





## vBCF Mission

To build community value by protecting and preserving Newport County's unique quality of place, and improving the quality of life for its residents



**2015** marks van Beuren Charitable Foundation's 30th year as a family philanthropy. Looking back, we are struck by what has changed and what remains constant.

Certainly our scale has grown, from grants totaling \$171,000 in our first year of giving to over \$6.5 million in 2015. This increase in activity pushed our operations from the kitchen table to an office with a professional staff, and has allowed us to support a more diverse group of grantees.

Perhaps more important are the things that have not changed. Family members remain actively engaged with the foundation and committed to Newport County. Together with foundation staff, we look forward to continuing our long tradition of partnering with local organizations to strengthen the community.

In 2015, to advance our mission of improving the quality of life and quality of place in Newport County, over \$4.5 million in grants were made to position our community competitively for the future. These investments in community vitality include forward-looking education programs, active living and healthy eating initiatives, and collaborations that intentionally link quality of place and quality of life.

The scale and complexity of our work continues to grow due to the enduring generosity of our founders, Happy and Archie van Beuren. To help us prepare thoughtfully for the next thirty years, we have initiated a long range planning process. The Foundation remains guided by the tenets of family engagement, effectiveness and community involvement.

It has been both a pleasure and honor for the board and staff to partner with the community over the past thirty years.



Archbold D. van Beuren  
Chair



Elizabeth R. Lynn  
Executive Director

June 28, 2016

# Landscapes & the Built Environment

*Conserving and strengthening the extraordinary landscapes and built environments essential to Newport County's physical and cultural character, and integrating those elements into the future development of the community.*

Building upon the Foundation's past investments in historic preservation, land use, and land conservation, the van Beuren Charitable Foundation introduced the Landscapes & the Built Environment program area in 2014, merging and enhancing its former program areas, Land Use & Conservation and Historic Preservation. By considering Landscapes & the Built Environment holistically, the Foundation hopes to help ensure the future of a vibrant, dynamic Newport County community.

## 2015 Grants - Landscapes & the Built Environment

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| <b>Aquidneck Island Planning Commission</b><br><i>for capacity building and programs for Island-wide leadership</i>            | <b>\$183,404</b> | <b>Funders Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities</b><br><i>to support the annual fund</i>   | <b>\$6,510</b>   |
| <b>Aquidneck Land Trust</b><br><i>to support the burial of utility wires along the Second Beach and Sachuest Point roadway</i> | <b>\$197,000</b> | <b>Grow Smart Rhode Island</b><br><i>for general operating support</i>   | <b>\$50,000</b>  |
| <b>Aquidneck Land Trust</b><br><i>for operating support and strategic planning</i>   | <b>\$75,000</b>  | <b>Middletown Tree Association</b><br><i>for tree maintenance and planting incentive programs</i>  | <b>\$8,000</b>   |
| <b>Channing Memorial Church</b><br><i>for a Comprehensive Facilities Management Plan</i>                                       | <b>\$50,000</b>  | <b>New England Grassroots Environment Fund</b><br><i>for small grants and capacity building of grassroots environmental groups in Newport County</i> | <b>\$20,000</b>  |
| <b>Church Community Housing Corporation</b><br><i>for planning related to the Newport Spring site</i>                          | <b>\$21,400</b>  | <b>Brookings Institution</b><br><i>toward the Rhode Island Economic Development Strategy</i>   | <b>\$150,000</b> |
| <b>City of Newport, RI</b><br><i>for Impacts of Sea Level Change: PILOTING toward Solutions</i>                                | <b>\$15,500</b>  | <b>Newport County Development Council</b><br><i>for the launch of a regional economic development organization</i>                                   | <b>\$70,000</b>  |
| <b>Environment Council of Rhode Island Education Fund</b><br><i>to support water quality management along Bailey's Brook</i>   | <b>\$20,000</b>  | <b>Newport Tree Society</b><br><i>to support the Newport Parks &amp; Open Space Master Plan</i>  | <b>\$100,000</b> |





“Can we call forth that vision of the urban landscape we want to bequeath to those who come after us? In a preservation-conscious town, how can we help make change be part of the conversation, as we are inexorably carried along in the river of time?... How can we respond to our changing landscape in ways that will help create the next Newport into the twenty-second century?”

