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Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2023 12:00 PM
To: Dilly the best
Cc: Alison Kisselgof
Subject: Fwd: Mass Housing Partnership's Complete Neighborhoods Initiative
Attachments: WT MVC Complete Neighborhood.pdf; apple-icon-180x180.png; att19169.htm; Complete Neighborhoods Partnership MHAC 3-24-22.pdf; att15724.htm; att26500.htm

Hi Dilly -

Here is Laura's email, which has a sample West Tisbury SB letter at the bottom. It is a **letter of interest to find out more about the grant** and what it funds from Mass Housing Partnership. It is a Zoom presentation (listed below) on 9/29 at 6:30pm.

Thanks,
Ann

Begin forwarded message:

From: Laura Silber <silber@mvcommission.org>
Subject: Mass Housing Partnership's Complete Neighborhoods Initiative
Date: August 15, 2023 at 4:07:27 PM EDT
To: Laura Silber <silber@mvcommission.org>, Lucy Morrison <morrison@mvcommission.org>

Hello JAHG!

As discussed at the last JAHG meeting, info is here on Mass Housing Partnership's Complete Neighborhood Initiatives program. Application cycle starts this fall.

I am making my way around to all the Island Select Boards to request a Letter of Interest for a virtual presentation about the Complete Neighborhoods Initiative from MHP for the Island town governments. If there is enough interest, MHP program director Christine Madore would present the Zoom presentation for all the Island town boards on Sept 29th at 6:30 PM.

I would request that the presentation be geared toward a regional application from rural communities, referencing Franklin County's award last year, so the info would be highly relevant for MV:

- An Letter of interest in viewing a presentation would help us secure the presentation with MHP.
- It would be requested that at least one representative of the Select Board, Planning Board, and Affordable Housing Committee from each town attend the Zoom. We would record the Zoom to share with those who cannot attend.

- Assistance from each town Housing Committees on requesting the Letter of Interest would be greatly appreciated.
 - AQ and WT are all set with letters, thanks!
 - OB AHC is attending SB meeting next week — thanks Mark L. and committee.
 - I'm meeting with Edg AHC today.
 - **Please contact me if you're from Tis or Chil to coordinate w me, thanks so much — I've already talked w your town admins so they have all the relevant info.**

Mass Housing Partnership is offering only 6 awards in 2023 for their Complete Neighborhood Partnership Initiative.

Six communities were chosen in 2022 for this extensive program, and another six will be chosen in 2023 — the application process opens in September.

Martha's Vineyard has a very good shot at being accepted into the program if we apply as a region. If accepted as a region, the \$150K funding cap per award would be lifted, and the award would be significantly higher.

The MVC would be available to facilitate for the towns with MHP (A regional award in 2022 to Franklin County is being facilitated by their regional planning agency)

Complete Neighborhoods is an extraordinary program, **providing individualized planning support to each participating town**, as well as facilitating a synthesis of those plans into regional coherence.

The program focuses on affordable and attainable housing, and sustainable transportation corridors for long term livability and sustainability. It provides everything from zoning analysis to planning support to shepherding the process of grant applications to the state. **Acceptance into the program would help the Island better tap into state funding streams, elevate the municipal workforce housing issue to advance approval of mechanisms to help the towns address it, put the needs of MV firmly and specifically on the map at state level, as well as providing an enormous amount of technical support over a 30 month period.**

I have met with MHPs director and the Town of Aquinnah, which is looking for rural smart growth support. MHP is encouraging us to apply as a region.

MHP's power point (from last year) on the initiative is here:

The website link for the program is here (scroll down past the MBTA Communities info, info for the rest of the state is further down)

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