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Cape Cod Commission Launches OpenGov Platform Across Five Local Governments to Increase Accountability

User-Friendly Site Powered by OpenGov Smart Government Cloud™
Makes It Easier to See How Tax Dollars are Spent
and Helps Officials Better Plan and Manage Budgets

BARNSTABLE COUNTY, MA – Today, the Cape Cod Commission announced the launch of a new cloud-based platform in partnership with OpenGov, the leader in government performance management, to increase government accountability and improve access to important public information. The Commission, which serves as the regional land use planning, economic development, and regulatory agency for Barnstable County, is launching the platform in the towns of Yarmouth, Sandwich, Provincetown, Falmouth, and Chatham.

"The Commission relies on in technology to further its mission in supporting communities and decision-making across the region," Executive Director Paul Niedzwiecki said. "The partnership with OpenGov will help pilot towns achieve a level of transparency that residents increasingly expect."

The platform, powered by OpenGov's Smart Government Cloud™, will help the Cape Cod towns simplify their budget planning, improve internal data management, and make important information easily accessible to residents, elected officials and administrators. By letting residents track how their tax dollars are being spent, the platform builds greater trust in government and facilitates increased civic engagement.

"Through this Cape-wide working partnership, we can all bring transparency to the public's business and efficiency to our operations," said Provincetown Town Manager David B. Panagore. "Provincetown's growing on-line presence has provided a better window into our operations and now with OpenGov we can offer public access to our financial information says."

Residents from Provincetown, Yarmouth, Sandwich, Falmouth, and Brewster are now able to download the data to review, and share over email and social media.

"We're excited to partner with the Cape Cod Commission to harness the power of technology to increase government effectiveness and accountability across these five communities," said OpenGov CEO Zac Bookman. "Whether improving bike lanes or repaving streets, public officials are now able to easily report and track financial information, and local residents can see how their tax dollars are being spent."

The Cape Cod Commission joins more than 1,500 local governments nationwide who rely on OpenGov's next generation cloud software. The City of Boston recently launched its updated Open Data platform, "Analyze Boston" supported by the OpenGov Smart Government Cloud. Boston has curated high-quality, up-to-date datasets to develop a platform that is widely accessible. Analyze Boston supports the publication of the City's public data, letting citizens easily find facts, figures, and maps related to life in Boston.

In addition to the 5 towns in Barnstable County, Nantucket will also be launching its own OpenGov platform.

About the Cape Cod Commission:

Cape Cod Commission is the regional land use planning, economic development, and regulatory agency for Barnstable County, MA. It was created in 1990 to serve the citizens and 15 towns that comprise Cape Cod. The Commission works toward maintaining a healthy balance between economic progress and environmental vitality. "Keeping a special place special" describes the agency's mission to protect the region's unique qualities. The 19-member volunteer Cape Cod Commission board represents a wide spectrum of the community and provides oversight for a staff of 40 professionals. For more information, visit www.capecodcommission.org.

About OpenGov

OpenGov is the leader in government performance management, with easy-to-use cloud software for better budgeting, improved operational intelligence, and comprehensive open data. OpenGov solutions give governments the right tools and relevant data for more informed decision-making and better outcomes for the public.

Over 1,500 public agencies in 48 states are part of the growing OpenGov network. Founded in 2012, OpenGov customers include the State Treasurer of Ohio, the city of Minneapolis, MN; Maricopa County, AZ; and Washington, DC. OpenGov is backed by Andreessen Horowitz, Emerson Collective, 8VC, and Thrive Capital and has headquarters in Redwood City, CA.