org</u> or at <u>www.capehousinginstitute.org</u>.

#### ABOUT THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP

The Community Development Partnership supports an array of programs that strengthen our Lower Cape community, providing greater opportunities for all who live here to thrive.

Our work starts with creating affordable homes—so essential to a healthy economy, but a real challenge in communities like ours where seasonal and vacation dynamics drive the market beyond the reach of many who live and work locally all year round.

We also work to launch entrepreneurs and strengthen local businesses. We believe a vibrant future depends on sustaining traditional industries and inspiring new ones—especially when they're based on renewable natural resources such as fishing, farming, art and hospitality.

In all that we do, we aim to protect the natural environment around us—preserving the character and sustaining the future of this special place we call home.

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