

Program:	Harbor Homes of Martha's Vineyard						Primary Contact for questions:	
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Mission Statement	The mission of Harbor Homes of Martha's Vineyard is to ensure that low-income residents, who are homeless or facing homelessness, have access to safe, sanitary and secure housing so they can participate as healthy and productive citizens. We do this by providing housing options, overnight shelter, referral and support services, life skills education, and advocacy for collaborative, locally driven solutions for individuals and families.						Title:	Executive Director
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Brief program description	Homeless Prevention: The Homeless Prevention Caseworker meets individually with residents and assist them in completing applications for rental assistance and/or subsidized housing programs, in collaboration with the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority Office; completes and submits screenings on homeless clients through the Coordinated Entry system (CES) Dukes County access point and assist in CES placements; provides resource and referral services and supports to individuals and families who are low income and who are housing insecure or homeless; facilitates referrals to shelters on and off island; screens individuals who are chronically homeless for the regional permanent supportive housing waitlist and provide enhanced case management for those who are chronically homeless; attend regional CES meeting to discuss the chronically homeless waitlist; works collaboratively with community agencies to provide support services to residents who are struggling with being homeless (including: MVCS, MVH, VHCAP, IHC, IHT, VHO, COAs, BOHs, PDs, Clergy); maintains a database that tracks all intakes, client contact information, services and resources provided and disaggregates the data by multiple factors to inform community about profile and needs of those who are homeless; provides Homeless Prevention Hot Line on 24/7 basis for new referrals and crises; establishes emergency shelter system in collaboration with local motels; manages intake of individuals and families who are homeless, establishing policies for staying at motels and offer a daily hotline for motel owners to address issues that arise; participate in meetings of the Dukes County Health Council, Continuum of Care regional meetings, and Coordinated Entry System monthly meetings.							
Who qualifies for services	Residents of Martha's Vineyard who are homeless or facing homelessness, especially low income residents.							
"Adjacent" Agencies	The Homeless Prevention Case Worker works with the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority, Martha's Vineyard Community Services, Martha's Vineyard Hospital, Vineyard Health Care Access, Island Health Care, Vineyard Housing Office, Island Councils on Aging, Island Boards of Health, Island Food Pantry, Dukes County Public Benefits Office, and Island Police Departments to receive referrals and to support individuals who are homeless.							
What if we didn't exist?	The agencies listed above with whom the Homeless Prevention Case Worker collaborates would not have an entity to coordinate assistance for individuals and families whom these agencies encounter. Police Departments, the Hospital, MV Community Services, etc. who have a client who is homeless would have to turn the individual back to the streets - homeless. People who are homeless would not be given individual assistance in reviewing all the housing and support options available and would not receive hands on assistance in completing applications for such services. The number of individuals who are homeless on the island would increase.							
Benefits	Preventing homelessness saves lives. Individuals who are homeless suffer more crime, increased illness and death. Lack of housing can lead to lack of employment. Being homeless is traumatic, especially for children. Providing supports and services to access housing provides hope and lessens the impact of homelessness. The Homeless Prevention Caseworker (HPC) supports the Island's police departments who respond to calls regarding individuals who are homeless and often suffering from physical and mental health distress by seeking emergency shelter for these individuals. Similarly, the HPC assists the MV hospital by seeking support services and emergency housing for individuals who are homeless and ready for discharge. The HPC assists each of town by providing support and seeking shelter/housing for the towns' residents who are homeless, often suddenly. It is anticipated that the HPC will assist each of the towns by supporting 15 residents of Edgartown, 15 residents of Tisbury, 12 residents of West Tisbury, 2 residents of Aquinnah, 7 residents of Chilmark, and 37 residents of Oak Bluffs. Providing support and seeking shelter/housing for these residents can prevent crime, providing a safe and supportive environment for individuals who might otherwise engage in criminal activity in order to survive. The HPC can also improve public health by reducing the spread of communicable diseases and finding health care and support for those individuals and families who might otherwise go without. The Homeless Prevention program helps to strengthen the fabric of the Island community by working together with all agencies to address a pressing social issue.							

Requested from towns:	Total	Aquinnah	Chilmark	Edgartown	Oak Bluffs	Tisbury	West Tisbury
Allocation *	100%	2.82%	10.44%	32.66%	21.33%	18.56%	14.19%
	\$ 70,213.00	\$ 1,980.01	\$ 7,330.24	\$ 22,931.57	\$ 14,976.43	\$ 13,031.53	\$ 9,963.22

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

FY25 -24 change	\$ 10,645.00	\$175.10	\$1,010.07	\$3,196.69	\$2,205.05	\$2,505.87	\$1,552.22
	17.87%	9.70%	15.98%	16.20%	17.27%	23.81%	18.45%

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%
	\$ 59,568.00	\$ 1,804.91	\$ 6,320.16	\$ 19,734.88	\$ 12,771.38	\$ 10,525.67	\$ 8,411.00