

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-35

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF FY16 COMMUNITY GRANT FUNDS

WHEREAS, in July 2014, the Council formalized its grants process, establishing guidelines and funding parameters for three new community grants programs: Cultural and S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Grants, Program and Operational Support Grants, and Capital Project Grants; and

WHEREAS, a total of thirty-eight (38) letters of intent and initial funding requests were submitted to the Grants Review Committee (the "Committee"), twenty-seven (27) of which were invited to submit a full grant application; and

WHEREAS, twenty-one (21) applications requesting a total of \$317,900 in grant funds were received and forwarded to the Committee for review and evaluation; and

WHEREAS, the funding recommendation of the Committee were presented to the Council for consideration on July 6, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Council, having heard the recommendations of the Committee and after carefully weighing public comments, identified fifteen (15) projects which best fit the criteria established for the program; and

WHEREAS, a total of \$165,000 has been budgeted for the FY16 Community Grant program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT

SECTION 1. Community Grant Program - Capital Project grant funds are awarded to the following organizations:

- a) Historic Takoma: Takoma Community Radio Station - \$ 11,000
- b) Montgomery Housing Partnership: Parkview Tower Site - \$ 11,000

SECTION 2. Community Grant Program - Culture and S.T.E.M. grant funds are awarded to the following organizations:

- a) CHEER: Youth Development Collaborative - \$11,250
- b) Docs in Progress: Community Film Screening - \$4,000
- c) Old Takoma Business Association: Main Street Takoma Festivals - \$11,200
- d) Rhizome DC: Makers Space and Programming - \$11,250
- e) Takoma Ensemble: Concert Series 2015-2016 - \$7,500
- f) Takoma Langley Crossroads CDA: Mural on Holton Lane - \$10,000

SECTION 3. Community Grant Program - Operating and Program Support grant funds are awarded to the following organizations:

- a) CHEER: 636 Houston Court Capacity Building Project - \$4,000
- b) CHEER: Takoma Park Civic Engagement Project - \$15,000
- c) Crossroads Community Food Network: General Operations - \$22,500
- d) Dance Exchange: General Operations - \$15,100
- e) EduCare Support Services, Inc.: Food Pantry - \$23,900
- f) New Hampshire Gardens Citizens Association: Capacity Building - \$3,800
- g) Takoma Park Difference Makers: Vehicle Purchase - \$3,500

SECTION 4. The City Manager is further authorized to execute any documents, and take any action necessary to carry out the intent of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately.

ADOPTED this 27th day of July, 2015 by roll-call vote as follows:

AYE: Williams, Grimes, Male, Stewart, Smith, Schultz
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Seamens
ABSENT: None