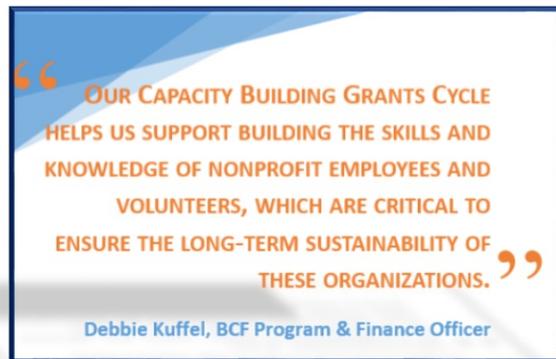


Your Community Update

Building Long-Term Capacity of Local Nonprofits

We all know that 2020 has been a year of change. We have had to find new ways of caring for our children, new ways of socializing with friends, and new ways of collaborating with colleagues. But we did it. We were able to find resilience in a time of crisis, and as we move into 2021, we are looking forward to seeing how our community continues to grow together.

Reflecting on 2020, we are proud of where we are today. Despite significant challenges, [our community gave back in unprecedented ways](#). Many local nonprofits came close to meeting their fundraising goals thanks to the generosity of our neighbors, and these organizations found ways to continue providing services to our community. [BCF also responded quickly to COVID-19](#) and had its most successful grant-giving year yet, exceeding expectations across the board. **Overall, BCF granted over \$2 million to the nonprofit community in 2020.**



This past fall, BCF focused on the long-term growth and capacity of our local nonprofits by holding our 8th annual Capacity Building Grants Cycle. For the first time, BCF fully funded a record 15 applications for the highest dollar award yet totaling \$22,070, with 11 BCF fund advisors who have partnered to support the program. **Grants go towards training on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), enhancing communications, fundraising assessments, strategic planning for 2021, and much more.** “Our Capacity Building Grants Cycle helps us support building the skills and knowledge of nonprofit employees and volunteers, which are critical to ensure the long-term sustainability of these organizations,” says Debbie Kuffel, BCF Program & Finance Officer. “We are thrilled that six new

Nonprofits Receiving 2020 Capacity Building Grants

Organization Name
Arts & Humanities Bainbridge
Bainbridge Island Land Trust
Bainbridge Island Parks Foundation (New)
Bainbridge Island Rowing
Bainbridge Youth Services (New)
Bloedel Reserve
EcoAdapt
Helpline House (New)
Housing Resources Bainbridge
Island Volunteer Caregivers (New)
Kathleen Sutton Fund (New)
Kitsap Immigrant Assistance Center (New)
Martha & Mary
Parkview Services
Vitalize Kitsap

organizations applied to and received funding through this grants cycle.” Overall, through the Capacity Building Grants Cycle, BCF has supported 35 different organizations with awarding a total of \$84,480 over the past eight years.

We are proud of the community’s response to other BCF grant-giving mechanisms in 2020 as well. Some highlights are as follows:

- During our **Community Grants Cycle** this year, BCF awarded a record-setting \$507,313 to 60 local nonprofit organizations, a 58% jump from the \$321,813 awarded in 2019.
- Through its **Community Response Fund**, BCF has awarded a total of \$131,000 to local health and human service organizations in order to address needs of the community due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Fund advisors have been actively awarding grants to nonprofits through their **Donor Advised Funds**, and we have

processed 469 donor advised fund grant requests totaling over \$1.7 million this past year. Donors have also opened a total of 10 new Donor Advised Funds in 2020.

We would like to thank the generosity of the Bainbridge community one more time. We know we still face challenges ahead in 2021, but we are thankful to know we have the support of our neighbors.

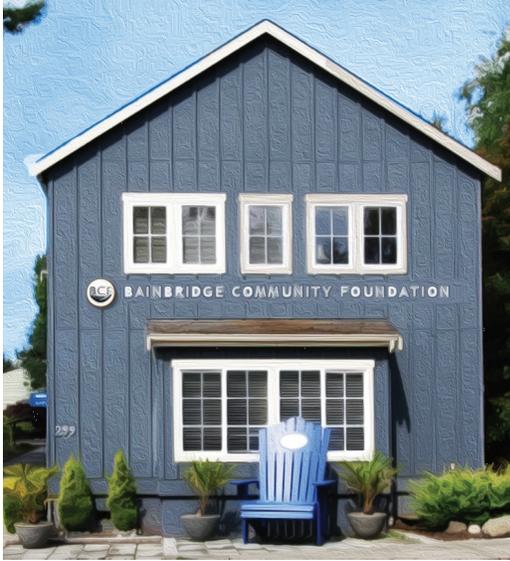
Another \$25 Million in Matching Funds Pledged

All In Washington, a statewide COVID-19 relief effort, announced on December 21, 2020 that Amazon founder and CEO Jeff Bezos has pledged another \$25 million in matching funds to the campaign, bringing his total contributions to \$50 million. Bezos' pledge will help All In WA toward its new

fundraising goal of \$100 million. All in WA provides funds to causes that support workers and families who have been acutely affected by the COVID-19 crisis, particularly Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities who have been disproportionately impacted. If you are interested in applying to one of their grant programs, or if you are interested in supporting them in their efforts, learn more about their programs [here](#).



We've Moved!



We are excited to announce that we have moved offices! Look for our banner at 299 Madison—we are the building with the big blue chair out front, right next to San Carlos.

While we are sorry to say goodbye to our Finch Place office, we are looking forward to the opportunities of our new home. As it becomes easier to gather in groups, we will have space to hold educational programming for the community as well as offer our nonprofit colleagues a place to collaborate and hold workshops. We see this new space as a great way to expand our work in 2021, and we look forward to having you join us!



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