



**Our innovative Home Sharing Pilot Program simply matches homes with spare rooms owned by Older Adults with qualified single adults, 18 and older.**

Island employers will help identify potential guests that are in need of housing. Priority will be healthcare workers.

 **9 out of 10**  
Older Adults live in a single family dwelling.

 **1 in 3**  
Older Adults on Martha's Vineyard live alone.

 **the #1 issue**  
for Island employers is the lack of workforce housing.

This program will help those dealing with the financial challenges of their daily living expenses. Those who have expressed an increasing sense of isolation, further amplified by the restrictions associated with COVID. And everyone who would welcome a helping hand around the house.

**The mission of Healthy Aging Martha's Vineyard (HAMV)** is to create an aging-friendly Island meeting the needs of the rapidly growing 65+ population and those who care for them.

We are constantly developing new approaches and incubating programs that will improve services and facilities for Island Older Adults. Through a community-wide planning process, the HAMV works to engage stakeholders, foster collaborative programs, and fill service gaps.

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## Introducing the Older Adult Home Sharing Pilot Program

Every day, we are reminded of the housing shortage our workforce faces here on the Island. There are multiple efforts underway to address this affordable housing shortage, but many of them will take years to make an impact.

We will utilize home sharing models that have been successfully deployed in other communities to offer our Island's Older Adults (hosts) the opportunity to share their home with a well-suited single employee (guests) in need of housing.



## How the pilot program works.

HAMV will collaborate with referral partners, (Island agencies who work with Older Adults), as well as other interested Older Adult Islanders.

HAMV will provide information on home sharing tips and help complete a matching questionnaire to determine what they would like in a guest. Then HAMV will work with employers to identify employees who need housing.

Each host and guest will agree on the specific terms of their arrangement in an agreement signed by both parties. Terms could include a nominal monthly rent or other ways the guest can contribute—such as yard work or snow shoveling. Guest access to the home (kitchen, garage etc.) will also be clearly defined.



## Home sharing is already working.



**Meet Phyllis**, who lived alone in a comfortable home in West Tisbury. Since January 2022, she shares her property with

Dani a 23 year old woman who is employed on the island. Phyllis appreciates having someone around to care for her dog and garden when she takes short trips. Dani loves dogs and finds her living quarters (an apartment attached to the garage) to be comfortable and affordable.

### Benefits of home sharing

Offers affordable housing

Enhances financial well-being

Promotes companionship

Relieves feelings of loneliness and isolation

Maintains independence in a community setting

Helps provide security

## Who's interested in home sharing?



**Meet Anna**, in her 30's, single and works for an Island healthcare provider. She had moved to the Island last year, found a year-round rental and was enjoying immersing herself into the community. Her landlord abruptly sold the property, the new owners did not renew her lease, and she could not find another place to live. Forced to move off-Island, she is now working remotely from a Boston suburb. Finding a good match could help make her desire to return a reality.



**Meet Peter**, an emergency room nurse, who was settled comfortably on the Island. Single and in his 30's, he was informed by his landlord that his rent would be doubled at the end of his lease. Unable to afford the increase in rent, and unable to find another place to stay, he will be leaving the community he loves and the vital position he holds in it.

### Will you join us?

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