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Cape Cod Times Needy Fund, inc. to host 2 Commonwealth Corps paid interns as Engagement Coordinators, to assist with growing our organization's volunteerism, client service and fundraising efforts.

Cape and Islands, MA – The Cape Cod Times Needy Fund, Inc. is excited to announce it has been selected as one of 16 Commonwealth Corps host site partners in the 2022-2023 program year. Administered by the Massachusetts Service Alliance (MSA), the Commonwealth Corps is a state-funded service internship program that engages Massachusetts residents of all ages, backgrounds, and identities in service to strengthen communities, address critical community needs, and increase volunteerism. Serving a 10-month term, Corps members provide direct service; build capacity; and recruit, organize, and mobilize additional volunteers, thus building a grassroots movement of volunteers dedicated to service.

The Needy Fund will host 2 Commonwealth Corps members to be a part of the Needy Fund's client service team and our new Fundraising Taskforce. Through their service, members will be responsible for helping to grow marketing, fundraising, development, volunteerism, and client service efforts for the organization, while also developing themselves professionally in these areas. Training and support will be provided for all tasks assigned.

"The Needy Fund is thrilled to have been selected to be a host site partner for the 2022-2023 Commonwealth Corps service internship program. This partnership will enhance the Needy Fund's outreach efforts while providing real world work experience and on-the-job training for two Commonwealth Corps service members. We are looking forward to welcoming these members to our team this summer." – Susan Johnson, Executive Director

With the rising costs of housing, fuel and other basic human needs, the Needy Fund has continued to see the rise in need in our community of the Cape and Islands. This year, we applied to be a host site for the Commonwealth Corps for an opportunity to grow our organization in meaningful ways that meet the rising needs in our community. We are excited to see what our first year as a Commonwealth Corps host site brings to the organization and to the community.

Since its inception, over 1,100 Commonwealth Corps members have served, focusing on areas such as community development, health services, afterschool or summer programs, and volunteer recruitment and management, and directly benefiting more than 640,000 individuals. Massachusetts is currently the only state in the country to have a service corps program focused solely on state residents.

“We are very proud to be able to provide Commonwealth Corps members to these exceptional organizations because we know their ability to meet their mission will be greatly enhanced by their members,” said Emily Haber, MSA CEO. “Since the start of the Commonwealth Corps 15 years ago, Massachusetts residents have stepped up to dedicate a year of their lives to address some of the most critical needs in our communities and we know that next year’s Commonwealth Corps members will be there as we continue to recover from the ravages of the Covid-19 pandemic.”

From August 2022 through June 2023, Commonwealth Corps members across the state will serve in a full-time or half-time capacity in the focus areas of Economic Opportunity/Workforce Development, Education, Health/Nutrition, or Youth Development/Youth Violence Prevention. The program has a dual focus on both members’ impact in their organizations and communities, as well as their own professional growth and development.

You can join the Commonwealth Corps and make a difference with our organization. Massachusetts residents of all ages, backgrounds, and identities are encouraged to apply. 2 paid intern service positions are available with the Cape Cod Times Needy Fund, Inc. and applications are being reviewed on a rolling basis. Immediate applications are encouraged and can be submitted to smg@needyfund.org.

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The Cape Cod Times Needy Fund has served as a basic needs safety net for the most vulnerable members of our community, since 1936. Our mission is to provide urgent financial assistance for basic human needs to individuals and families residing on Cape Cod, Martha’s Vineyard, and Nantucket who are experiencing temporary financial hardships; and importantly, to provide resources or referrals needed to help residents achieve financial, and personal well-being. When faced with crises such as cancer, car accidents, family deaths, job loss, disability, childhood illnesses, fire, and other unexpected difficulties, we are here to help residents through the toughest of hardships.

The Massachusetts Service Alliance (MSA), established in 1991, is a private, nonprofit organization that expands volunteerism and service in Massachusetts by providing individuals and organizations with funding, training, and support, which enables them to strengthen communities and make our Commonwealth a better place to live. As the state commission on volunteerism and service, we generate collaboration and public-private partnerships at the local, state and federal level to grow volunteerism and service initiatives in MA. To learn more about MSA, visit: www.mass-service.org.