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Ellen Cebula
Deputy Director
Seaport Economic Council
93 State Pier
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Director Cebula,

I write in support of this grant application being submitted to you by the Martha's Vineyard Commission.

The grant is for a multi-model Transportation and Economic Development Streetscape Improvement Project for the North Bluff Area. The North Bluff Area includes the SSA Terminal, VTA Bus Stops, Fishing Pier, Boardwalk, and the Oak Bluffs Harbor where passenger ferries such as the Island Queen, Patriot, and other ferries embark. The project involves Stormwater Management improvements with soft landscaping, transportation improvements for vehicular circulation and queuing for pick up and drop off areas for taxis, buses, and individual drivers. The improvements also include pedestrian safety, comfort, and overall access in and around the North Bluff area in addition to improved signage / wayfinding. The project is a critical link from the North Bluff gateway to the downtown business district. It is a great Economic Development Project that is shovel ready.

Thank you for your consideration of this grant request for a project that would greatly improve the town of Oak Bluffs.

Sincerely,

Christine Todd
Executive Director
Oak Bluffs Association