Bainbridge Community Foundation in 2015

An Overview

At the close of another busy year, it’s time to take stock at the Bainbridge Community Foundation. Currently, Foundation assets total just under $12 million; BCF witnessed a 7% growth in assets from January 1st. The Foundation attracted five new Donor Advised Funds in 2015, and one new Agency Endowment. Our 2015 grantmaking metrics exceeded 2014 at every measure.

2015 Grantmaking Highlights

Total funds granted 2015: $469,069
Number of 2015 Grants Awarded: 271
Number of 2015 Donor Advised Fund (DAF) grants: 208
Largest grant awarded in 2015 to one organization: $24,250
Annual Community Grants Cycle: $195,202

“Please continue what you’re doing. The Foundation’s ability to be strategic, nimble, and responsive to community needs is what enables us all to do the work we do. Thank you.”

KIDS DISCOVERY MUSEUM
Bainbridge Community Foundation in 2015

Internal Developments
As we continue to grow our role in the Bainbridge Island community, BCF also expanded this year, adding four new Trustees to the Board. We added Cris Beattie and Marcia Hastings, both members of our evaluation team, who joined new trustees Proctor Schenk and Alex Torres in 2015.

In addition, the Foundation refined grants procedures to improve operations and efficiency. In 2015, this commitment to excellence and a spirit of philanthropic leadership produced the following developments:

BCF kicked off 2015 with its annual Community Nonprofit Survey and Sector Gatherings, now in its fourth year. This event continues to educate BCF and partner grant makers about the needs, strengths, and challenges of the Bainbridge Island nonprofit community and the individuals they serve.

We upgraded the Foundation’s accounting and grants to a new cloud-based system, Smalldog Net Solutions. This allows for better integration with our website and faster access for fund advisors making grant requests.

We brought fund accounting systems in-house, which reduced overhead expenses as the need for an outside contractor to provide this service was eliminated.

We expanded our annual Inspiring Work Celebration, which celebrates the work of our grantee organizations funded by the Community Grant Cycle, to include partnerships with One Call for All and the Rotary Club of Bainbridge Island.

We developed and implemented a valuable partnership with the City of Bainbridge Island to support human services funding.

In addition to our three staff members, we sent six Foundation Trustees to the annual Washington Community Foundation Convening hosted by Philanthropy Northwest.

We brought on Jack Riley, a summer intern from Bainbridge Youth Services. In the six weeks he worked over the summer, Riley learned about philanthropy and the role of community foundations. He also conducted research on statistical trends in health and human services needs on Bainbridge Island.

“In the island moves ever forward in embracing all forms of diversity, we all reap the benefit of more perspectives on the world and a deeper wisdom about what is possible and how we can support each other.”

ISLAND TIME ACTIVITIES
Bainbridge Community Foundation 2015 Grantmaking

Bainbridge Community Foundation’s grantmaking comprises three distinct programs: our **Community Grants Cycle**, our **Capacity-Building Grants**, and our **Scholarships**. The following pages provide a snapshot of grants distributed this year and what we’ve learned from final reports on last year’s grantmaking.

**About The Community Grants Cycle (CGC)**

Established in 2005, the Community Grants Cycle is the heart of the Bainbridge Community Foundation’s annual giving. Now in its tenth year, this granting program continued to grow in 2015; this year’s Community Grants Cycle was supported by 17 donor advised fund partners and 1 private foundation—the largest number of community partners supporting a CGC funding cycle to date. Five of these seventeen Donor Advised Funds were new partners, joining BCF to support our causes for the first time ever in 2015. The Foundation’s evaluation team also continued to expand; this year, 13 new volunteers joined the CGC Evaluation Team, for a total of 35 members. We also observed growing interest and investment in the nonprofit community: 13 organizations applied for funding from the 2015 CGC that had never applied before – and 11 of these organizations were funded, reflecting strong proposals from healthy organizations.

