

**PSE** on bainbridge island



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Pictured: The Kingston Community Center rooftop solar installation. The Kingston Community Center is a proud member of our Green Power program.

Read on for an announcement about a [\\$1 million grant program](#) that funded solar installations for 15 organizations. We're also sharing information about an [upcoming CSB meeting](#), and information about [five organizations on Bainbridge Island that were awarded grants](#) to support their work during the Covid-19 pandemic. Thanks for reading!

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## More than \$1 million awarded in solar installation grants

Through our Green Power and Solar Choice [programs](#), we've awarded more than \$1

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income and Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) community members and projects that further clean energy in the region. View the list of recipients [here](#).

“These grants are possible because of our customers who have chosen to support clean, renewable power by participating in the PSE Green Power and Solar Choice Programs,” said Director of Product Development Will Einstein. “Their participation in PSE’s voluntary renewables programs allows us to help these agencies fund new solar projects that create energy cost savings that they can use to support their core mission.”

The annual generation of the projects will total nearly 560,000 kWh, equivalent to powering nearly 50 average homes each year with newly installed solar from the Puget Sound region. The goal is to help local organizations reduce operating costs while also reducing their carbon footprint by using renewable energy they’ve generated.

Our Green Power program will offer another competitive funding cycle later in 2021. Read the press release [here](#).

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## Investing in electric reliability and grid modernization - project updates

Electric reliability on the island needs to be improved. In finding solutions, PSE committed to exploring new technologies. Our proposed plan is a unique solution designed for Bainbridge Island – combining new technologies and grid infrastructure to ensure safe, dependable power for families and businesses for years to come. We will partner with the community to implement these solutions.



## Upcoming Community Sounding Board meeting

The Community Sounding Board's (CSB) fifth meeting will be held via Zoom on **March 31 between 3 and 5 p.m.** The 18-member CSB collectively provides input on a range of topics related to the "missing link" [transmission line project](#). All CSB meetings are open to the public to observe, and there will be a brief opportunity for public comment at the end of each meeting.

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## PSE on Bainbridge Island

PSE feels strongly about being a good neighbor. We do this through our philanthropic commitment to the nonprofit communities we serve.



# *Puget Sound Energy Foundation*

## **PSE Foundation provides grants to five local organizations**

The [PSE Foundation](#) has granted \$648,000 to community-based public charity organizations throughout our service area. The grants were awarded following a competitive grant program.

The program sought to fund programs and/or services that ensured community members have access to shelter, food, personal protection equipment (PPE), and other essential services throughout the Covid-19 pandemic. Funding was also supplied directly to nonprofit organizations who provide critical services to community members in order to keep their doors open by funding deep cleaning expenses, equipment, or other mandated health and safety requirements.

The following five organizations were selected because of the important work they do to support the Bainbridge Island community. The full list of recipients can be [downloaded here](#).

- [Bainbridge Island Child Care Centers](#)
- [Bainbridge Island Senior Community Center](#)
- [IslandWood](#)
- [Island Time Activities](#)
- [KiDiMu](#)

“We’re grateful for the PSE Foundation’s support during the pandemic, which financed the installation of air sanitizer mechanisms in our HVAC system. This upgrade sanitizes the air that circulates through our facility and will allow us to open sooner and safer for our community,” said Corinne Wolffe, Executive Director at Kids Discovery Museum (KiDiMu). “The PSE Foundation made this important facility upgrade possible and we couldn’t do our work in the community without them.”

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Whether you have questions about our work on Bainbridge Island, the programs we offer or other questions about PSE's services, we want to hear from you. Please contact us at [info@psebainbridge.com](mailto:info@psebainbridge.com) or call us at **1-888-878-8632**.

Thank you,  
Your PSE Bainbridge Team

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