

MARTHA'S VINEYARD CULTURAL COUNCIL

To the Honorable Selectboard and the Citizens of Chilmark:

The mission of the Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council (MVCC) is to promote excellence, access, education, and diversity in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences to improve the quality of life for all Island residents. Our grants may be modest, but their effects resound mightily through the Vineyard community.

Each year, the MVCC receives and evaluates grant applications for projects that help support our mission. Instructions, program guidelines, and application forms are available at massculturalcouncil.org. The MVCC gives priority to projects originating on the Island and benefiting the year-round Island community.

In 2023 the MVCC held several meetings virtually from October-December to evaluate applications. For FY24, the Commonwealth allocated the MVCC \$33,000 for local re-granting. The six Island Towns also contributed generously: Aquinnah (\$1,500), Chilmark (\$3,500), Edgartown (\$3,500), Oak Bluffs (\$2,000), Tisbury (\$3,500), and West Tisbury (\$3,500). A number of prior year grantees were unable to follow through with their projects, and so those funds were rolled over to be distributed this year. Together, the total amount available for grants was \$63,283. This year the MVCC received 48 applications requesting a total of \$174,000.

As always, the members of the MVCC wish to thank West Tisbury Town Accountant Bruce Stone and Town Treasurer/Collector Katherine Logue, who have processed the financial transactions of the Council since it became a regional entity in 2003. Given that the Council has not asked for an increase in the town's contributions since 2020, combined with the marked increase in the amount of funds requested, the Council would like to request \$5000 from Chilmark this year so that it may continue to fulfill its mission.

Respectfully submitted,

Rizwan Malik, Chair



MVCC Members

West Tisbury

Irene Tewksbury - Treasurer
Paul Doherty
Hal Garneau - Secretary

Tisbury

Julia Kidd
Suzanne Roberge
David Forbes

Edgartown

JP Hitesman
Susan Shea
Bari Boyer

Aquinnah

Berta Welch

Chilmark

Dena Porter
Heather Goff
Stephanie Danforth

Oak Bluffs

Abby Bender
Abby Remer
Rizwan Malik - Chair

Project	Funding Given
Built on Stilts	\$3,100
Islanders Write	\$2,500
A Positive Magic at the Faery Way Station	\$1,330
Cinema Circus	\$2,250
2024 Martha's Vineyard Film Festival	\$2,250
19th Annual Martha's Vineyard International Film Festival	\$1,650
Drive-In at the YMCA	\$2,250
Martha's Vineyard Fossil Day	\$2,775
Music & Memory Community Place	\$3,525
Abby Bender Schmantze Theatre	\$2,325
Sankofa Festival	\$1,875
6th Annual Women In Film Festival	\$1,500
Quartets, Duos and Trios, Oh my	\$1,500
17th Annual Native Artisan Market & Festival	\$4,725
Winter Concert and Community Sings	\$3,653
Sounds Like Summer: Music on the Lawn	\$3,413
Capstone Concert: Focus on Jazz	\$350
Art of Conservation	\$1,250

Black Brook Singers at the Circle	\$2,500
Honoraria for guest musicians accompanying concerts	\$1,500
Saving Rebecca	\$3,500
LGBTQ+ Pride Weekend	\$2,500
Tales of Now & Zen: An Evening of Stories for Adults	\$250
Local Music & Dancing — Off-Season	\$2,500
Species in Focus: Martha's Vineyard's Biodiversity in 4K	\$3,750
Billy Baloo	\$1,250
Memorial Day Picnic Traditional Music	\$188
Aquinnah Artisans Holiday Fair and Childrens Art Show	\$625
Blue Minds Ocean Education Series	\$1,500
Black Children's Reading Corner	\$1,000