**2015 Community Grants Cycle Funding Partners**

- Alder Fund
- Averill Park Fund
- Gloria C. Brownell Fund*
- Croker Family Fund
- Hastings Family Fund*
- Hilderman Fund
- Hillside Fund*
- Bob & Judy Karr Family Fund
- Michael & Leslie Lebeau Philanthropic Fund
- Maggi Rogers Fund
- Michael Milligan & Jeanne E Fund*
- Peters Fund for a Sustainable Community
- Plan B Fund
- Quail Roost Foundation
- Saber Fund
- Sada Ross Fund
- Sophia Fund
- Webster Family Fund*

*Denotes new funding partner in 2015

“We took BCF’s advice to ask for a specific suggested contribution ($10), which increased the donation take this year!”

ISLAND THEATRE

The 2015 CGC Evaluation Team

Bainbridge Community Foundation would like to recognize and thank the following individuals for serving on the 2015 CGC Evaluation Team:

- Lynn Agnew, Sector Chair*
- Judy Karr, Sector Chair*
- Mary Kerr, Sector Chair*
- Shel Klasky, Sector Chair*
- Cris Beattie*
- Eric Cederwall*
- Harriet Davis
- Marilyn Dearsley
- Tracy Dickerson
- Maria Drury
- Carol Furman
- Jola Greiner
- Marcia Hastings*
- Jim Hopper
- Theona Jundanian
- Omie Kerr*
- Debbie Kuffel
- Tom Leigh
- Susan Lusk
- Carla Mackey
- Barbara Magusin
- Sonya Marinoni
- Michael Milligan
- Susan Mitchell
- David Moen
- Anna Neff
- Nancy Nolan
- Wendy O’Connor*
- Althea Paulson
- Paul Pearson
- Channie Peters
- Rosemary Shaw
- Carl Sussman
- Carol White
- Marina Worsley

*BCF Board Member
2015 Community Grants Cycle Awardees

Bainbridge Arts and Crafts
Bainbridge Cooperative Nursery School
Bainbridge High School Band Boosters
Bainbridge Island Arts & Humanities Council
Bainbridge Island Historical Museum
Bainbridge Island Land Trust
Bainbridge Island Museum of Art
Bainbridge Island Parks & Recreation
Bainbridge Island Rowing
Bainbridge Island Special Needs Foundation
Bainbridge Performing Arts
Bainbridge Schools Foundation
Bainbridge Youth Services
Bloedel Reserve
Boys & Girls Clubs of King County
Coffee Oasis
Dispute Resolution Center of Kitsap County
EcoAdapt
Friends of the Farms
Holly Ridge Center
Hospice of Kitsap County
Housing Resources Bainbridge
IslandWood
Island Theatre
Island Time Activities
Island Volunteer Caregivers
Kids Discovery Museum
Kitsap Adult Center for Education
Kitsap Humane Society
Kitsap Legal Services
Lynwood Community Market
Martha & Mary
North Kitsap Fishline
Odyssey PTO
One Call for All
OUT There Adventures
Owen’s Playground
PAWS of Bainbridge and North Kitsap
Peacock Family Center
Raising Resilience
Salish Sea Expeditions
Scarlet Road
Sustainable Bainbridge
Washington State Smile Partners
West Sound Treatment Center
Yama, Project, Olympic College Foundation
YWCA of Kitsap County

The 2015 Community Grants Cycle At-A-Glance

In 2015, BCF and its partners funded 48 out of 51 eligible proposals (94%). Of the 48 successful proposals, 27 requests (56%) were fully funded.

The 2015 Community Grants Cycle Awarded $195,202!

$57,703 in BCF discretionary funds
$4,050 Trustees’ Award dollars
$133,449 DAF/Partner funds

Funds Were Awarded Across All Sectors

BCF intentionally makes grants to all sectors of the community, recognizing the importance of balancing the needs of various constituencies.

Average Grant Award Increase 2013 - 2015

Community Grants Cycle 2005-2015 • Total Dollars Granted by Year and Sector

- RECREATION
- PUBLIC/SOCIETY BENEFIT
- HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
- ENVIRONMENTAL & ANIMAL WELFARE
- EDUCATION
- ARTS & CULTURE
- OTHER

Funds Were Awarded Across All Sectors
Completed Projects: The 2014 Community Grants Cycle
This past autumn the Foundation received Final Reports from grantees of our 2014 Community Grants Cycle. These detailed summary reports allow us to update you on the effectiveness of that year’s CGC at this time.

