Bainbridge Community Foundation has awarded 51 grants for a record $321,813 to local nonprofit organizations through its 2019 Community Grants program. Fifty-one grants are being funded in sectors including arts and culture, animal welfare, education, environment, health and human services, and recreation.

Two local organizations are first time applicants and are being funded for the first time (Assistance Dogs NW & Special Olympics). The online portal, www.BainbridgeGives.org engaged a record number of funding partners and many new donors. Close to eighty percent of this year’s recipients, some 40 organizations, saw their requests fully funded! We were able to fund 92% of the dollars requested from these 51 grant requests. Our average grant size increased by $728 to an amazing $6,310. The Shel Klasky Award was presented to IVC’s Community Resource Navigator collaborative project.

We had eleven new volunteers join our Grants Evaluation Team; with a total of 46 people in this group.

The Community Grants program has made $2,437,551 in local grants since the program began in 2005, providing support for specific programs, capital projects, as well as general operations of local nonprofit organizations. This brings the Foundation’s overall giving to more than $13.6 million since 2001.
Community Grant applications were reviewed by an Evaluation Team of nearly 50 community volunteers, who interviewed applicants, made site visits and performed financial due diligence of each organization.

Thank you to each and every volunteer and donor for making the 2019 Community Grant Cycle such a success!

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ANIMAL WELFARE
• Assistance Dogs Northwest (New)
Funding to support veterinary expenses for Assistance Dog puppies in training including crucial vaccinations and health screenings required prior to graduation.
Amount Funded: $5,000

• Horse Harbor Foundation, Inc.
Funding to support sanctuary upgrades for the health and safety of the permanent herd of 24 horses rescued from abuse and neglect and the students, volunteers, and others participating in equine stewardship.
Amount Funded: $2,375

• Kitsap Humane Society
General operating support to help increase the number of at-risk animals saved in our community through the combined and complimentary strategies of our Low-Cost Spay/Neuter and Foster Care Programs.
Amount Funded: $11,000

• PAWS of Bainbridge and North Kitsap
Funding for veterinary care through PAWS Veterinary Care and Spay/Neuter assistance program for owned pets of low income families and seniors.
Amount Funded: $5,000

• West Sound Wildlife Shelter
Funding to provide 30 live animal education programs, free to students in the Bainbridge School District, that help students develop a deep feeling for animals, the environment and other people based on empathy, understanding and respect.
Amount Funded: $6,000

ARTS & CULTURE
Arts & Humanities Bainbridge
Funding for new technology to create an online community platform for the Currents publication that will showcase all aspects of the community’s cultural sector in one place, on one website.
Amount Funded: $4,000

• Bainbridge Chorale
Funding to hire Bainbridge Symphony Orchestra musicians in April of 2020 for a collaborative choral/orchestral masterwork performance of Brahms’ German Requiem.
Amount Funded: $5,000

• Bainbridge Island Historical Museum
Funding for “Vanishing Bainbridge”, a photographic exhibit and documentation of Bainbridge Island’s post-1950 built environment that will expand an existing collection and be exhibited at the Museum and throughout the community.
Amount Funded: $6,500

Bainbridge Island Museum of Art
Funding for BIMA’s ArtsGrowth Initiative that provides art education for children during non-school times and Creative Aging art programs for older adults and their care givers.
Amount Funded: $6,050

• Bainbridge Performing Arts
Funding for Bainbridge Performing Arts 2019-2020 Cultural Outreach Series - a four-part Cultural Outreach that brings multicultural performing artists to Bainbridge Island for school matinees and community performances.
Amount Funded: $4,000

• Friends of Fort Ward
Funding for placement of four new interpretive signs in the historic Fort Ward neighborhood and park that will include QR codes that link to the Friends of Fort Ward website.
Amount Funded: $4,000

• Island Theatre
Funding for a 12’ by 16’ portable stage platform to be shared by Island Theatre as a temporary stage for annual Play Readings and the Bainbridge Library for speaker events.
Amount Funded: $5,248

• Kids Discovery Museum
General operating support to help meet the demands of increased attendance.
Amount Funded: $5,000

• Olympic Performance Group
The Guild Dance Company’s new work, ‘Immigration Stories’, and an associated master class by choreographer, Alex Ung.
Amount Funded: $1,000

