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COMMUNITY GRANT DESCRIPTION AND CRITERIA

Submission deadline: October 1, 2023

The Bainbridge Island Parks & Trails Foundation (BIPTF) created the Community Grant Program to encourage and support qualified non-profits, individuals and community groups who want to undertake projects to improve and enhance trails, parks, facilities and recreational opportunities on Bainbridge Island. The Bainbridge Island Parks & Trails Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Our mission: Building on community creativity and inspiration, we mobilize resources to improve parks and trails on Bainbridge Island.

Goals of the Community Grant Program Include projects that positively impact recreational opportunities on Bainbridge Island in order to:

- Improve local parks and trails in ways that reflect community priorities.
- Inspire partnerships that provide stewardship of Bainbridge Island parks and trails, to increase public enjoyment.
- Create greater recreational access and opportunity for citizens

GRANT AMOUNTS AVAILABLE:

2023 Bainbridge Island Parks Foundation Community Grants anticipated limit is \$3000 per award and may be smaller depending on the number of awards granted. **Community Grants are limited to capital projects**, not operating expenses or budgets already in place for recreational programs.

WHO MAY APPLY:

Individuals, families, neighborhood and community groups, public agencies, private businesses, organized recreation groups, and philanthropic organizations are all welcome to apply for funding for projects which enhance parks, trails and open space, or improve recreational opportunities on Bainbridge Island. Individuals and groups who apply without nonprofit status must partner with a public agency where the project will be located, such as the Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park & Recreation District. A public agency may apply, but must partner with a community representative, to assure community interest in the project.

GRANT CRITERIA includes but is not limited to projects which:

- Address a definable community need and benefit the public.
- Occur in or on a park, trail or public space, or park facility on Bainbridge Island, and/or correlate to Park District recreational programs.
- Enhance public use of Bainbridge Island parks, trails and facilities.
- Include a well-organized, realistic budget and schedule.
- Include plans that specify an appropriate location, installation, and maintenance plan.
- Be completed by September 30, 2024 unless otherwise granted an extension or renegotiated with BIPTF's Community Grant Committee.
- Align with the Comprehensive Plan approved by the Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park & Recreation District (or City or School District- as property owner), or otherwise given special approval before a grant may be awarded.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Interested applicants must complete BIPTF's Community Grant Application by October 1, 2023. BIPTF's Community Grant Committee will review all completed applications. The Committee will invite qualified applicants to give a 15 minute presentation on the evening of **Thursday, October 18th**. Please reserve time on this evening for a member of your project team to present, and for a short Q&A session. The Committee will then evaluate and recommend grant awards to BIPF's Board of Directors for approval. Awards will be based on meeting the criteria and requirements defined above and funding availability. Once the awards have been announced, BIPTF will send grantees a formal Grant Agreement to be executed by both parties.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR ASSISTANCE:

Questions about this application can be directed to the Bainbridge Island Parks & Trails Foundation through Projects Director Barbara Trafton via email at barb@biparksfoundation.org.