

Access to housing, food, education, and healthcare are the cornerstones of a vibrant Island community. On Martha's Vineyard, these issues are complicated due to the seasonality of our economy and the high cost of living. Island Grown Initiative operates programs that address the needs of Island residents facing food insecurity. The lack of affordable housing taxes the resources and stability of many on the Island. Housing insecurity inevitably leads to an increased need for food support for many Island families and individuals.

COVID did not create these issues, but accelerated the housing crisis to an alarming degree. Island Grown Initiative strongly endorses a Martha's Vineyard Housing Bank. The time is now.

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