EDUCATION
• Bainbridge Schools Foundation
Funding to support academic intervention at Bainbridge High School, empowering kids to graduate from high school.
Amount Funded: $10,000

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Leadership Kitsap Foundation
Funding support for curriculum, materials and supplies to train future community leaders through a 10-month professional development & civic leadership program.
Amount Funded: $1,000

ENVIRONMENT
• Bainbridge Island Land Trust
Funding support to protect and conserve Natural Bainbridge Island through community engagement of adult and youth volunteers, workers, partner organizations and technical forestry experts.
Amount Funded: $7,000

• Bloedel Reserve
Funding support for facilitation and guidebooks for the self-guided program, Strolls for Well-Being that takes participants through 12 themed seasonal walks on the garden grounds.
Amount Funded: $10,000

• EcoAdapt
Funding support to advance island wide climate change preparedness by helping local organizations apply the Bainbridge Island Climate Impact Assessment and the Climate Change Adaptation Certification to their work.
Amount Funded: $5,000

IslandWood
Funding to support three public art programs for the Bainbridge Island community in partnership with the Artist-in-Residence program.
Amount Funded: $2,400

• Salish Sea Expeditions
Funding to support the Sound Program which annually engages up to 700 children, teens, and young adults (grades 5 – 12) on a one-to-five-day research sailing expedition on the Salish Sea.
Amount Funded: $5,000

HEALTH, HOUSING, & HUMAN SERVICE
• Amara
Funding for Amara's Emergency Sanctuary that provides a safe haven for children removed from their home environments by the State for their own safety due to neglect or other emergency.
Amount Funded: $8,000

• Arms Around Bainbridge
Funding for 30 nutrient-dense, home-cooked meals prepared by a licensed personal chef through the Good Eats program for recipient families with a member suffering from major illness and delivered every other month.
Amount Funded: $10,000

• Bainbridge Island Child Care Centers
Funding support for capital to build a new home on currently owned property for K-6 grade childcare for working families - Big Kids and Kid’s Club programs - that include before and after school and summer child care.
Amount Funded: $6,250

• Bainbridge Island Senior Community Ctr
Funding for Seniors' Monthly Shopping Excursion Program partnering with Island Volunteer Caregivers to provide free monthly shopping trips to off-island stores allowing for a sense of independence, particularly for low-income seniors who do not drive.
Amount Funded: $2,040

• Bainbridge Youth Services
Funding to support 'Lead from Within,' a new, year-long youth well-being and leadership program designed to create a safe and supportive community of peers learning a common language and set of practices that support social and emotional strengths to support positive outcomes.
Amount Funded: $7,560

• Boys & Girls Clubs of King County
Funding general operational support with a focus on supporting needs-based scholarships for kids who rely on safe, positive out-of-school support and help developing the skills, knowledge, and habits for future success.
Amount Funded: $10,000

• EBC - Eastside Baby Corner Westsound
Funding for general operations to procure tangible goods for children (diapers, formula, clothes, car seats), working closely with agency partners to serve families and children in need.
Amount Funded: $5,000

• Helpline House
Funding to prevent Bainbridge Island households from entering into homelessness by providing financial assistance towards housing and by connecting households to additional support tailored to each household’s circumstances.
Amount Funded: $10,000

• Holly Ridge Center
Funding to provide early intervention services, therapies and family support for Bainbridge Island children ages birth to three and their families.
Amount Funded: $10,000

• Housing Resources Bainbridge
Funding for operational support to grow HRB’s rental and homeownership portfolio, as well as housing programs and advocacy and education efforts.
Amount Funded: $10,000

• Island Time Activities
Funding for operating support to empower people with intellectual disabilities (learning disabilities, autism, downs syndrome, etc.) to achieve personal and financial independence, while providing respite for their caregivers.
Amount Funded: $10,000

• Kids in Concert
Funding to offset the expenses of camp materials, snacks, rent and staff pay for an annual two week low cost ($50) musical theatre summer camp, with writing, directing, choreography, set building and costumes done by students.
Amount Funded: $5,000