Nancy Austin, PhD  
*Beech Tree Eulogy*  
*First Light Funeral – a collaborative project of Catalyzing Newport, Newport Art Museum, and Newport Tree Society*

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| <b>Preservation Society of Newport County</b><br><i>toward The Breakers landscape rehabilitation</i>   | <b>\$210,000</b>   |
| <b>Preserve Rhode Island</b><br><i>for Preservation Easements: Priorities for Aquidneck Island project</i>   | <b>\$30,000</b>    |
| <b>Rhode Island Council for the Humanities</b><br><i>for the Catalyzing Culture, Culture as Catalyst project</i>   | <b>\$179,930</b>   |
| <b>Rhode Island School of Design</b><br><i>to support the Adaptive Reuse Studio at Redwood Library and Athenaeum</i>   | <b>\$51,264</b>    |
| <b>Rose Island Lighthouse Foundation</b><br><i>for the interior restoration of the Fort Hamilton Barracks</i>  | <b>\$65,000</b>    |
| <b>Save the Bay</b><br><i>to support Aquidneck Island projects</i>   | <b>\$35,000</b>    |
| <b>Social Venture Partners Rhode Island (SVPRI)</b><br><i>for operating support and capacity building of the Bike Newport program</i>                                      | <b>\$110,000</b>   |
| <b>Third Sector New England</b><br><i>for the RI Food Policy Council's 2016 Local Agriculture and Seafood Act marketing matching grants program</i>                        | <b>\$53,930</b>    |
| <b>Third Sector New England</b><br><i>to support the RI Land Trust Council program</i>   | <b>\$15,000</b>    |
| <b>University of Rhode Island Foundation</b><br><i>to assist Newport County municipalities in creating a shared 5 year strategy to become resilient to coastal hazards</i> | <b>\$50,000</b>    |
| <b>Total Landscapes &amp; the Built Environment Grants</b>   | <b>\$1,766,398</b> |



Photo by Meg Heriot

# Education

Promoting a well-educated community that positions Newport County competitively for desirable economic growth.

## 2015 Grants - Education

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| <b>Boys and Girls Clubs of Newport County</b><br><i>to support education programs</i>  | <b>\$35,000</b> | <b>Newport County Community Mental Health Center</b><br><i>to support the Chronic Early Absenteeism/Truancy Reduction Initiative</i>                   | <b>\$90,000</b>    |
| <b>Boys and Girls Clubs of Newport County</b><br><i>to support the Reading Reaps Rewards collaborative</i>   | <b>\$23,400</b> | <b>Newport County Development Council</b><br><i>to support the STEAM Summit</i>  | <b>\$5,000</b>     |
| <b>Brown University</b><br><i>to support the College Advising Corps at Rogers High School</i>  | <b>\$21,000</b> | <b>Newport Public Schools</b><br><i>for Thompson Middle School NAO Robotics</i>  | <b>\$21,600</b>    |
| <b>East Bay Community Action Program</b><br><i>for Child Opportunity Zone programs in Middletown</i>   | <b>\$19,250</b> | <b>Newport Public Schools</b><br><i>to support planning and equipment for the Newport Area Career and Technology Center</i>                            | <b>\$102,775</b>   |
| <b>FabNewport</b><br><i>to initiate a county-wide "Make with Code" program</i>   | <b>\$98,349</b> | <b>Newport Public Schools</b><br><i>to support The Newport Project, a place-based learning initiative at Rogers High School</i>                        | <b>\$68,149</b>    |
| <b>Generation Citizen</b><br><i>for civics education at Thompson Middle School</i>   | <b>\$15,000</b> | <b>Rhode Island KIDS COUNT</b><br><i>to support the Newport Campaign for Grade-Level Reading</i>   | <b>\$45,000</b>    |
| <b>Grantmakers for Education</b><br><i>to support the annual fund</i>  | <b>\$1,000</b>  | <b>Rhode Island 4-H Club Foundation</b><br><i>for Aquidneck Island 4-H programs</i>  | <b>\$10,000</b>    |
| <b>International Yacht Restoration School</b><br><i>for Rhode Island Composites Alliance's workforce development program for marine trade and composites</i> | <b>\$79,500</b> | <b>Salve Regina University</b><br><i>for O'Hare Academic Center renovations and expansion</i>  | <b>\$500,000</b>   |
| <b>Junior Achievement of Rhode Island</b><br><i>for education programs in financial literacy, work readiness, and entrepreneurship</i>                       | <b>\$10,000</b> | <b>Star Kids Scholarship Program</b><br><i>for developing an evaluation framework</i>  | <b>\$16,875</b>    |
| <b>Maritime Cybersecurity Center</b><br><i>to support the Cybersecurity Internship Program</i>   | <b>\$22,000</b> | <b>Undersea Science and Engineering Foundation</b><br><i>to introduce the SeaPerch Underwater Robotics program to selected East Bay middle schools</i> | <b>\$9,950</b>     |
| <b>Martin Luther King Community Center</b><br><i>for general operating support</i>   | <b>\$35,000</b> | <b>University of Rhode Island Foundation</b><br><i>to add a maritime/defense relationship manager to the Business Engagement Center</i>                | <b>\$58,500</b>    |
| <b>Newport Community School</b><br><i>to implement financial system enhancements and organizational capacity building</i>                                    | <b>\$19,825</b> |  |                    |
| <b>Newport Community School</b><br><i>for the Extended Learning Opportunities for Credit Program</i>   | <b>\$30,357</b> | <b>Total Education Grants</b>  | <b>\$1,337,256</b> |



