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CAPE COD VILLAGE ANNOUNCES \$3 MILLION USDA LOAN FOR COMMUNITY RESOURCES CENTER

Community Resource Center to assist Adults with Autism

ORLEANS, Mass. - Thursday, January 19, 2017 - Today, Cape Cod Village, Inc., and United State Department of Agriculture, Rural Development announced a \$3 million Community Facilities loan to fund the construction of a new Community Resources Center in Orleans, Massachusetts.

Through an innovative design, Cape Cod Village will result in the construction of housing for 15 adults living on the autism spectrum. The project will be located on a four-acre parcel within walking distance of the center of Orleans. To further CCV's core principle of ensuring the residents live full, meaningful lives, the Community Resources Center will be a 3,000 square foot building with a large meeting room, kitchen, offices, and recreational area.

"This loan marks a truly major accomplishment for Cape Cod Village," said Bob Jones, President of CCV's Board of Directors. "While our goal is to support the adult population living with autism by creating critically needed housing, this loan helps us sharpen our focus by building a community within - and among - a community, that has full access and is fully integrated. We want to thank the US Department of Agriculture and give special recognition to Rural Development's Director for Southern New England, Scott Soares, and his team for their support, assistance, and belief in Cape Cod Village's mission."

The USDA loan is part of CCV's broad funding strategy that includes private fundraising, support from four Lower Cape towns, accessing federal grant and loan programs, and also working with neighboring communities to identify resources such as Community Preservation Act funding that support the project.

"This project blends two very important focal areas within the mission of USDA Rural Development. Namely, providing affordable rural housing opportunities and supporting rural healthcare. Adequate housing and treatment for adults with autism are significant and growing needs in Southern New England and we are excited to have the opportunity to support Cape Cod Village's important work toward meeting these needs," said Soares.

"I was very pleased to learn that USDA Rural Development had awarded these loan funds to Cape Cod Village," said Congressman William Keating. "These funds will provide housing to adults on the autism spectrum, in a setting that will be fully integrated into the surrounding

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community. The residents of this new facility will grow and prosper alongside the residents of Orleans and all of Cape Cod."

The Center was specially designed to meet the needs of adults on the autism spectrum. The Center will include parking for visitors, and will be open for use to residents, and non-residents, including non-profit organizations, volunteer groups, and public agencies. The Community Resources Center will be the first of its kind in the lower Barnstable region.

"Cape Cod Village is a truly exciting community development for Orleans. In addition to providing safe housing for 15 adults living with autism, this project will convert one of the largest undeveloped parcels of land in Orleans and will result in new opportunities for year-round employment," said Alan McClenen, Orleans Selectman and Chairman of the Community Preservation Committee. "Moreover, this project shows how public Community Preservation funding can be used to leverage other public and private funds. Having garnered overwhelming community support twice at the Orleans Town Meeting, the town's investment of \$450,000 in CPA funds represents less than 10 percent of the total project cost, but this commitment laid the foundation for the proponents of Cape Cod Village to leverage other sources of funding to take their vision another major step closer to reality."

Through a suite of community, business and housing programs, USDA Rural Development is committed to helping improve the economy and quality of life in rural America. Rural Development offers loans, grants, and loan guarantees that support essential services associated with single and multi-family housing, economic development, health care, first responder services and equipment, water, as well as electric and communications infrastructure.

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