



Community
Grants Cycle

Meet Our 2025 Grant Recipients!



Our 21st Annual Community Grants Cycle was a great success!

This year, 61 community volunteers carefully reviewed, performed site visits and then approved 81 of the 85 submitted applications. Requests ranged from providing basic needs for neighbors, creating opportunities for traditionally underserved populations, as well as supporting creative new initiatives in the arts, in recreation, and in education. BCF provided \$70,000 in initial seed funding and the remaining support came from generous BainbridgeGives donors, including 37 BCF donor & designated funds and the public who gave at all levels. **The total awarded this year was a record-setting \$849,180**, greatly exceeding the previous high mark of \$768,041, distributed last year.

Affordability and access to mental health services were identified as critical needs in our community. Nonprofits reported that 86% of their projects were related to affordability and 48% were related to supporting mental health. More than 70% of applications were related to Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Accessibility, and Social Justice (IDEAS) and five nonprofits received monetary awards for their work in this area. Of the 81 approved applications, 66 were fully funded or awarded more than the requested amount by donors.

Overall, the CGC program has awarded **1,038 local grants for \$6,151,841** since it began in 2005, providing support for specific programs, capital projects, as well as mission support of local nonprofit organizations.

Bainbridge Gives

ANIMAL WELFARE

Assistance Dogs Northwest
Community outreach program

Amount Funded: \$13,000

Happy Hooves Sanctuary

Care for rescue horses and fostering meaningful connections with youth and families

Amount Funded: \$13,000

Kitsap Humane Society (KHS)

Community-based animal lifesaving rescue programs

Amount Funded: \$13,250

One Heart Wild

Animal assisted therapy for vulnerable children and families on Bainbridge Island

Amount Funded: \$13,000

West Sound PAWS

Veterinary assistance for animals and families with financial need

Amount Funded: \$14,270

The Place of Horses

Support for the care of rescued senior horses

Amount Funded: \$10,000

ARTS, CULTURE, & HUMANITIES

Amabile Choir

Increase community awareness, education, and participation in choral music

Amount Funded: \$13,000

Arts & Humanities Bainbridge

Support for Bainbridge Creative District programs and festivals

Amount Funded: \$5,050

Bainbridge Arts & Crafts

Support for the Art Education Program

Amount Funded: \$13,100

Bainbridge Ballet

Performance Group (New)

Facility rental assistance for the production of the Nutcracker

Amount Funded: \$5,900

Bainbridge Chorale

Support for enriching and educating local singers, audiences, and community

Amount Funded: \$5,000



Bainbridge History Museum

Large-format scanner/printer for exhibit printing

Amount Funded: \$9,217

Bainbridge Island

Japanese American Community

Support for BIJAC's annual commemoration

Amount Funded: \$8,650

Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial Association

Programs to honor history and protect civil liberties for future generations

Amount Funded: \$13,100

Bainbridge Island Museum of Art

Museum-wide accessibility initiative

Amount Funded: \$13,000

Bainbridge Island Youth Orchestra

Support for the youth orchestra program providing music education and ensemble experience

Amount Funded: \$10,000

Bainbridge Performing Arts

Funding for lighting equipment and production support

Amount Funded: \$8,000

Emergence Films Co.

Training and education for female identifying filmmakers

Amount Funded: \$9,000

Kids Discovery Museum

Funding to support free and reduced access to the museum

Amount Funded: \$13,000

Ovation! Performing Arts Northwest

Quality theatrical and art education experiences for the community

Amount Funded: \$10,000

Rambler Arts (New)

Artist mental health and wellness program

Amount Funded: \$7,500

EDUCATION

Bainbridge Artisan

Resource Network (BARN)

Support for the tuition assistance program

Amount Funded: \$13,100

Bainbridge High School

Instrumental Music Boosters (New)

Annual musical instrument repairs

Amount Funded: \$7,000

BI Parent Teacher Organization

Coordinating Council (PTOCC) (New)

Emergency supplies for BISD classrooms

Amount Funded: \$13,000

Bainbridge Schools Foundation

Sustaining student activities and athletics on Bainbridge Island

Amount Funded: \$13,000

Battle Point Astronomical Association

Office upgrades to support STEAM programming

Amount Funded: \$13,485



Butler Green Farm School (New)

Education outreach for next generation of farmers

Amount Funded: \$8,000

Kitsap Regional Library Foundation

Summer Learning at the Library program

Amount Funded: \$12,000

Madrona School

Specialty teacher funding – strings and spanish

Amount Funded: \$5,000

Neurodiverse Connections

Expanded neuro-empathy programming with free childcare

Amount Funded: \$13,050

Pacific Model United Nations

Financial aid for students in Model UN

Amount Funded: \$3,000

SEA Discovery Center / WWU Foundation

Support for the Marine Science Field Trip Program

Amount Funded: \$13,000

Suyematsu Farm

Legacy Alliance (SFLA) (New)

Replacing the historic farmhouse roof

Amount Funded: \$13,000

ENVIRONMENT

Bainbridge Island Land Trust

Support to expand educational programs for the community

Amount Funded: \$10,000

Bloedel Reserve

Removing financial barriers so all can enjoy well-being opportunities

Amount Funded: \$13,000

EcoAdapt

Building community understanding and ownership of sea level rise solutions

Amount Funded: \$9,633

Friends of the Farms

Subsidized housing for Bainbridge Island farm interns and workers

Amount Funded: \$13,900

IslandWood

Community education programming for Bainbridge Islanders

Amount Funded: \$13,000

Puget Sound Restoration Fund

Building community through kelp gardening and shellfish harvesting

Amount Funded: \$12,100

**Sustainable Bainbridge /
Bainbridge Island Watershed Council**
Environmental study to support Island
stream restoration
Amount Funded: \$7,300