“Early absenteeism from school affects a child’s chances for learning, graduation from high school and potential life-time earnings. When schools, community partners and families come together in their shared belief that all children belong in school, solutions - such as those being proposed by the Newport Partnership for Families’ Chronic Early Absenteeism and Truancy Reduction Initiative - begin to blossom.”

Rob Archer  
Child & Family Services  
On behalf of the Initiative

# Health

*Increasing access to quality health care and improving healthy choices for working Aquidneck Island families.*

## 2015 Grants - Health

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| <b>Emma Pendleton Bradley Hospital</b><br><i>for outpatient services at Newport Hospital's Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health Clinic</i>   | <b>\$45,000</b>  |
| <b>Farm Fresh Rhode Island</b><br><i>to support nutrition and local food education programs on Aquidneck Island</i>  | <b>\$21,000</b>  |
| <b>Meals on Wheels of Rhode Island</b><br><i>to support the Home Delivery Program in Newport County</i>  | <b>\$12,500</b>  |
| <b>Newport County Community Mental Health Center</b><br><i>to implement financial system enhancements</i>  | <b>\$147,000</b> |
| <b>Newport County YMCA</b><br><i>to implement financial system enhancements</i>  | <b>\$18,050</b>  |
| <b>Newport County YMCA</b><br><i>for the "Prescribe the Y" program – a health collaborative for children</i>   | <b>\$15,000</b>  |
| <b>Newport Hospital</b><br><i>for support of a new CT Scanner</i>  | <b>\$400,000</b> |
| <b>Rhode Island Community Food Bank</b><br><i>to support food acquisition for Newport County programs</i>  | <b>\$80,000</b>  |
| <b>Sail To Prevail</b><br><i>to support the Adaptive Sailing Program</i>   | <b>\$25,000</b>  |
| <b>University of Rhode Island Foundation</b><br><i>for providing home visits by a pharmacist – a collaboration between URI College of Pharmacy and Visiting Nurse Services of Newport and Bristol Counties</i> | <b>\$78,655</b>  |
| <b>Visiting Nurse Services of Newport &amp; Bristol Counties</b><br><i>to support the Palliative Care and Maternal Health programs</i>   | <b>\$25,000</b>  |
| <b>Visiting Nurse Services of Newport &amp; Bristol Counties</b><br><i>to implement financial system enhancements</i>  | <b>\$19,400</b>  |

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| <b>Women's Resource Center</b><br><i>to support counseling for underinsured victims of domestic violence and their children</i> | <b>\$25,000</b>  |
| <b>Total Health Grants</b>  | <b>\$911,605</b> |



“Community partnerships are at the heart of creating a healthy food system that will require more access to affordable locally grown produce, locally sourced seafood, low-salt and sugar-free non-perishable food options, and nutrition education that addresses which foods increase or decrease our risk of disease.”

Marilyn Warren, *Executive Director*  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center

## Additional Grants

### 2015 Grants - Non-Categorical

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| <b>Council on Foundations</b><br><i>for general operating support</i>  | <b>\$500</b>       |
| <b>Grants Managers Network</b><br><i>for general operating support</i>   | <b>\$500</b>       |
| <b>Lucy's Hearth</b><br><i>for general operating support</i>   | <b>\$40,000</b>    |
| <b>Lucy's Hearth</b><br><i>for the acquisition, renovation, and relocation of the Lucy's Hearth facility</i>               | <b>\$400,000</b>   |
| <b>newportFILM</b><br><i>for a film industry recognition initiative</i>  | <b>\$50,000</b>    |
| <b>Robert Potter League for Animals</b><br><i>for general operating support and strategic planning</i>                     | <b>\$40,000</b>    |
| <b>Total Non-Categorical Grants</b>  | <b>\$531,000</b>   |
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| <b>Special Initiatives</b>   |                    |
| <b>Governance/Organizational Development Project</b><br><i>five organizations received funding for leadership coaching</i> | <b>\$29,800</b>    |
| <b>Total Special Initiatives Grants</b>  | <b>\$29,800</b>    |
| <b>Grand Total</b>   | <b>\$4,576,059</b> |

