

2026 Community & Impact Grant Application

Martha's Vineyard Community Foundation

Application Requirements & Criteria

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Not-for-profit organizations that are based on or serve Martha's Vineyard with an Internal Revenue Service 501 (c) (3) status or its equivalent may apply for a grant from the Community Foundation. The programs we support serve Martha's Vineyard and benefit our community.

Martha's Vineyard Community Foundation Community & Impact Grant Application Criteria

Applications will be judged based on the following criteria:

- Who will be served?
- Project or program is at a stage of development that justifies the requested amount.
- Expected outcomes are clear and realistic.
- The project will have a meaningful level of impact on the quality of life for the residents of Martha's Vineyard.

Please note:

- Awards are made at levels ranging from \$1,000 up to \$25,000. When considering the request level made to the Community Foundation, applicants should gauge the impact of the proposed program in relationship to the dollars requested.
- Martha's Vineyard Community Foundation does not award grant funding for capital campaigns.
- Awards are made for projects, not for general operating support.

Organizations receiving grants from the Community Foundation are required to submit a report on program or project activities within a year of the grant award. The report, which will be submitted online through our portal, consists of a narrative on the outcome of the initiative, a final financial accounting report, and photos that illustrate your project or program. *Subsequent requests for support*

will not be considered until all reports for prior grants have been received by the Martha's Vineyard Community Foundation.

Organization Details

Year Organization Was Established*

Character Limit: 4

Mission Statement*

Character Limit: 5000

Please provide a list of current Board members*

Character Limit: 1000

Current Annual Budget*

Character Limit: 20

Number of Paid Staff (full-time)*

Character Limit: 3

Number of Paid Staff (part-time)*

Character Limit: 3

Was this organization awarded a 2024 Community or Impact Grant?

Choices

Yes

No

Project/Program Name

Project Name*

Program or Project name.

Character Limit: 100

Brief Statement of Grant Purpose*

Please keep this description to one to two sentences. A full of description of the project or program will be requested later in this application.

Character Limit: 500

Have you received funding for this project from MVCF in previous years?*

Choices

Yes

No
N/A

Is this a new pilot or project?*

Choices

Yes
No

Grant Proposal

Anticipated Start Date of Program/Project*

Character Limit: 10

Anticipated End Date of Program/Project*

Character Limit: 10

Original Project/Program Description*

Please give a full description of the project/program for which you are requesting funding. The narrative should include the population you will serve, where and when it will take place, the frequency of events or sessions, who from your organization will implement the program or who you will hire to accomplish it, and any partnerships involved.

Character Limit: 3000

How will you measure the project's impact for participants, the Island, and for your organization?*

Please describe the tools you will use to measure success and impact.

Character Limit: 3000

What is the anticipated number of people to be served by this project?*

(with an opportunity to elaborate, if necessary)

Character Limit: 250

Budget/Financial Details

Anticipated Project Cost:*

The total dollar amount anticipated to complete the project/program. This should include the amount requested in this grant application.

Character Limit: 20

Grant Amount Requested*

The total dollar amount requested from the Community Foundation.

Character Limit: 20

What is the remaining amount you will need to fundraise?*

Character Limit: 10

Please list ALL sources and amounts of funding for this project/program.*

This should include all additional confirmed and potential sources of funding.

Character Limit: 2000

Budget/Anticipated Costs of Grant Request:*

Budget Template [Click Here](#)

Important first step: Please download the 2026 Budget Template in order to use it.

Edit the budget template to create a breakdown of anticipated costs for your proposed program/project. Do not include the cost of staff personnel or any overhead expenses: MVCF will allow 20% of the project's expenses to be used for those purposes and this will automatically be added to your subtotal. After you have edited the template to be as detailed as possible (including brief descriptions of expenses), upload a PDF here.

If you have trouble accessing the template, or uploading a PDF version once you have edited it, please contact Elizabeth Bennett at elizabethbennett@marthasvineyardcf.org

File Size Limit: 4 MB

Terms and Conditions

By submitting this document, I attest that the information provided in this grant request is true and accurate.

Signed and submitted by:*

Character Limit: 50