



CAPE COD CULINARY INCUBATOR

Resources for the food entrepreneur

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CAPE COD CULINARY INCUBATOR RECEIVES USDA GRANT FOR CULINARY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Barnstable, MA - Cape Cod Culinary Incubator (CCCI) announces it has been awarded a Rural Business Development Grant by the US Department of Agriculture. With this funding, CCCI will establish a food service education program for Barnstable residents. The program is designed to develop skills and business education for individuals with an interest in food service professions 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 this chance to serve our food-based community on Cape Cod. In addition to the challenges faced by restaurants struggling to find enough staff to keep operating at desired hours, we have experienced a surge in individual entrepreneur food makers working to develop their own business. Our goal is to develop resources to help solve both these challenges. This grant

helps us further our mission of fostering economic development and future workforce training for the culinary industry”.

Based on the 2014 Farm Bill which created the Rural Business Development Grant Program (RBDG) and the 2019 Farm Bill, this program provides grants for rural projects that finance and facilitate the development of small and emerging rural businesses, help fund distance learning networks, and help fund employment-related adult education programs. To assist with business development, RBDGs may fund a broad array of activities. Barnstable County is considered a rural community by the US Census Bureau definitions. Additional information about the RBDG can be found here: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/files/fact-sheet/RD-FactSheet-RBS-RBDG.pdf>

The Cape Cod Culinary Incubator (CCCI), was founded in 2013 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: www.ckc3.org

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