

## JAY ABBOTT YOUTH ACTIVITY FUND GRANT INFORMATION

Submission deadline: March 8, 2017

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The Bainbridge Island Parks Foundation (BIPF) hosts the Jay Abbott Youth Activity Fund (JAY Fund) in memory of Jay Abbott, whose active life was enhanced by his mentorship of young people in cycling, sailing and skiing. The JAY Fund aims to support projects in these activities that emphasize mentoring, improved coaching, training of interested volunteers, and experiences that build confidence for Bainbridge Island youth. Grant award projects will be awarded as they best represent these goals.

BIPF is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization funded by private donors, grant sources and contributions to the 'One Call For All' campaign. Our mission is to enhance community by supporting a thriving system of parks, trails and open space. BIPF programs aim to help support projects by providing funding that improves our parks, trails and recreational opportunities.

### GOALS OF THE JAY ABBOTT YOUTH ACTIVITY FUND

To honor the memory of Jay Abbott by supporting projects similar to those he generously and enthusiastically engaged in during his lifetime.

### GRANT AMOUNT AVAILABLE

JAY Fund Grants in 2017 are limited to \$4,000 per award, and may be smaller depending on the number of applicants.

### WHO CAN APPLY

Organized recreation groups involved in sailing, cycling and skiing that work to give experiences in these activities to Bainbridge Island youth may apply for a grant.

### REQUIREMENTS

Project must benefit the public.

- Project must include and be open to Bainbridge Island youth, defined as those young people, age 12 to 18, who reside or go to school on Bainbridge Island.
- Project must involve activities that emphasize mentoring, improved coaching, training of interested volunteers, and/or experiences that build confidence for Bainbridge Island youth.
- Project plans must include location of project and timeline.
- Project must be completed by January 1, 2018
- Grantee must submit a program report on or before March 1, 2018.

## **GRANT CRITERIA**

Includes but is not limited to the following:

1. Project addresses a definable need.
2. Project will enhance experiences in the respective activity for a group of Bainbridge Island youth.
3. Project engages organized groups to facilitate improved mentorship roles.
4. Project will increase opportunities for adults and youth to engage in respective activity.
5. Project includes a well-organized realistic budget and schedule.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Applicant groups will complete the 2017 JAY Fund application for the Bainbridge Island Parks Foundation. The JAY Fund Grant Committee of the Bainbridge Island Parks Foundation will review applications, and invite top applicants to give a short presentation to the Committee. The Committee will then evaluate applications and recommend Grant Awards to the BIPF Board of Directors for approval. Awards will be based on project merit, diversity, community involvement and availability of funds. Once the award has been announced, BIPF will issue a formal Financial Agreement between the Parks Foundation and grantee to be signed by project leaders.

Selected applicants will be contacted directly for an appointment to make a 5 minute evening presentation at an evening meeting on Monday, March 27.

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION OR ASSISTANCE**

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