## How To Apply



The Foundation's Board of Directors meets annually in the fall to consider compelling grant proposals. Applications are accepted April 1 through the first business day in June.

All grant proposals must be submitted using vBCF's online application system. For more information on the Foundation's [giving priorities](#) and [how to apply](#) for a grant, please visit vBCF's website or click the underlined links.

## Increasing the Capacity of Grantees

The van Beuren Charitable Foundation provides resources to help grantee organizations and collaborations navigate change and manage growth. Since 2009, vBCF has funded capacity building in areas of financial management, human resources, governance, and leadership coaching through a mix of training sessions and grants. By evaluating and addressing challenges and potential, organizations can better use their capabilities to achieve success.

### Grants

In 2015, vBCF provided support to four organizations to continue their participation in an initiative to improve strategic financial management practices. Fiscal Management Associates guided groups to implement their self-identified priorities that were established through a comprehensive financial assessment.

Effective executives and board members understand the importance of third-party feedback in bolstering leadership skills. vBCF supported five organizations with results-driven coaching grants. Coaching enables leaders to identify and work on areas of professional growth. A leader's gain in skill or self-awareness, in turn, leverages higher organizational performance.

### Training and Leadership Speaker Series

In addition to direct grants to nonprofit organizations, vBCF also provided training sessions to help organizations position themselves for success.

The Foundation partnered with BankNewport, Prince Charitable Trusts and the Alletta Morris McBean Charitable Trust to bring Fiscal Management Associates to our area to provide a three-part financial management training. Thirty-five staff and board members from 15 organizations learned about telling their organization's financial story to donors, team-based financial planning, and managing finances strategically.

For its second Nonprofit Leadership lecture, vBCF welcomed Dr. David Renz, Director of the Midwest Center for Nonprofit Leadership at the University of Missouri. Dr. Renz shared the most recent national research on boards and their effectiveness to an audience of sixty nonprofit leaders and board members. He also shared ways for leaders to more fully engage board members as well as ways for board members to partner more effectively with their organization's staff.



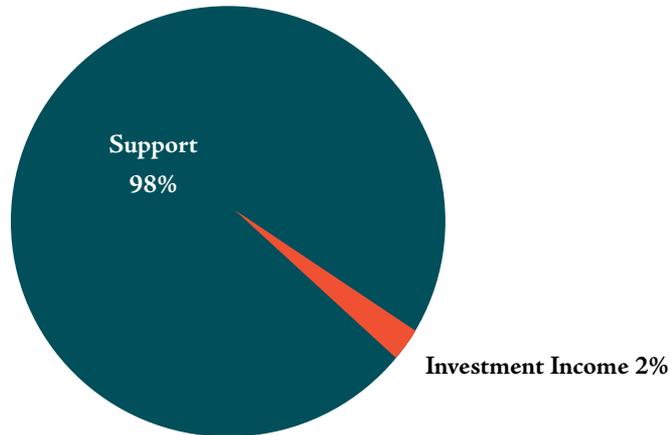
# vBCF Financials

As of December 31, 2015

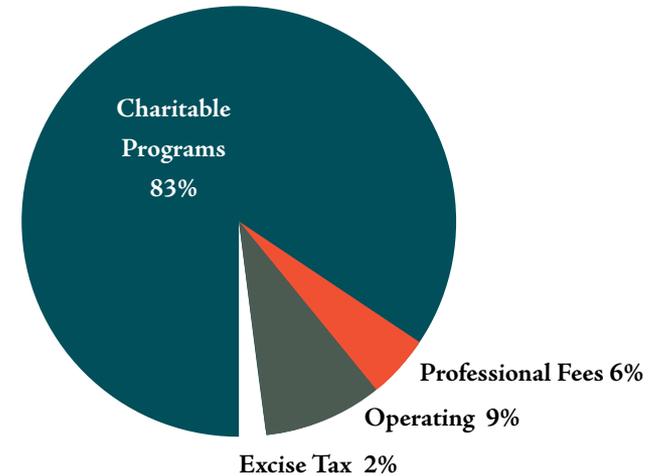
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## Revenues & Support \$8,407,498



