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Falmouth-Based Migrant Communities Project Wins \$20,000 For Immigrant History Project

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The Falmouth-based nonprofit Migrant Communities Project (MCP) was awarded a \$20,000 grant from Mass Humanities as part of the Expand Massachusetts Stories program. MCP's proposal, the "Community Scholar Immigrant History Initiative," is a citizen scientist project that will train and assist members of Cape Verdean, Portuguese, Brazilian and Jamaican communities to tell their histories—narratives that are central to the cultural life and economic growth of Falmouth and the Upper Cape.

Participants from these immigrant communities will conduct archival research, record oral history interviews, and collect artifacts and documents to create a historical and ethnographic traveling exhibit. The grant will assist the MCP to launch a webpage with resources about the history and culture of Cape Verdean, Portuguese, Brazilian and Jamaican settlers on the Upper Cape and in the region, including their social, political, and socio-religious organizations.

Those interested in participating should contact MCP at MigrantCommunitiesProject@gmail.com or 401-640-4546.

Corrie Green, president of the Cape Verdean Club of Falmouth and a project director for MCP's Immigrant History Initiative, said the first phases of the project have uncovered many new community stories and that "this next phase of the project will help us build on previous research and help the public understand the important place and history of the club and Cape Verdeans in Falmouth."

MCP Executive Director Miguel Moniz, a Falmouth native, is an anthropologist at the University of Lisbon who conducts research on Portuguese and Cape Verdean migration in New England.