

Chilmark Board of Selectmen
P.O. Box 119
Chilmark, MA 02535

August 22, 2011

Dear Chilmark Board Member:

I am writing to thank you for your efforts in sending a letter to the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development regarding a proposed change to alternate year CDBG funding for Massachusetts towns.

This afternoon DHCD came out with the FY12 One Year Action Plan and they have eliminated the alternate year funding proposal. Instead, DHCD is limiting the maximum amount of funding over a two-year period to \$1.35m per town. This works beautifully for Martha's Vineyard towns as our regional grants are allocated between multiple communities.

In particular I would like to thank Christine Flynn from the Martha's Vineyard Commission and Elizabeth Bridgewater from the Lower Cape CDP.

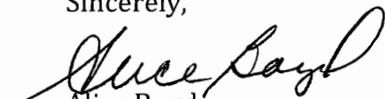
Christine Flynn worked diligently to prepare an individual letter for each Island Board of Selectmen. She was also pivotal in securing the letter from the Cape and Islands delegation, including Senate President Therese Murray.

Elizabeth Bridgewater went to Worcester and testified, providing compelling information on the impact of losing funding/alternate year funding for parents relying on childcare subsidies.

It's always a pleasure to see so many people work together to achieve positive results for our most needy residents.

Once again, thank you for your efforts.

Sincerely,


Alice Boyd
Grant Administrator

