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Cape Cod Economic Development Council Announces 2015/2016 Grant Round

The Cape Cod Economic Development Council announces the availability of up to \$75,000 in total grant funds for projects that support economic development in Barnstable County.

The CCEDC seeks **Letters of Interest** in these areas of interest only:

1. Enhanced economic support for locally produced products: *Projects that support the connectivity to, distribution of, and general business expertise for locally produced products across Cape Cod.*
2. "Smart" education projects that unite school classrooms across districts via OpenCape: *Educational projects that make use of the OpenCape platform to offer interactive classes for children of all school districts on Cape Cod, so that students who participate may remain in their school while participating with others in other school districts. Collaboration with WHOI, MBL and other local higher educational institutions offering educational programs in STEM are preferred.*
3. Aquaculture Project: *Projects that will increase nitrogen assimilation to result in a reduction of nitrogen loading to a compromised body of water. This project may be administered by an independent shellfish grower, by a municipality or other agency for the triple benefit of education, clean water, and environmental and economic sustainability.*
4. Last Mile Build out: *Projects that speed the expansion and deployment of "last mile" and near net build out of the OpenCape network.*

Preference is given to ideas that produce new economic activity, respond to a well defined regional need or opportunity, require seed funding for early stage planning or implementation, create lasting collaborations, and create sustainable models that have the potential to be replicated in other parts of the region.

For more information on eligibility, evaluation criteria, timetable and access to the **Letter of Intent application**, go to capecodedc.org: **Current Grants Program**

All submissions for consideration must be completed on-line and submitted by Noon, December 8, 2015.

All submissions will be reviewed by a committee of the CCEDC for the purpose of selecting a limited number of applicants who will then be invited to submit full proposals shortly thereafter.

The CCEDC was created by an act of the State Legislature as an advisory body to the county commissioners. The CCEDC consists of 14 council members, including 11 private sector members representing various segments of the Cape's economy, (appointed by the County Commissioners), one seat from the Assembly of Delegates, one seat representing the Cape Cod Commission, and one seat representing the County Commissioners.

The mission of the CCEDC is: *"To improve the quality of life for all residents of Barnstable County by fostering public policies and financing, through grants, activities that lead to a healthy year-round economy compatible with the Cape Cod environment and culture."*

The CCEDC accomplishes this mission by providing financial support via grants for innovative projects that strengthen the Cape's economic infrastructure by collaborating with the non-profit, public and private sectors on economic development initiatives. All grant monies are derived from sales of the Cape & Island License Plate.

CCEDC's past grants include: wastewater treatment, village growth centers, main street redevelopment, higher education, STEM programs, renewable energy, the OpenCape project, arts and culture and the Buy Fresh Buy Local program. See our awarded grant archives on-line for more information.

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