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Taxation Aid Committee Applications Live

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The Taxation Aid Committee is responsible for distributing grants from the Elderly and Disabled Fund to Truro residents to help pay for annual real estate property taxes. Applications were distributed on November 23 and are due back to the Treasurer/Collector by January 31, 2023.

Grants are funded through the generosity of Truro property taxpayers, who can elect to contribute to the Elderly and Disabled Fund on their property tax bills. As of November 28, twenty-one households have donated a total of \$1,380.70 for the fiscal year 2023. With contributions from the current fiscal year, the balance for the fund is \$10,678.67.

Committee members will continue to issue grants based on the level of need and to ensure adequate reserves for future years.

There are a few important changes to the application this year:

- The income threshold to apply was raised to \$48,000 for a single household and \$60,000 if married
- The application was simplified by eliminating the reporting of personal property
- In addition, applicants that have already submitted income information to the Board of Assessors need not duplicate the information on their application
- Given the benefit of the Residential Exemption, there is now a requirement that applicants apply for the Residential Exemption and other eligible statutory exemptions offered by the Commonwealth.

Thanks are due to the assessor's department for offering guidance. Thanks also to Elton Cutler, the Council on Aging staff, library staff, and others around town for assisting with applications.

Applications are available at Town Hall, the Library, the Community Center, and online:
<https://www.truro-ma.gov/taxation-aid-committee>

The fund was set up through the acceptance of Mass General Law Chapter 60, section 3D, as part of town meeting in 1999. As the committee enters its 23rd year, the Town recognizes Bruce Boleyn for his many years of service to the committee.

If stewardship, community, and charity are values you wish to transfer into action, please consider joining the Taxation Aid Committee. The committee meets three to four times per year for about an hour or two.