



initiatives & achievements

COMMUNITY HOUSING PARTNERSHIP AWARDED \$20,000 FOR COMMUNITY EDUCATION

The Cape Cod Foundation has awarded \$20,000 to the Community Housing Partnership. The initiative, spearheaded by the Community Development Partnership and Housing Assistance Corporation, is designed to build community support for affordable housing. The year-long project, which begins this fall, revolves around educating members of the Cape community about affordable housing development and management to, in turn, receive the support necessary to effect change.

The project has three components:

FALL 2017: EDUCATING COMMUNITY LEADERS

The Affordable Housing Institute is a six-week course for 80 community leaders across the Cape. It is designed to equip Selectmen and members of Planning Boards, Community Preservation Committees and Affordable Housing Committees with the knowledge, resources and skills needed to help towns better assess affordable housing needs, develop affordable housing production plans, identify appropriate development sites and partner with developers.

WINTER 2018: CREATING RESIDENT ADVOCATES

In the next phase, 80 residents from across the Cape will receive training to become informed advocates for affordable housing.

SPRING 2018: BUILDING COMMUNITY AWARENESS

Most municipal decisions affecting affordable housing require a town meeting vote. Therefore, it is critical that residents are accurately informed. A Media Campaign will use print, broadcast and social media to dispel the myths of and build support for affordable housing.

The Foundation actively seeks out and supports initiatives that involve leadership development and strategic partnerships and alliances. This initiative has an educational and programmatic focus that will help remove some of the barriers to creating long-term solutions to the housing crisis on Cape Cod.