

## HOW CAN WE HELP?

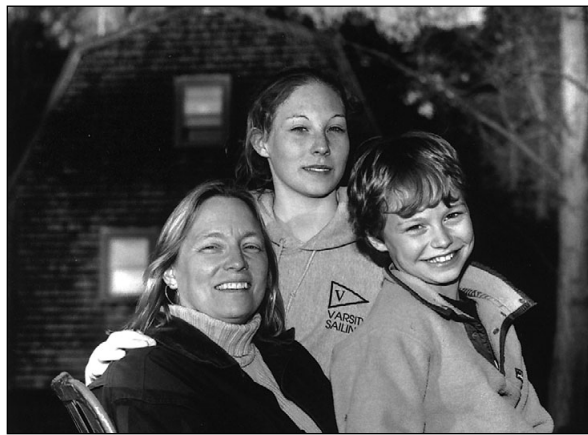
### RENTAL ASSISTANCE – LANDLORDS

The Regional Housing Authority provides no-interest loans between \$10,000 and \$40,000 through its **Rental Rehabilitation Loan Program**. Homeowners can use the funds to rehabilitate or winterize their properties in exchange for year-round affordable rentals.

The Regional Housing Authority also provides free rental management services to homeowners in return for renting their properties year-round through the **Rental Conversion Program**.

### RENTAL ASSISTANCE - TENANTS

The Regional Housing Authority administers the **Rental Conversion Program** for eligible families and individuals making 120% or less of the area's median income. The program provides a subsidy to assist the household in paying monthly rent for private rentals.



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## WHAT WE DO

*The Regional Housing Authority provides quality housing to over 65 working Island families and serves all the Island towns. Our tenants have a long relationship with the Vineyard and a strong degree of commitment to the community. These year-round families are the foundation of Island economic and civic life. They work in the service sector, in retail, in construction and in other essential jobs; among them are teachers and librarians, bank tellers and nurses' aides, landscapers and shop clerks, ambulance drivers and many others who make the Island work for all of us.*

### PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT

The Regional Housing Authority has spent over \$4 million dollars since 1992 to acquire, construct or renovate 42 rental apartments located in the towns of Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury, and West Tisbury. The Housing Authority is actively pursuing the creation of new rental apartments through the purchase of existing properties and the construction of new apartments.

### PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

The Regional Housing Authority owns and manages rental apartments on scattered sites, that are permanently affordable for eligible families and individuals making 80% or less of the area's median income.



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## WHO WE ARE



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*The Dukes County Regional Housing Authority is governed by an eight-member board of directors who represent each of the Island towns of Martha's Vineyard and Cuttyhunk, and a member appointed by the Governor.*

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# HOUSING OUR ISLAND FAMILIES



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Founded in 1986, the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority serves the islands of Martha's Vineyard and Cuttyhunk. The mission of the Regional Housing Authority is to provide affordable year-round housing for the residents of Dukes County. It is a priority of the Regional Housing Authority to address the housing needs of residents with low and moderate incomes.

The Regional Housing Authority is actively pursuing its goal of providing 200 year-round housing opportunities for Martha's Vineyard and Cuttyhunk.



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**CALL THE HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR APPLICATIONS OR INFORMATION**

**HOMEBUYER ASSISTANCE**

Through the **Island Affordable Homebuyer Clearinghouse**, the Regional Housing Authority provides homebuyer services to income-eligible Island families and individuals who want to purchase an affordable home, including:

- Information about local affordable homeownership programs and opportunities as they become available;
- Assistance to Island families and individuals in completing housing application forms; and
- Additional information on state and federal low-interest loan programs.

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

The Housing Authority provides direct support to Island towns and the housing community, including:

- Establishing the **Vineyard Housing Office** and the **VHO website** as resources for Islanders looking for or working on housing;
- Assisting towns in **developing and managing affordable housing** by designing creative affordable housing programs, securing financing and grant opportunities and providing rental management services;
- Developing **legal documents** and **promoting laws** that can be utilized by towns and housing organizations to preserve affordable housing on the Vineyard;
- Organizing **Vineyard Housing Forums** to create greater awareness of and to share specific information on housing issues.



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**Greenough House, Tisbury**

This 100-year-old colonial revival home, located off Main Street in Vineyard Haven, has been renovated into six independent living apartments designated for residents who are 55 years or older. *Household income is limited to 50-60% of the area's median income.*

**Lagoon Pond Apartments, Tisbury**

These four apartments of family housing, located in downtown Vineyard Haven, were purchased in 2002 and consist of three one-bedroom apartments and one three-bedroom apartment. *Household income must not exceed 80% of the area's median income limits.*

**Vineyard Village Apartments, Tisbury**

These twelve apartments of family housing were purchased and renovated in 1996, and include one handicapped accessible apartment. The apartments are located in a neighborhood setting off State Road in Vineyard Haven. *Household income must not exceed 65% of the area's median income limits.*

**Lake Street Apartments, Tisbury**

Built by the Town of Tisbury in collaboration with the Regional High School Vocational Arts Department in 1998, the Regional Housing Authority manages these apartments for the town. The apartments consist of three two-bedroom units and one three-bedroom unit. *Household income must not exceed 80% of the area's median income limits.*

**Lagoon Heights Houses, Oak Bluffs**

Built in 1994, these eight units provide living quarters and rehabilitative services to those persons needing mental health or addiction recovery services on Cape Cod or the Islands. Contact Fellowship Health Resources, Inc. at (508) 693-2003 for applications.

**Fisher Road Townhouses, Edgartown**

This complex of townhouses purchased and renovated in 1996 consists of eight three-bedroom apartments designated for family housing. These townhouse apartments are located off Upper Main Street in Edgartown. *Household income must not exceed 60% of the area's median income limits.*

**Halcyon Way Apartments, West Tisbury**

This Cape-style duplex house, built by the Island Affordable Housing Development Corporation in 2002, consists of two two-bedroom apartments. The property is located within a neighborhood setting, next to the West Tisbury School. *Household income must not exceed 80% of the area's median income limits.*



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**Sepiessa Point Apartments, West Tisbury**

This Cape styled multi-family house, built in 1997, consists of two one-bedroom apartments and two two-bedroom apartments. One apartment is handicapped accessible. The property is located next to the Sepiessa Point Land Bank Property on Tisbury Great Pond. *Household income must not exceed 80% of the area's median income limits.*