

Resiliency in Our Community

Community Grants Cycle Awards Over Half A Million Dollars

When Bainbridge Community Foundation (BCF) started planning for its annual Community Grants Cycle in February of this year, it would have been impossible to predict how a global pandemic would change the lives of individuals, businesses and nonprofits in the Bainbridge community. As the COVID-19 pandemic gained momentum and social distancing became the norm, regular schedules and systems came to an abrupt halt. BCF forged ahead with its annual Community Grants Cycle (CGC) in March, conducting virtual evaluations of the grant proposals and making COVID-19 preparedness and responsiveness a top priority where needed.



BCF is proud to announce it has **awarded a record-setting \$507,313 to 60 local nonprofit organizations** this year through this year's CGC, a 58% jump from last year's previous high mark of \$321,813. Program requests included free employment support for low-income individuals, tuition assistance for childcare, free cultural performances, affordable patient care in the community, and many more. Others requested critical financial support in order to maintain operations during the COVID crisis. Awards ranged from \$1,000 to \$82,650, with an average

award of \$8,430 up from last year's average of \$6,300. Since the inception of this funding program in 2005, grants totaling over \$2.94 million have been awarded. Over 80% of this year's approved applicants, or 49 organizations, saw their requests fully or overfunded. For a list of final grants, please visit our website [here](#).

Several nonprofits were granted significantly more than their requested grant amounts. **The Indipino Community of Bainbridge Island and Vicinity was awarded a grand total of \$82,650, greatly exceeding the original request of \$10,000.** This uniquely Bainbridge grant which enjoyed tremendous support will cover the amount needed to produce a documentary about Indipinos, the descendants of Indigenous mothers and Filipino immigrant fathers. The film will tell their previously untold stories through the voices of their adult children, and will share their lives, losses and legacies. Other nonprofits that were overfunded included Kitsap Immigrant Assistance Center supporting immigrant services, North Kitsap Fishline focusing on homeless and housing support, and Helpline House providing nutritious meals for students while schools are not in session.

The third annual Shel Klasky Award, a special grant in memory of BCF's beloved board member bestowed in recognition of applications that are outstanding examples of collaboration and/or innovation, was awarded to the West Side branch of Eastside Baby Corner (EBC). **EBC-West Sound collaborates with many nonprofits in our community and use local networks to distribute basic childcare goods and supplies to families living in poverty and crisis.** To learn more about EBC-West, check out their video [here](#).

"We know the kind of pressure our community is under due to the COVID pandemic, and we couldn't be more thankful to our donors who have so generously supported our



community this year,” said Debbie Kuffel, BCF Program and Finance Officer. “This is a perfect example of why we all live on Bainbridge. In both good and bad times, we know we can count on each other for help.”

Condemning Racism and Supporting Social Justice



George Floyd’s tragic murder highlights the implicit and explicit racism that our country has failed to overcome, and we stand against the injustice our black community faces every day. The fundamental rights of equality, justice, and freedom are supposed to be guaranteed to all people living in the United States, but these tragedies occur over and over again. We hope the conversations continue, no matter how uncomfortable, and that they lead to action—it is never too late to educate ourselves, our children, and our loved ones about racism in our society. We need to see change, and it starts with us.

One way to take action is to provide immediate support to organizations on the ground. BCF has provided a list of local and regional organizations focused on these issues on our website [here](#).



Scholarship Awards Granted

The Foundation would like to congratulate the 12 Bainbridge High School student recipients of BCF’s scholarship funds. Each student showed exemplary work and ambitions in their area of funding. **BCF congratulates these Bainbridge High School seniors as they move forward in their journey!**

Please stay tuned on our social media sites (links below) for more information. In August, we will be featuring each scholarship as well as detailed information on each grant recipient.

To learn more about each of the scholarship grants, visit our [website here](#).

Award	Name of Student Recipient(s)
Vincent F. Petrie	Liam Kratzer Annie Walsh
Bainbridge Music & Art	Natalia Sterns-Clemons
Munro Family	Charlotte Ainwick
Class of 1961	Elizabeth Rentz
Class of 1962	Grant Shinohara – Math & Science Calvin Schmidt – Vocational Scholarship
Erin O’Brien Mead (first year awarded)	McKenzie Burkhard Clay Jablonski Julia Jakubik Emma Russell Isabel Thompson



Bainbridge Community Foundation is proud to be a part of **All In WA**, a centralized fundraising initiative to support workers and families impacted by COVID-19 across the State of Washington. On Wednesday June 24th, a benefit concert was held featuring musicians, actors, athletes and community leaders including Ciara, Dave Matthews, Pearl Jam and many more. You

can stream the concert [here](#).

Through our partnership with **All In WA** and through the generosity of Jeff Bezos, gifts to our Community Response Fund are currently being matched. You can make a gift with a credit card [here](#).

Note: To encourage more charitable giving in 2020, recently enacted government COVID-19 relief bill (the CARES ACT) provides some tax relief for individual donors. **If you take the standard deduction on your taxes, you may be able to claim a new "above-the-line" deduction of up to \$300 for cash donations to charitable nonprofits in 2020.** In addition, donors can get a Federal income tax deduction for charitable contributions of up to 100% of the Adjusted Gross Income (AGI). There are also benefits to donors who itemize their taxes. Please consult your tax advisor for more information.

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