

MISSION

The Nantucket Rental Assistance Program (NRAP) provides assistance for year-round residents who rent on Nantucket. NRAP is very proud of the help we have been able to offer to our own residents and hope to continue as long as there is a need.

SERVICES

In addition to rental assistance, budgeting advice and individual financial guidance are part of NRAP's services to assist families manage their budgets. NRAP's sister program, also sponsored by the NIC, is the Emergency Food Pantry. For information on Food Pantry Services, call 508-228-7438.

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BACKGROUND

The Nantucket Rental Assistance Program (NRAP) was founded in 2004 by the Nantucket Interfaith Council to help address a critical need on the island for year-round, working class residents to find and afford stable year round housing. The program is designed to prevent both homelessness and sub-standard living conditions by providing moderate and low income working families with help to either:

1. Pay first and last month rent to move from sub-standard or seasonal living situations into stable year-round housing
2. Pay a substantial amount of the monthly rent for a short period to help the family deal with a temporary financial crisis due to illness, temporary wage loss or other critical emergency
3. Pay a small subsidy over a longer period to help cut the family's cost of housing.

NRAP works closely with other housing groups on the island, including the

- ⊙ Town Office of Human Services
- ⊙ The Planning Board Housing Planner
- ⊙ A Safe Place
- ⊙ Housing Nantucket
- ⊙ Nantucket Housing Authority, Habitat for Humanity, the Emergency Food Pantry, the Cottage Hospital, social service agencies and the like to provide a coordinated effort to help families in need.

Nantucket Rental Assistance Program

An outreach program of the
Nantucket Interfaith Council



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ELEGIBILITY

NRAP provides financial assistance of up to \$3,000 in an 18-month period for rental housing on Nantucket. Funds are based on need and eligibility.

Financial assistance can help with:

- ⊙ Payment of first and last monthly rent to secure, safe year-round housing.
- ⊙ A monthly payment for assistance to make a rental unit affordable.
- ⊙ Emergency funds, when financial disasters happen, serious illness, or any number of unforeseen events that effect income negatively

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- ⊙ Lived on Nantucket year-round for the previous 2 years
- ⊙ Have employment and/or potential for employment
- ⊙ Be able to resume full rental payments when assistance has concluded
- ⊙ Complete a full application and provide detailed financial documentation

Income guidelines for 2009 applicants are:

Family Size	Gross Annual Median Income	Monthly rent is more than
1 person	\$34,100	\$853
2 people	\$38,950	\$974
3 people	\$43,850	\$1,097
4 people	\$48,700	\$1,218

WHAT WE DO

Since November of 2004, NRAP has been able to help more than 179 year-round resident families of Nantucket. NRAP assistance is often the difference between the family having housing or becoming suddenly homeless. NRAP works in concert with other island groups who are working to help people with housing needs survive on Nantucket.

WHO DOES NRAP HELP?

NRAP has a variety of applicants. More than half are Nantucket natives. Half are single parents, sometimes in the midst of separation and finding new homes. Others are elderly residents and the rest are families. Some families have more than one person working and still are unable to make enough to pay rent and expenses. Some need help due to unforeseen medical emergencies. All of the residents who have been given aid have worked in jobs in many different arenas of island life, most earning at or below 80% of the Area Median Income. Many of NRAP applicants are retail workers, office workers, construction trade workers and service sector employees. Many of our clients are recommended to other available services, such as WIC (Women, Infants, & Children), the Food Pantry, and Fuel Assistance programs.

FUNDING

NRAP receives funding from various sources including grants, donations, and town contracts. Contributions also come from members of the island community, churches, civic groups, and the new Island Wide Giving Program.

Major funders include:

- ⊙ Community Preservation Committee
- ⊙ Contract Review Committee
- ⊙ Tupancy Harris Foundation
- ⊙ Bank of America
- ⊙ Community Foundation for Nantucket
- ⊙ Nantucket Golf Club Foundation

CONTRIBUTING

Any financial help you can provide is greatly appreciated. Tax deductible contributions can be sent to:

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