



Based in Boston, Barr focuses its grantmaking in three areas: Arts & Creativity, Climate, and Education. Barr invests regionally and selectively engages nationally in partnership with nonprofits, foundations, the public sector, and civic and business leaders.



ARTS & CREATIVITY GOAL:

Elevate the arts and enable creative expression to engage and inspire a dynamic, thriving Massachusetts.

Funding Priorities:

1. **Invest in organizations** to be adaptive and relevant.
2. **Join arts with other sectors** to foster creative problem-solving, broaden arts participation, share new resources for the arts, and forge new cross-disciplinary alliances.
3. **Activate public support** for arts and creativity.



Our Climate Program seeks to advance solutions for **clean energy, mobility, and resilient communities.**

MOBILITY GOAL:

Dramatically reduce vehicle-related emissions in Boston and Massachusetts.

Funding Priorities:

1. **Strengthen the MBTA** to increase public confidence that the system can work.
2. **Expand mobility choices and financing options** to close transit gaps and ensure sustainable funding for transportation in the region.
3. **Invest in leadership, technology, and innovative pilot projects** to catalyze a seamless, 21st-century transportation system.
4. **Strengthen planning and development capacity** in outer-ring suburbs and rapidly-developing cities that are, or could be, well connected to transportation.
5. **Support research, convening, communications, and advocacy** to advance smart-growth development across the region.

CLEAN ENERGY GOAL:

Accelerate the shift in the U.S. Northeast to a clean, efficient, modern energy system that achieves greenhouse gas reductions and is accessible to all.

Funding Priorities:

1. **Expand energy efficiency** in buildings and appliances.
2. **Accelerate renewable energy** deployment.
3. **Phase out natural gas.**
4. **Modernize the electric grid** to be oriented towards clean energy and consumer engagement.

CLIMATE RESILIENCE GOAL:

To increase the capacity the public sector, private sector, and vulnerable communities to prepare for and adapt to the impacts of climate change.

Funding Priorities:

1. **Build awareness** of climate impacts, risks, and resilience strategies.
2. **Mobilize key constituencies** to advance policy and implement resilience plans.
3. **Catalyze momentum through demonstration projects** that integrate resilience into the fabric of cities.



GOAL:

Put success within reach of all New England students.

Funding Priorities:

1. **Catalyze new models** that fit local contexts and transform the high school experience.
2. **Build public will**, engaging parents and students, educators and civic leaders, and all residents as informed advocates for high-quality personalized high schools.
3. **Invest in educators** to dramatically increase teacher and school leader capacity and interest to implement high-quality personalized high schools.



GOAL:

Increase the impact of the New England social sector.

Funding Priorities:

1. **Build more effective, inclusive leadership** that is representative of the diversity in our communities, highly skilled, and well prepared.
2. **Improve decision-making on significant public issues** through rigorous, credible, objective research and analysis, and robust public engagement.
3. **Bolster core infrastructure for the social sector** by supporting organizations focused on the overall health, effectiveness, and resilience of the social sector.

Our Grantmaking Process

There are many pathways to receiving a grant from the Barr Foundation. The majority of our grants are either renewal grants or grants to organizations with which we have had a prior relationship. However, in a typical year, between 15% and 30% of the grants we make are to organizations that have not previously received a grant from the Foundation. From time to time, Barr issues open requests for proposals. We also welcome inquiries from those who believe their work aligns with our priorities and wish to introduce themselves to us.

For more information about submitting a funding inquiry, visit: barrfoundation.org/grantmaking.

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