## **Brewster Rental Assistance Information Sheet**

<u>Goal</u>: To provide economic assistance for affordable rental housing with social support services to bridge households and assist them in accessing and maintaining market, and affordable, long term housing options.

<u>Funding Source:</u> Created by the Brewster Affordable Housing Trust, rental assistance is supported by the residents of Brewster through grants of Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds. The program is managed by Housing Assistance Corporation (HAC) and contingent on available funding.

## Requirements for ongoing Rental Assistance Program

- Must be a Brewster resident or employee or have a child in Brewster public elementary schools.
- Household income must be below, or at, 80% AMI and paying over 30% of income on rent.
- Rental unit must be located in Brewster, be a legal rental unit, and have a written lease.
- Monthly rent amount must meet HAC's determination of 'rent reasonableness' for Barnstable County, rent cannot exceed 120% of HUD fair market value for Barnstable County.
- Participants may not be receiving other rental assistance.

## **Program Guidelines for ongoing Rental Assistance**

- Up to \$500 per month rental assistance (amount based on tenant portion of rent at 30% of household income; childcare costs & high or emergency health care costs, may be included in determination).
- Lease payments made directly to landlord.
- Annual review and adjustment of rental assistance, with maximum of 3 years of assistance subject to funding availability and active participation in program.
- Participants shall participate in case management.
- Program limited to 20 ongoing households.

## **Applying for Brewster Rental Assistance**

The Housing Assistance Corporation (HAC) is administering Brewster's rental assistance program. To apply, contact HAC at 508-771-5400, email <a href="mailto:hac@haconcapecod.org">hac@haconcapecod.org</a> or apply online at <a href="https://www.haconcapecod.org/programs/homeless-prevention">www.haconcapecod.org/programs/homeless-prevention</a>.

2023	Household	1	2	3	4	5	6
HUD	Size	Person	Persons	Persons	Persons	Persons	Persons
Income							
Limits							
80%		\$64,450	\$73,650	\$ 82,850	\$92,050	\$99,450	\$106,800
AMI							

For more information about the creation of the Brewster Rental Assistance Program, contact Jill Scalise, Brewster Housing Coordinator at <a href="mailto:jecalise@brewster-ma.gov">jecalise@brewster-ma.gov</a> or 508-896-3701, ext. 1169