

FISHING PARTNERSHIP



SUPPORT SERVICES

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More Help On The Way To Struggling Fishing Families

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- For a second time since the pandemic began, Fishing Partnership Support Services [FPSS] has been selected by the Cape Cod Foundation to distribute financial assistance to Barnstable County families working in the fishing industry that have been adversely affected by COVID-19. The grant is made possible by The Cape Cod Foundation Strategic Emergency Response Fund. In September 2020, FPSS distributed \$25,000 in aid in 30 days to 99 individuals from 46 fishing families. The new grant is for nearly \$40,000 and will be disbursed until funds are exhausted or by June 30, 2021.
- FPSS can assist these Cape Cod fishing families with their essential needs such as groceries, gas, utilities, childcare, auto loan and auto insurance payments, medical bills, rent, and for the first time since the pandemic began, mortgage payments. Disbursements are made through gift cards and direct vendor payments.
- Fishing families in need of assistance should contact a local Fishing Partnership Navigator at 508.237.9402. FPSS partners with a wide range of local organizations on Cape Cod to distribute financial assistance to fishing families, including The Shaw Fund for Mariner's Children, Lower Cape Outreach Council, Community Development Partnership, Homeless Prevention Council of Cape Cod and Women of Fishing Families.

LEARN MORE:

Read how Barnstable County fishing families benefited in 2020: <https://fishingpartnership.org/cape-cod-foundation/>

Meet Fishing Partnership Navigators in FPSS's Cape Cod Office: <https://fishingpartnership.org/chatham-ma/>

About Fishing Partnership Support Services

Fishing Partnership Support Services is a non-profit dedicated to improving the health, safety and economic security of commercial fishermen and their families. Founded in 1997, we bring critical support services and programs to more than 20,000 New England fishing families. With 4 offices in Gloucester, New Bedford, Plymouth and Chatham, we deliver Health and Wellness, Safety at Sea and Economic Security services in the communities where fishing families live.



Learn more at <https://www.fishingpartnership.org>