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**From:** Christine Flynn [flynn@mvcommission.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 12, 2011 2:06 PM  
**To:** 'Tim Carroll \ (Town Mng)'  
**Cc:** ddeblase@chilmarkma.gov; Todd Christy; Mark London  
**Subject:** RE: Island-wide Housing Needs Assessment - Chilmark BOS Meeting 8/16/11

**Attachments:** Draft Housing Needs Assessment Letter\_Scope\_Funding 4\_26\_11.pdf; IEH\_Non-profit\_Letters.pdf



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Tim,

Please forward this email to the Chilmark Selectmen in preparation for Tuesday's meeting.

Attached are two documents regarding the Island-wide Housing Needs Assessment. The first letter dated April 26th is on behalf of the Joint Affordable Housing Group outlining reasons why the Housing Needs Assessment should be updated including the Draft Scope and Proposed Funding Formula (which will be updated in September). The second letter is from Ann Wallace, Executive Director, Island Elderly Housing with 23 signatures from various Island Non-Profits stating that these organizations would utilize the Housing Needs Assessment Study especially when applying for state and federal grants as well as private fundraising. Please keep in mind that this is not an MVC project but instead MVC Staff is assisting the towns to facilitate and administer the process of hiring a consultant to do the study.

As of today, all six town affordable housing committees are in support to fund the Joint Affordable Housing Group's initiative to do an Island-wide Housing Needs Assessment. Chilmark, Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury, and West Tisbury AH Committees voted to recommend that their towns' Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Funds (MAHTF) to appropriate the requested funds.

One benefit to a MAHTF enables towns to hire consultants to do grant writing and studies such as a Housing Needs Assessment. The original request, to do the study, was \$4,000 from each town but was reduced to \$2,700 because Edgartown asked the MVC find additional funds. Originally, the Martha's Vineyard Commission committed \$6,000 towards the study but in response to Edgartown's request was able to commit an additional \$1,800 and the Martha's Vineyard Housing Fund offered to commit an additional \$6,000, thereby lowering each towns' share by \$1,300, assuming all towns participate.

The West Tisbury Affordable Housing Trust Fund and the Tisbury Board of Selectmen have voted to allocate funds provided that all six towns participate and pay an equal share. The Edgartown Affordable Housing Trust Fund voted in favor to allocate funds but the Edgartown Selectmen voted against the recommendations from two of its town committees. The town of Aquinnah will be voting on a CPC warrant article to appropriate funds provided all six towns participate at September's Special Town Meeting. The Oak Bluffs Affordable Housing Trust Fund Committee has not meet yet but MVC staff is working with the Affordable Housing Committee to coordinate a meeting. MVC Staff is also working with the Edgartown Affordable Housing Committee to possibly revisit this initiative in September.

Please let me know if you need additional information. I look forward to seeing you and the Chilmark Selectmen on Tuesday. Have a great weekend.

Christine

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