 HENRY & VIRGINIA BEHRENS TRUST

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| 2024 APPLICATION GUIDELINES  |

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| 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 **Eligibility**We welcome applications from our:* Community: Falmouth, Cape Cod, or global projects proposed by Saint Barnabas’s members.
* Diocese:Special projects or organizations supported by the Diocese of Massachusetts.
* Saint Barnabas’s Ministries:Unique projects, new programs, items in support of programs using Saint Barnabas’s facilities. The request should not be an annual budget item, nor be eligible for another of the church’s endowment funds.

**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[[1]](#footnote-1) and encourages all individuals, parishes, communities, and ministries to commit to drawdown[[2]](#footnote-2) 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 funds are awarded in June. |

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| BEHRENS FUND APPLICATION – Requirements  |

Thank you for applying for a grant from the Behrens Fund, part of Saint Barnabas’s Episcopal Church. Completed applications are due April 1. Send grant applications to: The Behrens Fund, Saint Barnabas’s Episcopal Church, P. O. Box 203, Falmouth, MA 02541 OR email to office@stbfalmouth.org

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| 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
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| 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
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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.

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| BEHRENS FUND GRANT APPLICATION |

Date of Application Click or tap here to enter text.

Legal name of organization Click or tap here to enter text.

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

Year founded Click or tap here to enter text.

Annual operating budget: $Click or tap here to enter text.

Executive Director: Click or tap here to enter text.

Phone: Click or tap here to enter text. Email: Click or tap here to enter text.

Contact person: Click or tap here to enter text.

Phone: Click or tap here to enter text. Email: Click or tap here to enter text.

Address: Click or tap here to enter text.

Business mailing address (if different from above): Click or tap here to enter text.

Website: Click or tap here to enter text.

Project Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Project Goals: Click or tap here to enter text.

Total Project Cost: Click or tap here to enter text.

Amount Requested: Click or tap here to enter text.

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| 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:Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Signatures:  *Please have President of Board of Directors and the Executive Director sign.* |
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| Application received on: | Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | Initials: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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| Funds approved by Committee |  YES  NO | Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | Initials: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Vestry approved |  YES  NO | Amount \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | Initials: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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| Check sent: | Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | Initials: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Comments: |
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1. https://www.diomass.org/diocesan-convention-2020,

https://www.diomass.org/news/pray-learn-act-advocate-ma-bishops-declare-climate-emergency [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. https://www.diomass.org/diocesan-convention-2021

“’Drawdown’— the point in the future when levels of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere stop climbing and start to steadily decline, thereby stopping catastrophic climate change.” Project Drawdown https://drawdown.org// [↑](#footnote-ref-2)