**CARE for the Cape and Islands CARE Seeks Applications for Second-Round of 2021 Grants**

**Yarmouth, MA (4/30/21)** – For the second time this year, CARE for the Cape and Islands is accepting grant applications for projects that help preserve and protect Cape & Islands’ natural environment, culture, and historical places.

Each year CARE for the Cape and Islands seeks proposals from local nonprofits that fit within five themes: Carbon Footprint Reduction, Environmental Stewardship, Food and Culture, and Infrastructure and Sense of Place. CARE is dedicated to advancing ideas for small and innovative community-based projects and believes that many small steps can bring the Cape community closer to long-term sustainability, protecting our fragile environment.

[Applications](https://careforthecapeandislands.wufoo.com/forms/r7a9fb10wx3m5m/) can be submitted April 30-May 31 and are open to all 501c3 nonprofit organizations in Cape Cod, Martha’s Vineyard, and Nantucket.

This is the first time CARE has accepted applications twice in one year. Grants typically range $1,000-2,000. Interested parties may find criteria and an online application at <https://careforthecapeandislands.org/project-criteria/>

Director of CARE for the Cape and Islands Jill Talladay said, “It is important to CARE to raise awareness of smaller initiatives that might not have otherwise get support. To date, we are proud to have funded over 50 projects that have created enduring, sustainable value.”

CARE for the Cape and the Islands gives preference to long-lasting projects, easily maintained, and that impact a significant number of people. Projects should fit into one or more of the following categories:

* Environmental Education
* Environmental Stewardship
* Infrastructure for Community Livability
* Sense of place
* Food and Culture
* Reduce and Reuse
* Protection of the natural environment, cultural, and historical elements

For a list of previous projects funded by CARE, please visit [https://careforthecapeandislands.org/projects-3/](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcareforthecapeandislands.org%2Ffunded-projects%2F&data=04%7C01%7Csonja.sheasley%40barnstablecounty.org%7C1c2d954c02bc40d7e90b08d90b5c7e50%7C84475217b42348dbb766ed4bbbea74f1%7C0%7C0%7C637553314161307025%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=2NTMDMxn%2B50G7nnEeTz%2FUvyj2tno3ZBKwyj5P0m4d6k%3D&reserved=0)

**ABOUT CARE FOR THE CAPE & THE ISLANDS**

CARE for the Cape & Island mission is to inspire stewardship to preserve and protect the natural environment, cultural and historical treasures of Cape Cod, Martha’s Vineyard, and Nantucket. Founded in 2012, it is the Cape and Islands’ first travelers’ philanthropy initiative. CARE seeks to encourage, support, and create opportunities for visitors and residents to donate their “time, talent, and treasure” to help preserve and protect our region’s exquisite natural beauty, plant and wildlife habitats, Cape & Islands culture, and history.

Since 2012, CARE has

* Activated 4,200+ volunteer hours (delivering $100k of value to the community) to clean up and improve community infrastructure.

* Funded 50+ projects, including water filling stations, cigarette butt collectors, historical trail development, and other amenities that benefit all of us.
* Convened more than 70 organizations in the Cape Cod Stewardship Collaborative to coordinate public and private efforts to address challenges of solid waste and plastic pollution that impact our land and marine environments.

Learn more about [**CARE for the Cape and Islands**](https://careforthecapeandislands.org/).