



## Takoma Park City Council Meeting – June 19, 2019 Agenda Item 1

### Voting Session

Single Reading Ordinance Authorizing Award of FY20 Community Quality of Life Grant Funds

### Recommended Council Action

Adopt the Ordinance.

### Context with Key Issues

The Community Grants program is designed to provide financial support for programs, projects and events which improve residents' quality of life by providing greater access and opportunities for participation in the arts and sciences. The primary focus of the program is on providing benefit to residents with low and moderate incomes. Funds are awarded on a competitive basis by the Council following a review by the Grants Review Committee.

The following 11 organizations and grant award amounts were presented to the Council for consideration during its June 5, 2019 work session by the Grants Review Committee. They include:

- 1. Adventist Community Services of Greater Washington, Inc.**  
Project Name: *Making Tracks/MHP Summer Camp*  
Award: \$5,000
- 2. Carpe Diem Arts**  
Project Name: *Healthy Families: Healthy Communities Support II*  
Award: \$10,000
- 3. Community Preservation and Development Corporation**  
Project Name: *After-school program to support greater food security and literacy skills for immigrant children*  
Award: \$7,000
- 4. CREATE Arts Center**  
*smARTkids program at Takoma Park Elementary School*  
Award: \$5,000
- 5. Crossroads Community Food Network**  
Project Name: *Farm to Fork: Healthy Eating Program Expansion*  
Award: \$10,000
- 6. Dance Exchange**  
Project Name: *Creative Aging and Intergenerational Exchange Programming*  
Award: \$10,000
- 7. Docs in Progress**  
Project Name: *Documentary Dialogues Takoma*  
Award: \$6,200

**8. Historic Takoma, Inc.**

Project Name: *Oral Histories from the African-American Community*

Award: \$8,000

**9. Montgomery Housing Partnership**

Project Name: *Future Leaders of the World (FLOW) Summer Program and Mural*

Award: \$5,000

**10. Performing Arts Center for African Cultures Inc.**

Project Name: *Besa-Feel The Beat Move Your Feet*

Award: \$7,800

**11. Village of Takoma Park, Incorporated**

Project Name: *Arts and Humanities Programs for Seniors*

Award: \$6,000

**Council Priority**

A Livable Community for All

**Environmental Considerations**

N/A

**Fiscal Considerations**

The FY20 budget includes \$80,000 for the Community Quality of Life Grants program.

**Racial Equity Considerations**

The Community Grants Program is designed to benefit low to moderate individuals and households. Many of the current and past recipients of the programs funded under this grant are people of color. During the recent review process, the Grants Review Committee identified a committee member to serve as lead on the Council's priority of racial equity in all decision making. This member recently completed the City-funded "What's My Bias?" training program and made a presentation to the Committee on the subject of race equity in decision making. Additionally, as part of the new online application, each applicant was provided a link to the Mayor's statement on race equity and the Council Priorities and was specifically asked to address race equity in the proposed projects.

All decision making by the Grants Review Committee took these elements into consideration, and the resulting slate of FY20 Grantee Recommendations reflect the Council's race equity priorities. Therefore, we believe that adopting the Grants Review Committee's FY20 funding recommendations the Council will improve access to science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM) opportunities for people of color, including immigrants and refugees.

**Attachments and Links**

- Ordinance Authorizing Award of FY20 Community Quality of Life Grants

Introduced by:

Single Reading

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-**

**AUTHORIZING AWARD OF FY20 COMMUNITY  
QUALITY OF LIFE GRANT FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the Community Quality of Life Grants program, established by Resolution 2016-14 on June 15, 2016, provides financial support for specific programs, projects and events that improve residents' quality of life by providing greater access and opportunities for participation in the arts and sciences; and

WHEREAS, the availability of grant funding was announced in January 2019; and

WHEREAS, a total of 23 preliminary applications and initial funding requests totaling \$194,500.00 were submitted to the Grants Review Committee (the "Committee"), 21 of which were invited to submit a full grant application; and

WHEREAS, twenty applications were received and forwarded to the Committee for review and evaluation; and

WHEREAS, a total of \$80,000.00 has been budgeted for the FY20 Community 'Quality of Life' Grants Program; and

WHEREAS, the funding recommendations of the Committee were presented to the Council for consideration on June 5, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Council concurs with the Committee's funding recommendations.

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

SECTION 1. FY20 Community Quality of Life Grants are awarded for the following projects:

- a) Adventist Community Services of Greater Washington, Inc.: *Making Tracks/MHP Summer Camp* (\$5,000)
- b) Carpe Diem Arts: *Healthy Families: Healthy Communities Support II* (\$10,000)
- c) Community Preservation and Development Corporation: *After-school program to support greater food security and literacy skills for immigrant children* (\$7,000)
- d) CREATE Arts Center: *smARTkids program at Takoma Park Elementary School* (\$5,000)
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- i) Montgomery Housing Partnership: *Future Leaders of the World (FLOW) Summer Program and Mural* (\$5,000)
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- k) Village of Takoma Park, Incorporated: *Arts and Humanities Programs for Seniors* (\$6,000)

SECTION 2. The City Manager is further authorized to execute any documents, and take any action necessary to carry out the intent of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019 by roll-call vote as follows:

AYE:

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: