Barnstable County Economic Development Council (BCEDC) Grants Committee – October 14, 2026 at 11:00 AM

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Held virtually via Zoom at capecodcommission.org/bcedc/join

The meeting was held in a virtual format, with members of the Barnstable County Economic Development Council (BCEDC) Grants Committee participating remotely, pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, as further amended by Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2025.

The Chair announced that since members were participating virtually, all votes and other actions would be done by roll call.

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 am.

BCEDC Grants Committee Member Attendance

Greg Bilezikian	Present
Kara Galvin	Present
Robert Talerman	Present

Cape Cod Commission Staff Present

Erin Perry	Deputy Director
Chloe Schaefer	Chief Planner

Summary of Actions Taken/Votes at Meeting

- The Committee approved the minutes of the August 5, 2026 BCEDC Grants Committee meeting.
- The Committee voted to recommend to the full BCEDC the following funding recommendations for the License Plate Grant Program Proposals for Fiscal Year 2027:
  - Association to Preserve Cape Cod: $20,000
  - CapeTide Economic Development Corporation: $20,000
  - Cotuit Center for the Arts: $15,000
  - Harwich Conservation Trust: $20,000
  - Provincetown Commons: $10,000
  - Town of Orleans: $20,000
  - Town of Yarmouth: $20,000

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes: 8/5/2026

Kara Galvin made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the August 5, 2026 meeting as written; Greg Bilezikian seconded. Votes: Kara Galvin: yes; Greg Bilezikian: yes; Robert Talerman: yes.

Fiscal Year 2027 License Plate Grant Program Proposals

Erin Perry and Chloe Schaefer provided an overview of the proposals received for the FY27 License Plate Grant Program. There were 33 proposals submitted, totalling over $720,000 in funds requested. Seventeen of the proposals demonstrated municipal support either because they are town projects or through letters of support from Town staff or officials. The maximum award per project is $25,000 and there are approximately $125,000 in funds to be awarded. One application was deemed ineligible because the applicant is a for-profit entity.

Ms. Perry and Ms. Schaefer provided a brief summary of each eligible proposal received including what the funds requested would support, the amount of funding requested, the amount of match funds that would be provided (if any), and whether or not the project provided documentation demonstrating municipal support. Because the Request for Proposals for this round of grants stated a preference for municipally supported projects that advance year-round housing opportunities, climate resiliency, and water quality initiatives, Commission staff noted to the Committee that focusing on complete proposals with demonstrated municipal support could narrow down the applicants for further consideration.

Members agreed to focus discussion on municipally supported projects and engaged in discussion about providing diversity in the types of projects and organizations receiving funding, as well as the communities in the region that would benefit from the proposed projects. Members also discussed the potential impact of different projects, focusing recommendations for funding on projects that would have broader impacts. Ultimately, members decided on recommending seven projects for funding. Because the requested funds were still greater than the total funds available, members discussed providing smaller amounts to the seven organizations. Greg Bilezikian moved to recommend to the BCEDC for their consideration the following projects be funded at the below amounts:

- Association to Preserve Cape Cod: $20,000
- CapeTide Economic Development Corporation: $20,000
- Cotuit Center for the Arts: $15,000
- Harwich Conservation Trust: $20,000
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Kara Galvin seconded the motion. Votes: Kara Galvin: yes; Greg Bilezikian: yes; Robert Talerman: yes.

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At the Committee's request, Cape Cod Commission staff will follow up with these organizations to confirm they could still carry out the projects proposed were they to receive the above amounts of funds, which were less than what was requested in their proposals.

Meeting Adjourned

Upon a motion to adjourn by Kara Galvin, seconded by Greg Bilezikian, the meeting adjourned with a roll call vote at 11:52 am. Votes: Kara Galvin: yes; Greg Bilezikian: yes; Robert Talerman: yes.

List of Materials Used

The application materials for the FY27 License Plate Grant Program and the RFP were used in this meeting and are available at: https://cccom.link/FY27-LPG-Submissions.

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