

# THE EUGENE C. BAY FUND FOR URBAN MINISTRY

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**Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church**  
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**The Eugene C. Bay Fund for Urban Ministry** was established in 2004 as a celebration of the leadership of the Rev. Dr. Eugene C. Bay who served as Pastor at BMPC from 1987-2004. Dr. Bay's passion for urban ministry and commitment to the communities of West Philadelphia and Chester guided Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church through a season of revitalization and engagement in mission partnerships. Over the past several years more than 15 organizations have received funds totaling over \$700,000. For some of these organizations, BMPC was honored to be one of their earliest partners.

**The Fund favors projects or programs that:**

- Hold promise of systemic change.
- Contain a significant self-help component.
- Enhance the physical, emotional, educational and spiritual lives of children.
- Encourage personal transformation and provide opportunities for urban and suburban residents to work and grow together.

The Fund is particularly interested in programs that are "faith based" in the broadest sense. A project or programs, however, need not be connected to a religious institution. The fund also prioritizes projects in the communities of West Philadelphia or Chester.

The Eugene C. Bay Fund will not make grants for scholarships, endowments or capital improvements.



**Students at Arch Street Preschool, a two time recipient of the Eugene C. Bay Fund for Urban Ministry**

## **Grant Process and Deadlines:**

Organizations should submit a Letter of Intent (no more than two pages) that gives information and summarizes the proposal by **January 15, 2022**.

Organizations whose Letters of Intent are accepted will be asked to submit a full proposal by **February 28, 2022** that includes:

- Description of the program/project
- Budget for the program/project
- Number of people and community served
- Description of how this program/projects fits the fund criteria
- Organization's current financial status
- How you anticipate sustaining the program when BMPC funding is complete

Site visits will be made in the **Spring and Summer of 2022**.

Funding is typically disbursed in the fall. Grants are disbursed on either a single or a multi-year basis. Recipients are required to provide interim and final narrative reporting and financial accounting of funds awarded.

**All Letters of Intent and full proposals should be sent to  
grants@bmpc.org**

**For more information about the  
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## A SAMPLE OF PAST RECIPIENTS

**The Center for Returning Citizens** - TCRC assists formerly incarcerated returning citizens in their transition to society through aid in securing employment, transitional housing, quality counseling, peer-group mentoring, reality-based workshops, and referral to all necessary services. The program supported by the Bay Fund was for summer and after-school services for children of incarcerated parents, returning citizens and other at-risk youth. It involves assistance with school work, community engagement, and positive recreational activities. Recipient in 2014-2015 - \$60,000

**ArtWell Eco Arts Program**- Founded in 2001 to respond to the chronic community violence in Philadelphia, ArtWell introduced a preventive, educational, arts-oriented approach to reach underserved communities and youth facing discrimination, poverty, violence and the everyday challenges of growing up. The Bay Fund supported their EcoArts programs - a curriculum with the Boys and Girls Club in Chester. It provides urban youth who are cut off from the natural world with an opportunity to fall in love with the environment, discover how it supports us, and learn what the environment and youth themselves need to thrive. Recipient in 2014-2015 - \$50,000

**Interfaith Center of Greater Philadelphia** - Founded in 2004, the Interfaith Center continues to build bridges and relationships across faith boundaries and to guide our region in responding thoughtfully and with courage in an ever diverse world. The Bay Fund supported the expansion of their longstanding Walking the Walk programs which seeks to build relationships across interfaith lines among youth in both the city and suburbs. Recipient in 2010-2011 - \$50,000

**theVillage** - Since 1877, theVillage has been engaged in the work of advocating for children and families in Philadelphia. Their Bay Fund grant allowed them to expand their use of Parent Child Interactive Therapy both in Southwest Philadelphia as well as their facilities in Rosemont. PCIT was developed to treat children with conduct behavior problems and their families. The treatment is designed to help parents build a warm and responsive relationship with their child and to manage their child's behavior more effectively. Recipient in 2016-2017 - \$42,950

**Build-It-Bus** - Build-it-Bus is an ongoing ministry of Ardmore Presbyterian Church. The Bay Fund helped to expand a collaboration between Build-it Bus and the Center for Creative works to create mobile woodworking classes for children, taught by CCW participants. Classes are built around a tool lending library that provides continuing connections between students and teachers. This is a new model for teaching as an employment opportunity for adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. Recipient in 2016 - \$20,000