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Nomination Letter from Andrew Nutton
Executive Director, Sail Martha's Vineyard

I am pleased to nominate Sail Martha's Vineyard (Sail MV) for the MV Bank Community Foundation's 2026 Community Choice Grant. Sail MV provides free, equitable access to the water for Island residents of all ages and abilities. In 2025, we delivered $206,200 in scholarships, ensuring every Island child could participate in our summer sailing program at no cost.

Our SailMobility adaptive sailing program is fully free and serves Islanders living with disabilities through partnerships with Island Autism Group, Camp Jabberwocky, Vineyard Independence Partnership, and Island Elderly Housing. Most importantly, SailMobility is open to anyone who wishes to take to the water, regardless of affiliation.

A parent recently shared:
"This is the first time in our son's life that he has done an activity without either me or his father by his side. To see him sailing with one of Sail MV's instructors in a small boat, so comfortable and visibly enjoying his time, is truly unbelievable. We will be back again and again to take advantage of this unique opportunity. Thank you Sail MV."

Sail MV also operates the Island's school-based sailing programs including the MVRHS Varsity Sailing Team and free fall high school and middle school sessions at no cost to students or the district.

Sail MV ensures that maritime education, recreation, and independence remain accessible to all members of our Island community.

With Appreciation,

Andy Nutton
Executive Director
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