



community development partnership

Creating opportunities for people to live, work, & thrive on the Lower Cape

Since its inception in 1992, the Community Development Partnership has led the way in expanding opportunities for low and moderate income people to live, work and thrive on the Lower Cape.

Our work starts with creating affordable homes. They are essential to a healthy economy, but a real challenge in communities like ours where seasonal and vacation dynamics drive the housing market beyond the reach of many who live and work locally year round. We also help launch entrepreneurs and strengthen local businesses through training, technical assistance and micro-loans—work that spans a diverse array of businesses, from fishing and farming to art and hospitality. We believe a vibrant future depends on sustaining traditional industries and inspiring new ones—especially when they're based on renewable natural resources such as fishing, farming, art and hospitality. In all that we do, we aim to protect the natural environment around us, preserving the character and sustaining the future of this special place we call home.

Major Accomplishments include:

- Developing, owning and managing 73 affordable rentals; providing a home for 140 individuals.
- Providing business assistance and/or loan capital to over 2,050 locally owned small businesses.
- Preserving 384 homes through repairs and upgrades, while putting local contractors to work with contracts totaling \$8.7M.
- Lending over \$2.85M in micro-loans to help start and sustain 146 local small businesses.
- Installing 420 solar panels on our properties; generating \$50K annually which is reinvested in our programs.
- Educating 469 potential First Time Home Buyers so they have the resources to make informed decisions in the home buying process.
- Helping 20 local fishermen retain their livelihood through the nationally recognized Cape Cod Fisheries Trust.

Our Community Investment Plan is designed to achieve the following three goals:

1. Strengthening business sectors with competitive regional advantage, especially traditional and renewable natural resource based businesses such as fishing and the arts.
2. Increasing the affordability and the availability of safe, stable year round housing.
3. Increasing energy efficiency and local renewable energy generation.

While each of these goals is focused on a distinct issue, they are also highly inter-related. Businesses cannot take root and flourish without a diverse pool of potential employees and consumers. Those workers and consumers cannot reside locally without access to affordable housing and decent-paying jobs. Finally, energy conservation, including a greater reliance on renewable resources, creates economic advantages for individuals, families and businesses – especially valuable to those with LMI income. It also promotes the long-term health of the physical environment. By pursuing these three inter-related goals, the CDP takes a holistic approach to strengthening the Lower Cape region in ways that benefit residents now, and will pay dividends in the future.