



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – June 8, 2022

Agenda Item 1

Voting Session

Single Reading Ordinance Approving FY23 Community Quality of Life Grant Award Recommendations

Recommended Council Action

Adopt the ordinance.

Context with Key Issues

The City of Takoma Park's Community Quality of Life Grants Program provides up to \$10,000 for programs, projects, and events that improve the quality of life for City residents by providing greater access and opportunities for participation in the arts and science for predominantly low- and moderate-income residents.

The program is administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development, overseen by the Housing Manager, and staffed by the City's Grants Coordinator. A Grants Review Committee comprised of residents appointed by the City Council reviews all completed applications and develops funding recommendations annually. Funding recommendations are forwarded to the City Council following review and deliberations by the Grants Review Committee. In FY23, the City Council allocated \$110,000 for this program.

The Grants Review Committee presented its recommendations to the City Council on June 1, 2022.

Council Priority

A Livable Community for All; Community Development for an Improved & Equitable Quality of Life

Environmental Considerations

N/A

Fiscal Considerations

The dollar-for-dollar match requirement of the Community Grant Program is met (and often exceeded) by every Quality of Life grantee. For this reason, the program's value to the City is much larger than the City's investment/cost.

If the GRC's FY23 funding recommendations are adopted, the City's initial investment of \$110,000 will be leveraged by grantees to concentrate an additional \$644,975 in funding and resources. This means that every 1.00 dollar of City funding delivers \$5.86 of programming value.

Racial Equity Considerations

In FY22, the Grants Review Committee (GRC) continued and deepened its commitment to race equity in all decision-making. For the last four years, the Committee has provided all applicants with the City's resolution committing itself to systematically and deliberately applying a race equity lens in all decision-making. The Committee also, again for the fourth year, required that every applicant for funding explain how their proposed project incorporates racial equity.

Attachments and Links

- Draft Single Reading Ordinance

Introduced by: Councilmember

Single Reading

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-

**AUTHORIZING AWARD OF FY23 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 2022; and

WHEREAS, sixteen (16) applications were received and fifteen (15) eligible applications were forwarded to the Grants Review Committee for review and evaluation; and

WHEREAS, a total of \$110,000 has been budgeted for the FY23 Community 'Quality of Life' Grants Program; and

WHEREAS, the funding recommendations of the Committee were presented to the Council for consideration on MONTH- XX, 2022; 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. FY23 Community Quality of Life Grants are awarded for the following projects:

Grantee	Project Name	Grant Amount
Carpe Diem Arts	Healthy Families Healthy Communities Project (HF HC)	\$10,000.00
Community Bridges, Inc.	Community Bridges Girls Program	\$9,000.00
CREATE Arts Center	smARTkids Afterschool Art Education Program	\$8,000.00

Dance Exchange	Dance Exchange FY23 Dance On Cohort	\$8,000.00
Elite Soccer Youth Development Academy, Inc	ESYDA Entrepreneurial and Leadership Plus Program	\$8,000.00
Emma's Torch	Emma's Torch Pilot Program	\$8,000.00
Enterprise Community Development	After-school Program: Arts Enrichment, Academic Support, and Services	\$7,500.00
Ethiopian Community Center Inc	Bilingual Career and Service Navigator Program	\$9,000.00
GB Youth Media	GBYM SSL Media Arts Program (Formerly The Promoters)	\$9,000.00
Montgomery Community Media	MCM Youth Media Academy	\$9,000.00
Per Scholas Inc.	Per Scholas NCR IT Job Training	\$8,500.00
So What Else	So What Else: Takoma Park	\$7,500.00
Upwardly Global	Building a Vibrant Takoma Park Through Immigrant Workforce Inclusion	\$8,500.00

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 June XX, 2022.

ADOPTED this ___ day of _____, 2022 by roll-call vote as follows:

AYE:

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: