Introduction
In just two short years, The Harwich Fund has built a growing community of donors working together to strengthen the critical framework that supports the Harwich community. With a motto of “Harwich Helping Harwich,” the Fund has awarded $22,835 in grants to eight nonprofit organizations serving a broad section of Harwich residents. The Harwich Fund is delighted to announce that 2022 will mark its first annual competitive grantmaking cycle, enabling the Fund to further expand its reach and impact across all walks of life in Harwich.

The goal of The Harwich Fund is to provide grants for initiatives tackling a wide range of challenges and opportunities facing the Harwich community. While the initial focus of the Fund has been on supporting health and human services for youth, families, and seniors, grantmaking from the Fund will now also address the town’s historic, cultural, and environmental needs. Applicant organizations can be located outside of the Town of Harwich, but projects and programs must specifically support Harwich residents.

Overview
The Harwich Fund will consider a wide range of proposals. The Fund is particularly interested in proposals that provide a creative and informed response to unmet community needs. Proposals should solve a challenge facing the Harwich community across a wide range of fields, including human services, health, education, arts and culture, community development, and the environment. While not a requirement, the Fund is keen to support smaller/grassroots Harwich-focused or Harwich-based organizations and encourages proposals from organizations of that nature. The Harwich Fund prefers to support a specific activity/event, project, or essential purchase such as for equipment or technology.

Grants from The Harwich Fund are generally $1,000 - $2,500. The Harwich Fund plans to award $5,000 to $7,500 in this first round of competitive grantmaking.

All applications will be submitted through The Cape Cod Foundation’s online grant management system. Please click here to learn more about using our system prior to completing an application. If you have already created an organizational profile with The Cape Cod Foundation, you will not need to create a new one for The Fund for Sandwich.

Deadline
The deadline to apply is October 21st 2022.

Timeline
The Harwich Fund will consider all applications in mid-November and recommendations will be presented to The Cape Cod Foundation’s Board of Directors. Distributions will be made thereafter.

Types of Organizations That May Apply
- 501(c)(3) public charities
- Organizations serving a charitable purpose that have a fiscal sponsor that is a 501(c)(3) public charity
- Faith-based organizations. We will consider proposals if: (1) services benefit all, regardless of religion; (2) services provided are not religious in nature; and (3) there is no proselytizing associated with the service.
- Civic organizations. Proposals must be project-based and of a charitable nature; the organization must have a fiscal sponsor that is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.
- Public and private schools. We will only fund projects that exceed the school’s budget; applicant must have a letter of support from the fiscal head of the school.
- Other government agencies with project-based proposals. Applicants must have a letter of support from the fiscal head of the agency.

**Limitations**
The Harwich Fund will generally not consider proposals for the following:
- Debt reduction
- Projects that will be completed prior to the grant award
- Capital campaigns or improvements
- Endowment building
- Monuments and memorials

**Grant Evaluation Process**
All grant applicants are encouraged to review the grant guidelines. The Cape Cod Foundation’s staff initially screens applications for eligibility and completeness. The Harwich Fund grant committee is comprised of knowledgeable community members who will evaluate eligible applications and forward grant recommendations to The Cape Cod Foundation’s Board of Directors for final approval.

**Reporting**
The Harwich Fund would like to be informed of its grantees’ accomplishments and good work, along with the challenges they are facing. If a grant is awarded, grantees can choose to submit a written narrative, share a video, or schedule a one-on-one conversation to fulfill this reporting requirement. This report is due no later than one year from the date the grant was awarded.

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