Impact of the 2014 Community Grant Cycle
The following accounts provide a sample of what our grantee organizations accomplished in and for the community as a result of 2014 CGC funding:

The 2014 Community Grants Cycle At-A-Glance

43: Total number of grants made in 2014
22: Proposals fully funded in 2014

All but two organizations met the expectations of their grant proposals; the two organizations that didn’t quite fulfill their goals still made important progress, and one anticipated fulfilling their plans by the close of 2015.

Twenty-three artists participated in an exhibition of dizzyingly diverse media including watercolors, photography, drawings, and prints – but also metal sculpture, porcelain, cut paper, and books dedicated entirely to representing Bainbridge Island. (Bainbridge Arts & Crafts)

Twenty-four students served in the fifth-annual Student Conservation Corps last summer, removing invasive species from a number of local parks and nature preserves; twenty-two of these students stayed on for an additional weeklong work session to clear conservation easements. In total, these students treated 133 acres of land, clearing nearly 1,200 trees of English ivy in a single summer. (Bainbridge Island Land Trust)

A weekly library visit and follow-up discussion group was instituted for islanders with developmental disabilities, as was a weekly SUPER SCIENCE class. (Bainbridge Island Special Needs Foundation)

A collaborative effort to unite community at a late-summer outdoor event for families brought 900 people to an all-day celebration at the Bloedel Reserve (150% of the anticipated 600 attendees). (Bloedel Reserve)
Thirty students from Sonoji Sakai Intermediate School completed Conflict Club training, which teaches preteens how to develop strong communication skills in order to improve confidence and cultivate a positive approach to conflict situations. In addition, this year a conflict training course was also offered to parents. (Dispute Resolution Center of Kitsap County)

High-quality hospice care and grief and bereavement services were offered to 578 patients from all economic backgrounds and their families. In 2014, over $44,000 of subsidized care was provided to individuals who could not afford to pay for services. (Hospice of Kitsap County)

A weekend festival of sixteen ten-minute plays by local playwrights played to sold-out houses (500 tickets in all), and demand was so great that audiences lined up outside the theatre before the event to secure the best seats. (Island Theatre)

A diverse panel of 21 community programs and events attracted more than 3,700 participants to engage with the out-of-doors through trail walks, presentations on local flora and fauna, and festivals of local culture. (IslandWood)

Low-cost spay/neuter programs treated over 4,600 animals in 2014. The results of this effective program continue to be felt in the community, as the number of homeless pets in Kitsap County declined for the eleventh year in a row. (Kitsap Humane Society)

Over 170 vulnerable households were provided emergency housing assistance in 2014: eviction was prevented for 68 households, 28 households were helped with rehousing, and 75 households were assisted in finding and paying for emergency housing. (North Kitsap Fishline)

An all-volunteer community internet radio station was launched on Bainbridge Island; it currently produces 8 recurring podcasts, each of which produces approximately 180 episodes per year. By June, 180 of these podcasts had been downloaded more than 15,000 times (averaging 85 downloads per podcast episode). (Sustainable Bainbridge)

Fifty-two local youth attended job preparation classes and/or job training internships this year; within six months, 90% of youth who attended job training internships were successful in acquiring employment. (The Coffee Oasis)
### 2015 Capacity Building Grants At-A-Glance (grant period Jan 1 - June 30, 2016)

The 2015 Capacity-Building Grants Cycle awarded $8,000 in grants • Eight eligible proposals were received • Six of these (75%) were awarded • Five of the six successful proposals (83%) were fully funded • Grant amounts ranged from $1,000 to $1,500.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Total in capacity grants awarded in 2015</th>
<th>$8,000</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2013 &amp; 2014: $5,000</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Eligible proposals received in 2015</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2014: 5</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Number of 2015 proposals awarded</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2013: 4 • 2014: 5</td>
<td>$1,000 - $1,500</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grant amount ranges in 2015</td>
<td>$1,000 - $1,500</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| 2014: $500 - $1000 |}

