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**Bainbridge Island, WA.** The Bainbridge Island Community Endowment has awarded \$20,000 in grants to nine community non-profit organizations. An additional \$28,400 in grants was given to local organizations by the Endowment's donor-advised funds.

"The Bainbridge Island Community Endowment is proud to support a wide range of local non-profit organizations, all of which are dedicated to improving the quality of life in our community," said Larry Mills, President of the Bainbridge Island Community Endowment. "Our goal is to provide more support to these community-based organizations in the future, and not just through our growing Endowment, but also by making prospective donors aware of opportunities to support worthy community projects."

For the 2006 grant-making program, 19 organizations submitted grant proposals to the Bainbridge Island Community Endowment and 14 received grants from either the Endowment or one of the Endowment's donor-advised funds, or both. The grant requests ranged from \$1,500 to \$41,000. With a combined total of \$48,400 in grants to these local non-profit organizations, the Endowment and its donor-advised funds were able to award full or partial grants to over 70% of the organizations that sent proposals.

"All of the grant proposals were so worthwhile," said Sonya Marinoni, Grants Committee Chair for the Bainbridge Island Community Endowment. "While we are pleased to be able give to so many organizations in 2006, only the second year of our grant-making program, we wish we could have met 100% of these community organizations' needs."

"One of the most valuable parts of Bainbridge Island Community Endowment's grants process is that for each grantmaking cycle, we have a clear grantmaking strategy. When we were discussing the final awards, we would have loved to support all, but we were guided by our strategy of funding those programs or services that provide a direct benefit to the broadest segment of people in the community, or those organizations that support underserved populations," said Channie Peters, a Board and Grants Committee member and former Manager of Grants Administration at the Pew Charitable Trusts. "But, the process also left us wondering how to help those who did not receive grants from us. Maybe we could do something for them, too."

That "something" is an innovative service that can quickly connect community organizations with potential donors through the Bainbridge Island Community Endowment website. Ms. Peters and the Grants Committee have led the effort to create a section on the site that will allow an organization to "post" its funding needs. A potential donor will be able to view the various "wish lists" online at [www.bicommunityendowment.org](http://www.bicommunityendowment.org) in the "Gifting Opportunities" page, and if interested, contact the posting organization directly. "We are finalizing the content for the site this week," said Ms. Peters. "We hope it will be fully operational by July 1. It's a great way to bring together organizations in need with donors interested in helping."

For those non-profit organizations who were awarded 2006 Bainbridge Island Community Endowment grants, the news was well-received. Joanne Tews, Executive Director of Helpline House, said, "We're grateful to the Bainbridge Island Community Endowment for the financial support to bring our food bank remodel to a close and start serving hungry families in an efficient and more cost-effective way." Bill Reddy, Executive Director of the Housing Resources Board, said the grant will help fund a new property management and general ledger accounting software system that "...goes to the heart of making sure that more Island families with a low income have a safe, decent and sustainable home." Jerry Elfendahl and Cloantha Copass from Team Yeomalt said, "We are thrilled by this award from the Endowment. This contribution helps Team Yeomalt take a big step toward meeting our goal."

For more information about the Bainbridge Island Community Endowment's grantmaking programs, or to find out how you can start a fund to benefit the community, visit the Endowment's website at [www.bicommunityendowment.org](http://www.bicommunityendowment.org) or contact them by phone at (206)842-0433.

### **Bainbridge Island Community Endowment 2006 Grant Recipients**

For the first time, the Bainbridge Island Community Endowment made grants to two Kitsap-based organizations, Sound Works Job Center and Martha & Mary Lutheran Services, which provide services to the members of Bainbridge Island.

Bainbridge Island Parks Foundation – Yeomalt Cabin Restoration

To help restore cabin for public and community uses

\$1000 from the Endowment

\$1000 from a donor-advised fund

Bainbridge Island Public Schools Trust

To support reading and academic remedial program

\$2000 from the Endowment

\$2000 from a donor-advised fund

Bainbridge Island TV (BITV)

To purchase a server to stream coverage of island events over the internet, allowing access to all Bainbridge residents

\$2500 from the Endowment

\$1400 from a donor-advised fund

Helpline House

To pay for remodeling of food bank

\$4400 from the Endowment

Housing Resources Board

To purchase general ledger and property management software

\$3500 from the Endowment

Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers

To support increased operating costs for more staff

\$1500 from the Endowment

\$1500 from a donor-advised fund

**Bainbridge Island Community Endowment 2006 Grant Recipients (con't)**

Kids Discovery Museum

To provide free passes to underserved population

\$2600 from the Endowment

Martha & Mary Lutheran Services

To build greenhouse for horticultural therapy for rehabilitation of patients

\$1500 from the Endowment

Sound Works Job Center

To provide operating support for low-income clients' job search needs

\$1000 from the Endowment

\$2000 from a donor-advised fund

**Donor-Advised-Only Grant Recipients:**

Bainbridge Historical Society

To complete permanent records of the artifact collection

\$3000 from a donor-advised fund

Bainbridge Island Arts & Humanities Council

To provide operating support for organizational growth needs

\$5000 from a donor-advised fund

Bainbridge Island Japanese American Community

To purchase equipment to record oral history project

\$2500 from a donor-advised fund

Bainbridge Island Parks Foundation – Transmitter Building Project

To fund building accessibility improvements

\$5000 from a donor-advised fund

Bainbridge Community Piano Association

To complete a purchase of a community piano

\$5000 from a donor-advised fund

***Bainbridge Island Community Endowment***

***Building the future of our community through encouraging philanthropy today.***

*The Bainbridge Island Community Endowment was established in 2001 to help improve the quality of life in the Bainbridge community for years to come. It has 16 donor-advised funds and assets have grown to \$2.8 million in its first four years. The Endowment is a supporting organization of The Seattle Foundation.*