



Community Impact Council

About CIC

The Community Impact Council is a dynamic group of individuals who work together on committees to review and develop our social service strategies and funding priorities each year. The members of the CIC bring specific expertise in social services, outcomes and measurement in our impact areas of health, education, financial stability and housing.

As an advisory group to the Board of Directors, the CIC oversees the work of our Impact Teams (citizen volunteers who review grant proposals and monitor the work of funded partners), and makes funding recommendations to the Board that best serve the needs of the community.

Our 4 focus areas

Learn more at capeandislandsuw.org/our-work



PROMOTING HEALTH

Every individual should have the resources to become strong and resilient.



IMPROVING EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS

All children and youth should have the opportunity to thrive.



ENCOURAGING FINANCIAL STABILITY

We support individuals and families to become stable and self-reliant.



CREATING HOUSING STABILITY

Every individual should be safely housed.



It's extremely gratifying to contribute to the grant making process and be part of a group that helps community organizations continue their good work. Being a good steward of the funds donated to the United Way is an important mission – one I'm proud to be part of.

– Lynn Mason-Small, Senior Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer, Rogers & Gray



We have such gratitude for all that the Cape & Islands United Way has done for the kids we serve!

– JR Mell, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cape Cod & the Islands



How it works

The Community Impact Council has four committees who each work on one of our focus areas. Committees have several members, each with a team chair to oversee and lead the group.

Grant cycle

The Cape and Islands United Way partners with local nonprofit organizations to ensure a robust continuum of services and supports for all residents. Our grant cycle begins early in the new year and is a process of:

- Accepting applications
- Reviewing the applications within each team
- Conducting interviews and site visits to organizations being considered
- Making recommendations for funding with your Impact Team
- Final review and decision being made by the Executive Board

This entire process takes approximately 5 months (with specific guidelines and deadlines to follow) and concludes in May. Funding for that grant cycle begins in September of the following year and payments are made quarterly to each organization that is funded.

The time commitment certainly varies depending on the time of year. However, during times of initial application review and times of decision making, you can expect to spend a few hours a week on the process. If the general guidelines and deadlines are followed, it is a very manageable time commitment with great results and great rewards.

Interested in joining our Community Impact Council?

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