### Impact of the 2014 Capacity-Building Grants

With funding from the 2014 Capacity-Building Grants cycle, our five grantee organizations were able to accomplish the following:

**Friends of the Farms** hired an outside consultant to review the organization’s history and core values documents and use this information to generate a new Strategic Plan, utilizing input from both the organization’s Board and community stakeholders. This new strategic plan includes a revised mission statement, new goals and strategies, an action plan to accomplish the organization’s goals, and new metrics to measure success and assess internal efficiency.

**Bainbridge Chorale** was able to register for courses in communication planning and fundraising training. The organization has observed that these ongoing education classes have sparked new excitement and increased engagement among Board members.

**Bainbridge Island Rowing** hired financial consultants to work with Board and staff to prepare the organization for its first capital campaign, including training Board members on best policies and procedures, how to improve financial record keeping, and teaching board to prepare 990 and tax forms.

**KiDiMu Leadership** team worked with a consultant to develop a strong foundation and clear design for the organization’s upcoming volunteer program; discussion of the role and function of volunteers at the Museum also produced greater clarity about the role and function of the Museum in the community.

**Raising Resilience** partnered with a consultant to produce a mission statement, create clear and targeted organizational objectives. They establish a working calendar for activities (including planning and evaluation) that still provides room for the organization to respond nimbly to changing circumstances and needs of their constituency.
2015 Scholarships

Bainbridge has awarded over $118,000 in scholarships to date. In 2015, Bainbridge Community Foundation awarded eight scholarships, totaling $17,500. Six of these scholarships were awarded to Bainbridge High School students:

**Bainbridge High School Class of 1961 Scholarships:**
- Sierra Dewey and Corryn Johnson

**Bainbridge High School Class of 1962 Scholarships:**
- Morgan Blevins and Anna Warga

**Bainbridge Music & Arts Legacy Scholarship:**
- Nicholas Stahl

**George and Betty Munro Scholarship:**
- Elsa Hager

In addition to the Bainbridge High School grants, two Wendy Jackson Hall Scholarships were awarded to outstanding artists from across Washington State. These scholarships are renewable, allowing recipients to apply for a second year of funding. In 2015, the Wendy Jackson Hall Scholarships were awarded to the following students:

**Alaina Scheffer,** who is receiving this scholarship for a second year is attending Western Washington University in Bellingham.

**Carly McCartney,** who is receiving this scholarship for the first time is attending Cornish College of the Arts in Seattle.
Overall Grantmaking Highlights

In 2015, 271 grants of all types were made, totaling $469,069. This year, we had three Agency Fund grants, totaling $16,315, and one Designated Fund grant of $13,163. In keeping with past practice, Designated & Agency Funds are added together for reporting.

Cumulatively, BCF has made 1,560 grants that total $6,518,503 since 2002.
2015 Bainbridge Community Foundation Grant Recipients

