



# HENRY & VIRGINIA BEHRENS TRUST

## 2026 APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The Behrens Fund Ministry annually distributes approximately \$40,000 - \$50,000 through a competitive grant-making process. Awards range from \$1,500 to \$25,000 and must be used within 12 months of receipt. For information about Behrens history, trust guidelines, or other matters please contact [office@stbfalmouth.org](mailto:office@stbfalmouth.org). Grants are classified into three categories Community, Diocese and Saint Barnabas's.

**Community:** Falmouth, Cape Cod, global projects proposed by Saint Barnabas's parishioners.

**Diocese:** Special projects or organizations supported by the Diocese of Massachusetts.

**Saint Barnabas's:** Unique projects, new programs, items in support of programs using Saint Barnabas's facilities. Grant requests must not be eligible for expenditures of operating budget or general funds resources.

### Annual and Sizable:

- Annual is defined to be used by the grantee within the calendar year awarded.
- Sizable is definite as \$1,500 - \$15,000.
- The Behrens Fund committee reserves the right to adjust grant requests and attempts to distribute the annual distribution to maximize the impact and effectiveness of its total annual distribution.

### Funding Criteria

- **Impact:** Behrens funding would make a significant impact in support of an extraordinary opportunity or need.
- **Timely / Relevant:** Proposals should meet the current needs of the community they serve and consider major trends or events shaping community priorities for example, affordable housing inventory or epidemics.
- **Worthy:** This proposal is well-aligned with Saint Barnabas's missions to serve those in need, care for the environment, and build peace.
- **Considers climate impacts:** Climate change and the collapse of the natural world are now true emergencies for the human family and God's creation. Our

diocese has declared a climate emergency<sup>1</sup> and encourages all individuals, parishes, communities, and ministries to commit to drawdown well before 2030. The climate impacts of proposals to the Behrens Fund Ministry will therefore be considered. Applicants may contact Saint Barnabas's Creation Care Ministry via the church office for guidance.

### **Timeline:**

- Applications are due April 1. Grants are reviewed in April and May with funds awarded in June.

### **Application Process:**

Please include a cover letter for each grant application that includes the following:

- Program name
- Program purpose
- Strategic reason for Behrens funding
- Climate impacts of the proposed plan
- Amount requested
- Project timeline
- Contact name & information
- Board President or Executive Director signature

Each grant application needs to include the following:

- Cover letter (see above for details in Cover Letter)
- Grant application
- Brochures or Information about the program
- Budget for the program

Grant applications available at Saint Barnabas's Church Office. Organizations applying for a grant may be requested to send a representative(s) to address the Behrens Fund review committee to elaborate on the application and answer questions. No written documentation may be added at that time.

Mail Applications to: P.O. Box 203, Falmouth, MA 02541-0203

## BEHREN'S FUND GRANT APPLICATION

Date of Application:

Legal name of organization:

Non-profit? Yes  No  (If YES, please include documentation of non-profit status)

Year founded:

Annual operating budget: \$

Executive Director:

Phone:

Email:

Contact person:

Phone:

Email:

Address:

Business mailing address (if different from above):

Website:

Project Name:

Project Goals:

Total Project Cost:

Amount Requested:

Have you received a grant from the Behrens Fund in the past? YES  No

If YES, please tell us when and the amounts you received and for what purpose:

Signatures: Please have President of Board of Directors and the Executive Director sign.

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President of Board of Directors

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Executive Director

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Application received on:	Date: _____	Initials: _____
Funds approved by Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Date: _____   Initials: _____
Vestry approved	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO   Amount _____	Date: _____   Initials: _____
Check request:	Date: _____	Initials: _____
Check sent:	Date: _____	Initials: _____
Comments:		