

## **CAPE COD CULINARY INCUBATOR**

Resources for the food entrepreneur

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## CAPE COD CULINARY INCUBATOR AWARDED COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS URBAN AGENDA GRANT

Barnstable, MA (February 2020) – Cape Cod Culinary Incubator (CCCI) has been awarded an Urban Agenda Grant by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In a ceremony presided over by Governor Charlie Baker, Cape Cod Culinary Incubator was awarded a grant to provide a culinary education program for at-risk youth in the Town of Barnstable.

Cape Cod Culinary Incubator was one of 23 organizations from around the state awarded a grant under the Urban Agenda program. The program is focused on promoting economic vitality in urban neighborhoods by fostering partnerships for growth that capitalize on unique local assets and community-driven responses to challenges.

With this funding, Cape Cod Culinary Incubator will be able to continue a program first begun last year. The program is designed to help young people with an interest in food service professions develop skills, and ultimately bolster the workforce in the culinary industry on Cape Cod.

In accepting the grant, Harry Henry CCCI's Board President indicated "We are excited for the opportunity to continue and expand upon our work last year. We learned a tremendous amount about how these young folks not only embraced learning something new, but also the practical aspect of how these new skills help them at home cooking for and helping out their families. This is a chance to serve our food-based community on the Cape, helping us further our mission of serving the community and providing educational services."

Launched by the Baker-Polito Administration in 2016, the <u>Urban Agenda Grant Program</u> offers competitive awards of flexible funding for local efforts that bring together community stakeholders to pursue economic development initiatives. Additional information about the program can be found here: <a href="https://www.mass.gov/service-details/urban-agenda-grant-program">https://www.mass.gov/service-details/urban-agenda-grant-program</a>

The Commercial Kitchen Coop of Cape Cod, Inc. , doing business as the Cape Cod Culinary incubator, was founded in 2013 as a as a members-based, non-profit corporation dedicated to pursuing a mission of economic development via education, community development, and providing of shared-use commercial kitchen facilities for Cape Cod food industry entrepreneurs. Our vision is to empower culinary entrepreneurship across Cape Cod. Additional information about CCCI can be found on our website: <a href="https://www.ckc3.org">www.ckc3.org</a>

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