HEALTH, HOUSING & HUMAN SERVICES

Arms Around Bainbridge
Healthy meal delivery for people and families
facing cancer
Amount Funded: \$13,500

**Bainbridge Island Senior /
Community Center**
Support for our rapidly growing
senior population
Amount Funded: \$13,600

**Bainbridge Island Special Needs
Foundation (Stephens House)**
Respite care and community engagement for
individuals with disabilities
Amount Funded: \$13,100

Bainbridge Youth Services
Free youth mental health therapy services
Amount Funded: \$14,750

**Catholic Community Services
Benedict House (New)**
New access system for the Benedict House
Shelter to comply with fire code
Amount Funded: \$12,000

**Dispute Resolution Center
of Kitsap County**
Peer mediation programs for children
Amount Funded: \$4,000

Early Life Speech and Language
Expanded speech therapy services
for children
Amount Funded: \$4,000

**Evergreen Goodwill of
Northwest Washington**
Adult basic education program
Amount Funded: \$13,200

First Years Children's Center
Funds for emergency preparedness
Amount Funded: \$13,000

Helpline House
Support for an umbrella of social services
for all
Amount Funded: \$14,600

Holly Ridge Center
Early support services and adult
employment services for people with
disabilities on Bainbridge Island
Amount Funded: \$13,000

Housing Resources Bainbridge
Support for affordable housing on
Bainbridge Island
Amount Funded: \$13,100

Kathleen Sutton Fund
Outreach and transportation services
for women undergoing cancer treatments
Amount Funded: \$2,050

Kids In Concert
Support for youth music
development program
Amount Funded: \$12,250

KidVantage
Support for essential care, safety and health
goods for children in need
Amount Funded: \$11,000

Kidzz Helping Kidzz
Support for annual toy drive to children
spending Christmas in Puget Sound
area hospitals
Amount Funded: \$3,000

Kitsap Cancer Services (New)
Compassionate community care funding
support and first time operation funding
Amount Funded: \$10,000

Kitsap Homes of Compassion
Unrestricted support for helping and housing
for neighbors experiencing homelessness in
North Kitsap County
Amount Funded: \$13,000

Kitsap Immigrant Assistance Center (KIAC)
Development program for immigrant youth
Amount Funded: \$16,150

Kitsap Legal Aid Services
Support mission to meet demand for
free legal aid
Amount Funded: \$13,925

**Knights Community Hospital
Equipment Loan Program (KC HELP)**
Acquisition of two permanent replacement
service center locations to serve all of
Kitsap County
Amount Funded: \$13,100

Martha & Mary
Funding for new diagnostic equipment
Amount Funded: \$10,000

Peacock Family Services
Childcare for vulnerable families
Amount Funded: \$13,000

Rebuilding Hope Sexual Assault Center
Service for Kitsap County survivors of
sexual violence
Amount Funded: \$10,000

Scarlet Road
Prevention, outreach and restoration for sex
trafficking survivors
Amount Funded: \$12,050

Stand Up for Kids Kitsap (New)
Funds to provide laundry services for
unhoused youth in Kitsap schools
Amount Funded: \$3,500

Teen Talking Circles
Empowering adults to support youth mental
health through facilitator training
Amount Funded: \$5,000

Vitalize Kitsap
Community access and inclusion for local
teens and adults with disabilities
Amount Funded: \$13,000

Vitalize Kitsap/ IslandWood collab
Outdoor educational experiences at
IslandWood for Vitalize Kitsap members
Amount Funded: \$10,000

YWCA of Kitsap County
Replacing worn out appliances in YWCA's
transitional housing units
Amount Funded: \$10,000

PUBLIC BENEFIT

Marge Williams Center
Facility improvements
Amount Funded: \$3,200

SolJoy Peaceful Warriors (New)
Wellness and mindfulness scholarships
Amount Funded: \$5,000

RECREATION

Bainbridge Island Boys & Girls Club
Child care and out-of-school youth
development programming
Amount Funded: \$13,100

**Bainbridge Island Mountain Biking
Club Gear Grinders (New)**
Financial assistance and education around
mountain biking for students in grades 6-12
Amount Funded: \$2,000

Bainbridge Island Parks & Trails Foundation
Summer Trails Crew to build the new Lost
Valley Trail
Amount Funded: \$13,400

Bainbridge Island Rowing
New safety launch for rowing programs
Amount Funded: \$13,000

Bainbridge Island Swim Club Boosters (New)
Pool and program access for BISC swimmers
during Ray Pool closure
Amount Funded: \$10,000

Bainbridge Island Water Polo Club (New)
Support for transportation cost during
the Ray Pool closure
Amount Funded: \$10,000

**Friends of Bainbridge Island
High School Sailing**
Financial assistance for sailing students
in need
Amount Funded: \$10,000

Special Olympics Washington
No-cost Special Olympics activities
throughout greater Bainbridge Island
Amount Funded: \$10,000

West Sound Soccer Academy
Supporting field access for girls soccer
Amount Funded: \$11,000



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