



**Save the Harbor
Save the Bay**
For Everyone

Save the Harbor/ Save the Bay and the Boston Foundation Announce the Better Beaches Grant Program

Today, Save the Harbor/Save the Bay announced their Better Beaches Grant Program designed to jumpstart activity on Massachusetts public beaches from Nahant to Hull. The program is made possible by a generous grant from The Boston Foundation, announced at a public meeting of the Metropolitan Beaches Commission in October.

Paul Grogan, President and CEO of The Boston Foundation, expects to see exciting results as a consequence of the program's specific focus. "These beaches represent an enormous opportunity for all Bostonians and regional residents alike. We are delighted to be able to support Save the Harbor/ Save the Bay and the work of the Metropolitan Beaches Commission."

Proposed programs could include but are not limited to swimming lessons, outdoor concerts, kite festivals, sand castle competitions, or farmers' markets. Request can range from \$500 to \$5,000. Non-profit organizations, community groups, and less formal "friends" or neighborhood groups from Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy, and Hull are eligible for funding. "The two page application is simple and can be found online at www.savetheharbor.org," said Colby Morrissey of Save the Harbor/ Save the Bay.

"At Save the Harbor/Save the Bay, we believe that the best way to save the harbor is to share it," said Patricia Foley, President of Save the Harbor. "We are looking for great new ways to share these important resources with the public."

In addition to grants, Save the Harbor/Save the Bay is also offering technical and operating assistance for friends groups looking for ways to improve their beach.

Save the Harbor/ Save the Bay will host an application workshop on Thursday January 10 from 5:30-6:30 at their office, 212 Northern Avenue Suite 304W Boston, MA. (Please RSVP if you wish to attend). The application process will remain open until February 1, 2008 with funding decisions made by the end of February. For additional information please visit www.savetheharbor.org or contact Colby Morrissey at (617) 451-2860.

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