• Kitsap Immigrant Assistance Center (KIAC)
Funding for operational support to enhance current comprehensive family and legal services programs while expanding outreach to underserved immigrant groups such as young children, new mothers and teens.
Amount Funded: $10,000

• Martha & Mary
Funding for Dementia Care Training for 75 Direct Care Workers and Family Caregivers plus community workshops, to equip caregivers with skills to improve quality and effectiveness of care for person-centered in-home care for Kitsap seniors.
Amount Funded: $5,000

• North Kitsap Fishline
Funding for the Homeless and Housing Support Services program that provides coordinated case management, financial support and housing advocacy for those who are homeless or those at risk of becoming homeless in the North Kitsap community.
Amount Funded: $10,200

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- **Peacock Family Services**
  Funding for the Childcare/Preschool Tuition Assistance Program for low-income families, filling the gap between the cost of care and what families can afford and giving access to educational support during a critical time in a child’s development.
  **Amount Funded:** $8,000

- **Scarlet Road**
  Funding for the outreach/education program that seeks to end sexual exploitation and sex trafficking locally by creating safe exit solutions, connecting survivors to services, and training community members to identify and safely report exploitation situations.
  **Amount Funded:** $6,500

- **Sound Works Job Center**
  Funding for operational support to provide free one-on-one professional employment services to low-income, unemployed and/or homeless individuals including returning veterans to support a successful job search.
  **Amount Funded:** $2,000

- **West Sound Treatment Center, Inc.**
  Funding support for transportation for those with substance abuse disorders in the Community Outreach / Recovery / Education program that provides case management, education/vocational support, and child care assistance for those striving to become self-sufficient.
  **Amount Funded:** $6,500

- **YWCA Kitsap County**
  Funding to support state certified programming for Legal Advocacy, Court Accompaniment, Emergency Shelter and Housing Assistance for women, children and families experiencing domestic violence on Bainbridge Island.
  **Amount Funded:** $10,200

**RECREATION**

- **Bainbridge Island Parks Foundation**
  Funding for Summer Trails Crew program, for construction, maintenance and monitoring of trails on Bainbridge Island.
  **Amount Funded:** $4,500

**PUBLIC BENEFIT**

- **BI Japanese American Community (BIJAC)**
  Funding for website redesign and functionality that will provide better access to the digital library relating to the Japanese American community on Bainbridge Island before, during, and after World War II.
  **Amount Funded:** $10,000

**Bainbridge Prepares**

Funding for partial salaries for staff (Executive Director and Program Director) as Bainbridge Prepares expands its leadership team.

**Amount Funded:** $5,000

- **Island Volunteer Caregivers**
  Funding assistance for our growing IVC Grief Support Groups, Compassionate Companions and Caregivers Support programs, providing essential resources with connections that enable the independence, dignity, health and well-being of people that we serve.
  **Amount Funded:** $7,200 + $1,000 Private

- **Island Volunteer Caregivers**
  Funding for a Community Resource Navigator for a collaborative project between Island Volunteer Caregivers and the Bainbridge Senior Community Center to assist individuals and their families with issues related to aging and/or disability.
  **Amount Funded:** $10,000

**One Call for All**

Improvements to website, data management and communication through donor focus groups and donor experience.

**Amount Funded:** $2,790

- **Bainbridge Island Parks Foundation**
  Funding for The Association of Bainbridge Communities (ABC) 17th Bainbridge Environmental Conference—“Stewarding Island Forests through Climate Change”—that will bring together forestry and climate change experts to support resilient forests.
  **Amount Funded:** $4,600

- **Bainbridge Island Rowing**
  Funding to purchase and install powder coated metal boat racks designed to store up to 10 smaller rowing/racing boats at the rowing center currently under construction at Waterfront Park.
  **Amount Funded:** $8,000

- **BIMPRD - Outdoor Adventure Programs**
  Funding to purchase six new mountain bikes to be used for instructing youth (ages 7-10) for the Park District’s after school, summer camp, and weekend mountain bike community outdoor adventure program.
  **Amount Funded:** $3,900

- **Special Olympics Washington (New)**
  Funding for sports equipment, uniforms and seasonal facility rental for bowling, bocce, and track & field sports programing /health education that serves people of all ages with intellectual disabilities.
  **Amount Funded:** $2,000

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