

Dukes County Regional Programs

Program:	Martha's Vineyard Center for Living	Primary Contact for questions:	
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Mission Statement	Martha's Vineyard Center for Living strives to improve the quality of life for those impacted by issues of aging and impairment. Our vision: To provide services and programs that create an age and dementia friendly environment, promote dignity, reduce stigma, support independence, and foster community engagement.	Title:	Executive Director
Brief program description	1. The Supportive Day Program is a daily program for older adults in need of socialization, activity in a supported environment. 2. A weekly Dementia Caregiver Support Group for those caring for a loved one or friend with dementia. 3. Weekly Early Memory Loss group is a support group for those with an early diagnosis of dementia, mild cognitive impairment, or have had a stroke with resulting speech and/or memory impairment. 4. Information & Referral, Dementia Friends community education provided to the community. 5. The Shopping Shuttle provides the opportunity for older adults living independently to do their own shopping three days a week. 6. MVRHS monthly luncheon with the Culinary Arts students-average number of diners 30.	Phone:	508-939-9440
Who qualifies for services	1. The Supportive Day Program is for older adults impacted by cognitive and/or physical disability, their families and caregivers. The age range of our clients is 60-100, average age 83. Our clients may have memory impairment, various types of dementia, hearing and sight loss, Parkinson's, MS, mobility challenges or a combination of these and other conditions that impair their and their caregiver's ability to participate in community life. 2. The Dementia Caregiver Support Group is available to any caregiver on Martha's Vineyard or who is long distance caring for an island resident. 3. The Early Memory Loss group is available to anyone with an early dementia or cognitive impairment diagnosis, or who has had a stroke with related aphasia and/or	Email:	lesliec@mvcenter4living.org
"Adjacent" Agencies	We routinely partner and/or collaborate with the four municipal Councils on Aging, Elder Services of Cape Cod and the Islands, Healthy Aging MV, MV Community Services CORE program, Hospice of Martha's Vineyard, Martha's Vineyard Hospital, Martha's Vineyard Schools, and local grantors and foundations.		
What if we didn't exist?	If MV Center for Living programs did not exist, there would not be affordable care for older adults living with dementia and other disabilities. The average per hour cost of private in-home care is \$35-\$45/hour. The Supportive Day Program fee is \$60 for 5 hours of service (\$12/hour). Without MVCL, respite and support would not be available to caregivers. Because of our expertise and the work we do, Martha's Vineyard is nationally recognized by AARP as a dementia friendly community. We are using a VTA Lift vehicle to provide transportation to and from the SDP. We also provide the Shopping Shuttle Service to older adults in the community during hours when it is not being used by the SDP.		
Benefits	When we provide service to an individual, we impact an entire extended family; a spouse, adult children, grandchildren, on and off-island, friends and neighbors. MV Center for Living provides affordable person centered care while providing caregivers support and much needed respite. Our services allow many families the ability to care for a loved one at home for extended periods of time. There are very few, if any options for care on-island. The alternative is moving to a facility off-island. All of our services help older adults stay in their community and maintain their independence.		

Requested from towns:	Total	Aquinnah	Chilmark	Edgartown	Oak Bluffs	Tisbury	West Tisbury
FY2025 Allocation *	100%	2.82%	10.44%	32.66%	21.33%	18.56%	14.19%
	\$ 668,382.39	\$ 18,848.38	\$ 69,779.12	\$ 218,293.69	\$ 142,565.96	\$ 124,051.77	\$ 94,843.46

* Allocation % is based on the 50/50 formula: 50% based on population, 50% based on equalized Real Estate value (adjusted annually)

FY24-25 change	\$ 90,995.39	\$ 1,353.56	\$ 8,518.36	\$ 27,005.38	\$ 18,774.19	\$ 22,027.49	\$ 13,316.42
	15.76%	7.74%	13.91%	14.12%	15.17%	21.59%	16.33%

Requested from towns:	Total	Aquinnah	Chilmark	Edgartown	Oak Bluffs	Tisbury	West Tisbury
FY2024 Allocation *	100%	3.03%	10.61%	33.13%	21.44%	17.67%	14.12%
	\$ 577,387.00	\$ 17,494.83	\$ 61,260.76	\$ 191,288.31	\$ 123,791.77	\$ 102,024.28	\$ 81,527.04