



Barnstable County

Regional Government of Cape Cod
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Department of Human Services

Barnstable County HOME Consortium Advisory Council

The HOME Consortium Advisory Council consists of seventeen members: one representative from each town and two at-large members. Additionally, the Affordable Housing Specialist of the Cape Cod Commission is an ex officio member.

The primary tasks of the Advisory Council include the following:

1. Determines the allocation of federal HOME funds received by the County (currently approximately \$450,000 annually) and reviews and approves project applications for funding for the development of affordable rental housing units located in Barnstable County.

Additionally, HUD has announced that Barnstable County HOME Consortium will be awarded \$1,556,508 under the American Rescue Plan for a new HOME-ARP Program to provide housing and service needs specifically designated for a qualifying population of homeless and at-risk of homelessness. These funds will be administered through September 2030.

2. Establishes local HOME and HOME-ARP program policies as allowed by regulations.
3. Remains current on local, state, and federal housing issues and advocates for policies that will promote the creation and preservation of affordable housing in the region.
4. Acts as a liaison with their respective towns and local housing partnerships/committees and reports relevant regional, state, or federal housing policy information.
5. Participates in topical round-table discussions on share local affordable housing successes and/or concerns with the Advisory Council.

Advisory Council town members are nominated by the governing bodies in all fifteen municipalities and at-large members are recommended by HOME Consortium staff; all members are appointed by the Barnstable County Commissioners. The term of each member is three years with no limit established on the number of terms any member can serve. Current list of membership is attached.

The Advisory Council has a standard monthly meeting schedule held on the third Thursday at 8:30 a.m. currently being held virtually with all members and staff participating remotely, as allowed pursuant to Massachusetts state law.