A Touch of Love Foundation
AARP
Alzheimer’s Association
American Rivers
Arts & Humanities Bainbridge
Autism Speaks, Inc.
Bainbridge Artisan Resource Network
Bainbridge Arts & Crafts
Bainbridge Community Foundation
Bainbridge Cooperative Nursery School
Bainbridge High School Band Boosters
Bainbridge Island Historical Museum
Bainbridge Island Land Trust
Bainbridge Island Museum of Art
Bainbridge Island Parks Foundation
Bainbridge Island Rowing
BI Senior Community Center
Bainbridge Ometepe Sister Islands Assoc.
Bainbridge Performing Arts
Bainbridge Public Library
Bainbridge Schools Foundation
Bainbridge Youth Services
Beechwood School
Ben Towne Pediatric Cancer Research
BI Parks Department / BI Parks Foundation
BI Special Needs Foundation
BI Youth Soccer
Bloedel Reserve
Boys & Girls Club
Burlington Rotary Foundation
California Institute of the Arts
Central Washington University
Childhaven
Children’s Museum of Tacoma
Clarke School for the Deaf
Classical King FM 98.1
Conservation NW
Cornish College of the Arts
Doctors Without Borders
Eco Adapt
Emory University
Friends of the Farms
Habitat for Humanity
Harvey Mudd College
Heifer International
Holly Ridge Center
Hospice of Kitsap County
Housing Resource Bainbridge
Island Music Teachers Guild
Island Theater
Island Time Activities
Island Volunteer Caregivers
IslandWood
KBTC Association
KCTS 9
Kid’s Discovery Museum
Kitsap Adult Center for Education
Kitsap Community Resources
Kitsap Dispute Resolution
Kitsap Humane Society
Kitsap Legal Services
KUOW
Lynwood Community Market
Madrona School
Martha & Mary
Medical Teams International
Mercy Corps
Mobility Impaired Golf Association
Montessori Country School
Multiple Sclerosis Portland
National MS Society - NW Chapter
National Resources Defense Council
North Kitsap Fishline
NOW
Olympic College Foundation
Olympic Music Festival
One Call for All
Operation Nightwatch
Operation Smile, Inc.
Out There Adventures
Ovation! Musical Theatre Bainbridge
Owen’s Playground / BI Parks Foundation
Pacific Lutheran University for KPLU
PATH
PAWS of Bainbridge Island / North Kitsap
Peacock Family Center
Planned Parenthood of the Great NW
PTSO Odyssey School
Puget Sound Restoration Fund
Raising Resilience
Salish Sea Expeditions
Scarlet Road
Seattle Aquarium Society
Seattle Opera
Seattle Symphony Orchestra
Sierra Club Foundation
Snow Leopard Trust
South Yuba River Citizens League
Southern Poverty Law
StandUp for Kids
Stanford University School of Law
Sustainable Bainbridge
The Carter Center
The Coffee Oasis
The Island School
The Little School
The Stanford Fund
The Thacher School
United Way of Kitsap County
Ventura County Community Foundation
Volunteers in Asia
Washington State Smile Partners
Washington Wildlife & Recreation Coalition
We Care Solar
West Sound Treatment Center
West Sound Wildlife Shelter
Western Washington University
Whitman College
Wilkes Elementary PTO
Yes! Magazine
YWCA of Kitsap County
Our Mission

The mission of Bainbridge Community Foundation is to encourage, inspire and provide meaningful ways for people to enhance and sustain our community through philanthropy.

BAINBRIDGE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
Physical Address: 149 Finch Place SW, Suite 4
Mailing Address: 221 Winslow Way West #305
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110
206.842.0433
info@bainbridgecf.org
www.bainbridgecf.org

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Lynn Agnew  Paul Merriman
Cris Beattie  Carl Middleton
Eric Cederwall  Wendy O’Connor
Marcia Hastings  Proctor Schenk
Theona Jundanian  Chris Snow
Judy Karr  Barbara Swartling
Mary Kerr  Alex Torres
Omie Kerr  Drew Wolff
Shel Klasky

STAFF
Jim Hopper  Executive Director
jim@bainbridgecf.org

Debbie Kuffel  Program & Finance Officer
debbie@bainbridgecf.org

Regina Bellody  Community Relations Administrator
regina@bainbridgecf.org

My thanks to BCF’s Donor Advisors who so generously support the nonprofits through their grantmaking. And to all of our volunteers who make our annual Community Grants Cycle possible and without whom I’d be lost.

I also wish to acknowledge Jim Hopper and our Board of Trustees for so strongly supporting our grantmaking programs; the heart of the Foundation’s work.

And lastly, my gratitude to Sarah Guthu for her help in crafting the text, Theona Jundanian for proofreading, Steve Stolee and Regina Bellody for allowing the use of several of their photos, and Jeanette Alexander Graphic Design for the fabulous new layout of this report.

I hope you enjoyed reading it as much as we enjoyed creating it.

All my best,
Debbie

Westsound Wildlife Shelter Photo © Steven Stolee

Inspiring Philanthropy