



Town of West Tisbury
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
West Tisbury, Massachusetts 02575

September 29, 2022

To Whom it May Concern,

We are writing in support of Vineyard Power's application to be a Community First Partner in the Mass Save's Community First Partnership program "Empowering Communities through Energy Efficiency". The Community First Partnership provides several programs to help families and small businesses manage their energy costs, from heating equipment upgrades, weatherization upgrades, to new appliances and income-based assistance, with an emphasis on environmental justice.

Our town of West Tisbury supports the Island's designated Environmental Justice neighborhoods and communities with the implementation of energy efficiency programs. Through this partnership Vineyard Power, as trusted local experts, will help families and small businesses of the town reduce energy and fossil fuel usage which will result in real savings for our citizens including, but not limited to, low to moderate income residents, small businesses, English isolated residents, and renters & landlords.

As a coastal community, the town of West Tisbury is on the front line of the adverse effects of climate change and our residents and small businesses are currently burdened with all-time high electricity prices, which is also disproportionately affects our most vulnerable members within our communities. This program will be very beneficial to our town.

We look forward to working with Vineyard Power in the Community First Partnership to achieve our shared vision of an environmentally just, clean energy future. We respectfully ask that Vineyard Power with the Town of West Tisbury strong support, be accepted into the Mass Save Community First Program.

Respectfully,


Jennifer Rand
Town Administrator