

**Chappaquiddick Island Association (CIA)
2026 Chappy Grants Program - Proposal Application**

Introduction

In 2026, the Chappaquiddick Island Association (CIA) is pleased to offer \$23,000 in grant funding to support projects that further its mission. Grant awards may be made in any amount and in any number, at the discretion of the CIA Board. Grant funds must be used within 18 months of award and are subject to the CIA's annual reporting requirement.

Each Applicant / Grantee must either be a CIA member or have a sponsor who is a CIA member. Applicants who need assistance finding a sponsor may contact a board member at ChappyCIA@gmail.com.

Applications must be submitted by email to this address no later than April 30, 2026. They will be evaluated based on how well they align with the Association's mission and the work of its committees. Applicants will be notified of the decision via email by July 1, 2026.

Mission

- To promote the welfare, and operate in the best interests of, the Island of Chappaquiddick and those who make it their permanent or seasonal home
- To preserve the beauty and charm of the island
- To maintain its ecological and environmental character by directing progress into channels that retain its uniqueness without causing hardship to its residents

Committees

- Open Space Committee – Oversees land use and preservation efforts. Chair - Cynthia Hubbard
- Environment Committee – Focuses on ecological protection and sustainability initiatives. Chair - Alan Feldman
- Transportation Committee – Addresses transportation access, safety, and infrastructure. Chair - Jim Boyer
- Barrier Beach Committee – Monitors and advocates for shoreline and barrier beach preservation. Chair - Ed Pla
- Traditions & Welcoming Committee – Promotes community engagement and social connection. Co-Chairs – Noni Lindahl and Ashley Harmon
- Insiders Guide Team – Develops and maintains the informational guide for residents and visitors. Chair – TBD
- Chappy CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) – Supports community safety and emergency preparedness. Chair – Pete Taft
- Water Resources Committee – Focuses on water quality, conservation, and coastal resiliency. Chair - John Dropick

The Chappaquiddick Island Association (CIA) is a 501(c)(4) nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the welfare and preserving the unique character of Chappaquiddick Island and its community.

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Project Title: _____ Date Submitted: _____
Project Applicant / Grantee: _____
Phone / Email / Mailing address: _____
CIA Member Sponsor: _____

1. Objective

What are you trying to do?

Describe your project s purpose, goals, and desired community outcomes in clear, non-technical language. (500 word limit)

2. Current Practice and Limitations

How is this issue handled today, and what are the limitations of current practice?

Explain how the problem is currently addressed and why improvement or innovation is needed. (500 word limit)

3. Innovation

What is new in your approach, and why do you think it will be successful?
Describe what makes this project unique and how it advances CIA's goals in ways not previously achieved. (500 word limit)

4. Impact

What will the impact be if you succeed?
Identify who benefits—residents, committees, the broader community—and how this project contributes to the welfare and sustainability of Chappaquiddick Island. (500 word limit)

5. Risks and Mitigation

What are the main risks or obstacles, and how will you manage them?

List possible challenges (logistical, financial, environmental, etc.) and your plan to minimize them.

(500 word limit)

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6. Cost and Budget

How much will it cost?

Provide an itemized budget and total funding requested from the CIA.

Expense Category	Description	Cost
Equipment / Materials		\$
Labor / Services		\$
Permits / Fees		\$
Maintenance / Operations		\$
Funding Request Total:		\$

7. Timeline

How long will it take?

Identify key milestones with target start and end dates.

Milestone	Start	End	Measurable Outcomes	How to Track Progress
Project start				
Mid-project Review				
Project Completion				

8. Evaluation and Reporting

What are the Mid-project and Completion checks for success? Describe Measurable Outcomes and How to Track Progress in the chart above for question 7, Timeline.

Examples:

- Mid-project: Measurable Outcomes: installation completed on time and within budget.
Progress Tracked: actual-to-completion timeline; actual costs to date compared to budget
- Completion: Measurable Outcome: system is operational and within budget and.
Progress Tracked: Test runs 100% successful; actual project cost total compared to budget

Grantees must provide progress email updates to *ChappyCIA@gmail.com* every six months during the project. The final report and a summary paragraph will be added to the agenda for the next CIA's Annual Summer Meeting; no later than 18 months after receiving the funds.

9. Appendices (optional)

Add any figures, tables, or other information as an attachment to the email submission.

Grant Applicant's Acknowledgment

I hereby certify that I am a permanent or seasonal Chappaquiddick Island resident and accept responsibility for planning, executing, and reporting this project as described above.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Chappaquiddick Island Member Sponsor Comment(s)

Sponsor s Signature: _____