

Annual or Special Town Meeting 2024

Grant Match – Hospital Roads Resilience

ARTICLE: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$6,381.63 (Six Thousand, Three Hundred eighty-one dollars and sixty three cents) to serve as cost share to fund and pay costs associated with grant application services and the grant match requirement for the Hospital Roads Resilience Assessment being performed by the Town of Oak Bluffs, and to cover all costs incidental and relative thereto, or to take any other action relative thereto.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: In 2023, Oak Bluffs secured a \$169,150.00 grant from the EEA Coastal Zone Management, covering 75% of the funds. The grant aims to conduct a comprehensive vulnerability assessment and develop a conceptual retrofit design to address transportation access threats to Martha’s Vineyard Hospital Roads near the hospital facility.

While actively pursuing a partnership with the hospital to share project costs, Oak Bluffs is also seeking support from neighboring towns for the remaining 25% of the funds, amounting to \$57,544. This financial collaboration, based on the County 50/50% cost-sharing methodology, is crucial as hospital access impacts all island communities. Any unutilized funds will be returned to the respective town, following the same prorated formula that was initially employed for allocation.

The allocated funds will cover various aspects, including assessing current and projected flooding risks along key transportation routes to the hospital, conducting alternative route analysis, evaluating the feasibility of road elevation, exploring nature-based solutions to mitigate flooding risks, and conceptualizing elevation enhancements. Recognizing the significance of the Martha’s Vineyard Hospital's resilience, this initiative aligns with findings from several studies, including the 2020 MVC Oak Bluffs Climate Profile, 2019 MVP Community Resilience Building Workshops, 2019 Town of Oak Bluffs Comprehensive Master Plan, 2016 Coastal Vulnerability and Adaptation Plan, and the 2006 Risk and Vulnerability Assessment.

Grant Match Request		% of Match
Town	50/50	\$ 57,544.00
Aquinnah	3%	\$ 1,870.18
Chilmark	11%	\$ 6,381.63
Edgartown	31%	\$ 17,735.06
Oak Bluffs	21%	\$ 12,061.22
Tisbury	19%	\$ 10,847.04
West Tisbury	15%	\$ 8,648.86
	100%	\$ 57,544.00