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To: Chilmark Board of Selectmen
From: Alice Boyd, Bailey Boyd Associates, Inc.
Subject: Participation in FY14 Oak Bluffs CDBG Grant
Date: January 15, 2014

The Town of Edgartown will be submitting an FY14 Community Development Block Grant applying for funding to continue the successful housing rehabilitation and childcare subsidies programs. The Edgartown Board has voted to once again invite the town of Chilmark to participate.

This is a highly competitive grant application and there is no guarantee of funding. In recent years the program has assisted many Chilmark families to maintain their homes and taken care of critical code violations. The childcare subsidy program provides assistance to Chilmark families each year, paying up to \$5,000 to childcare providers to subsidize care while parents work, go to school or seek employment.

This program is also an important economic catalyst as the majority of contractors and all of the childcare providers come from the island (note that due to state and federal procurement regulations we cannot forbid off-island contractors from bidding).

If the town of Chilmark would like to participate in the FY14 joint application, being submitted for just under \$1,000,000, please sign two copies of the attached DHCD Joint Authorization Form and return them to me in the stamped self-addressed envelope by Wednesday February 5, 2014.

As always, there is no cost to the town and enormous benefit to local residents, contractors and child care providers.