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Cape Ann Community Foundation Announces Grant Opportunity

The Board of Directors of the Cape Ann Community Foundation (CACF) announced today that they are inviting proposals for the Foundation's fourth annual round of grants. CACF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization established in 2015 by the Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce to manage funds and award grants from the proceeds from the Cape Ann License Plate. CACF will make grants ranging from \$2,000 to \$5,000 for projects that support the Foundation's mission to improve the economy and overall quality of life for the residents of Cape Ann in the following areas:

- **Regional promotion:** projects that support and enhance the quality of life for the Cape Ann region and the communities of Essex, Gloucester, Manchester-by-the-Sea and Rockport; and promote Cape Ann as a desirable place to live, work, recreate and vacation.
- **Economic Development:** projects that expand employment opportunities and enhance the economic vitality of Cape Ann, including but not limited to projects that facilitate the start-up of new enterprises or the expansion of existing enterprises on Cape Ann.
- **Training and Education:** projects that support the training and education of the current and future Cape Ann workforce, including entrepreneurial training, to help Cape Ann residents succeed and thrive in the 21st century economy.

Eligible applicants include religious, educational, scientific and cultural institutions; poverty relief agencies; and in general any organization that qualifies as a 501(c) (3) charity and is based in or providing services to the Cape Ann community. Local governments and their subdivisions in the communities of Essex, Gloucester, Manchester-by-the-Sea and Rockport are also eligible to apply for CACF grants.

In their first three annual grant rounds the Cape Ann Community Foundation has made awards totaling \$39,000 to 14 Cape Ann area non-profit organizations and schools: Action, Inc., Backyard Growers, Cape Ann Art Haven, Cape Ann Farmers Market, the Educational Foundation for Rockport, Generous Gardeners, Manchester Essex Regional High School's Green Team, Pathways

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for Children, Project Adventure (in partnership with Schooner Adventure), Rockport Exchange, Sawyer Free Library, The Open Door, The Sunrise Fund and Windhover Performing Arts Center.

“My fellow Board members and I encourage all Cape Ann area non-profits and municipalities with eligible projects to submit proposals for this funding cycle,” said CACF Board President Ruth Pino. “And remember, any Massachusetts resident can buy the Cape Ann License Plate. We need more Cape Ann plates on the road to ensure funding for worthy initiatives in the future,” Pino added.

Grant guidelines and application forms will be available online beginning March 4 at capeanncommunityfoundation.org, and they may also be picked up at the Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce at 33 Commercial Street, Gloucester. The deadline for grant applications is May 1, 2020. For further information call the Chamber at (978) 283-1601 or email Peter Webber at peter@capeannchamber.com.

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