

## **Application Information and Guidelines**

### **OVERVIEW**

The Cape and Islands United Way is committed to improving lives, strengthening communities, and creating lasting change on Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket. One of the ways we accomplish this result is to partner with local agencies and nonprofit organizations to ensure a robust continuum of services and supports.

### **GRANT AWARDS**

In 2016, the Cape and Islands United Way introduced a two-step grant application process that included a Letter of Intent followed by a full grant application if invited to apply. The United Way supported 38 programs across the Cape and Islands in the four priority areas of Health, Education, Financial Stability and Housing. Funding of nearly \$600,000 was shared by 33 nonprofit organizations.

This year, grants are awarded for a one-year period and will be made in amounts **up to \$25,000. Organizations may apply for funding in up to two of the four focus areas.**

### **FUNDING GUIDELINES**

The Cape and Islands United Way seeks to award funding to nonprofit organizations offering programs and initiatives that align with the strategies of our **Results Framework**. The contract term of the grant is twelve (12) months. Funding will be received by grant recipients in monthly installments from July 2018 to June 2019. Grant recipients are required to submit a final report and to host one site review visit from our Community Impact Team Member(s). If the Grant Recipient is unable to meet the requirements or provide services as outlined in their contract, funding will be discontinued. All proposals must meet all of the following criteria:

- Be submitted by a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization
- Serve populations in Barnstable, Duke, or Nantucket Counties

- Possess clear goals, measurable outcomes, and be aligned with the Results Framework and Guiding Principles
- Demonstrate organizational experience and capacity to manage activities
- Provide reasonable budget projections and sustainable strategies

## **REVIEW PROCESS**

- The deadline for proposals is in January 17, 2018..
- Proposals are reviewed and scored using a scoring rubric by members of the Impact Team to which they are submitted: Health, Education, Financial Stability or Housing.
- Applicants may be invited for an interview during the review process.
- Recommendations are made by the Impact Teams to the Community Impact Council.
- The Community Impact Council makes final recommendations to the Board of Directors and final funding decisions are voted upon by the full board.
- Grant recipients are notified by the end of April and a grant reception is held in May.