## Expenditures \$8,019,693

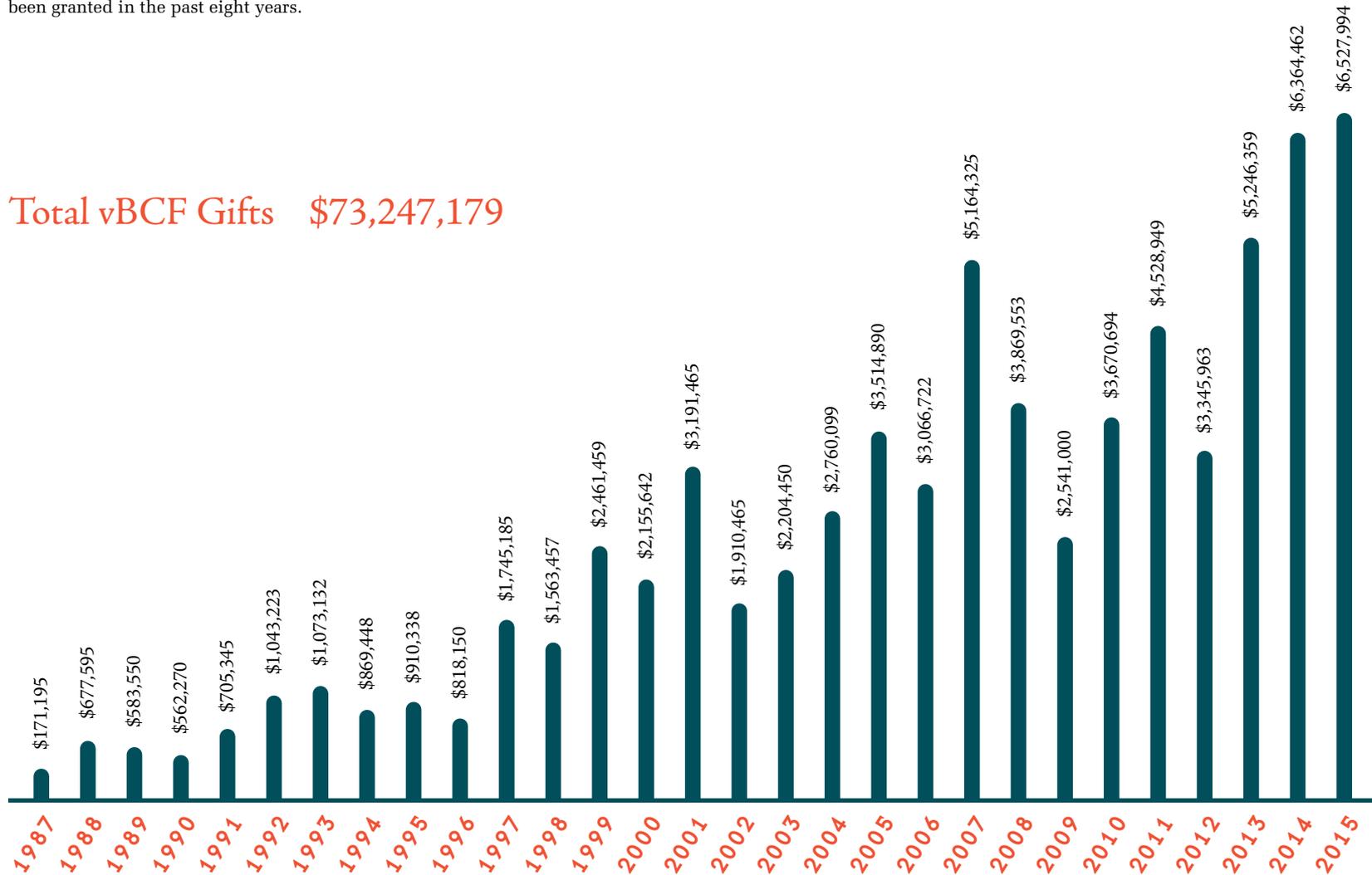


Financial information is unaudited - vBCF's 2015 audit was not completed at the time this report was issued.

# vBCF Grant History

The Foundation has made more than \$73 million in grants since inception; half has been granted in the past eight years.

Total vBCF Gifts \$73,247,179



\*totals include Newport County Grants and Discretionary programs

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