

Criteria for an “essential service” on Nantucket

An essential service provides a direct, broad-based benefit to the Nantucket community and

- **is required by federal, state or local mandates.**
- **can only be provided by local government.**
- **can most efficiently be provided by local government, recognizing the unique geographic limitations of Nantucket.**
- **does not duplicate services provided by other governmental agencies or the private sector.**
- **provides a service without which it is impossible to govern.**

An essential service may meet more than one of the above criteria.