



City of Takoma Park  
Housing and Community  
Development



# FY23 Community Quality of Life Grants

## Part One: Program Overview

**Presented by:**

**Susan Rosenblum**  
**Chair, Grants Review Committee**

**June 1, 2022**



# Quality of Life Grant Program Guidelines

## Eligible Projects

- Arts and humanities (A&H);
- Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)

## Eligible Applicants

- 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations
- 501(c)(6) business associations

## Beneficiaries

- 51% must be from low-and-moderate income households
- 75% must be residents of the City of Takoma Park

## Match

- City funding must be matched dollar-for-dollar

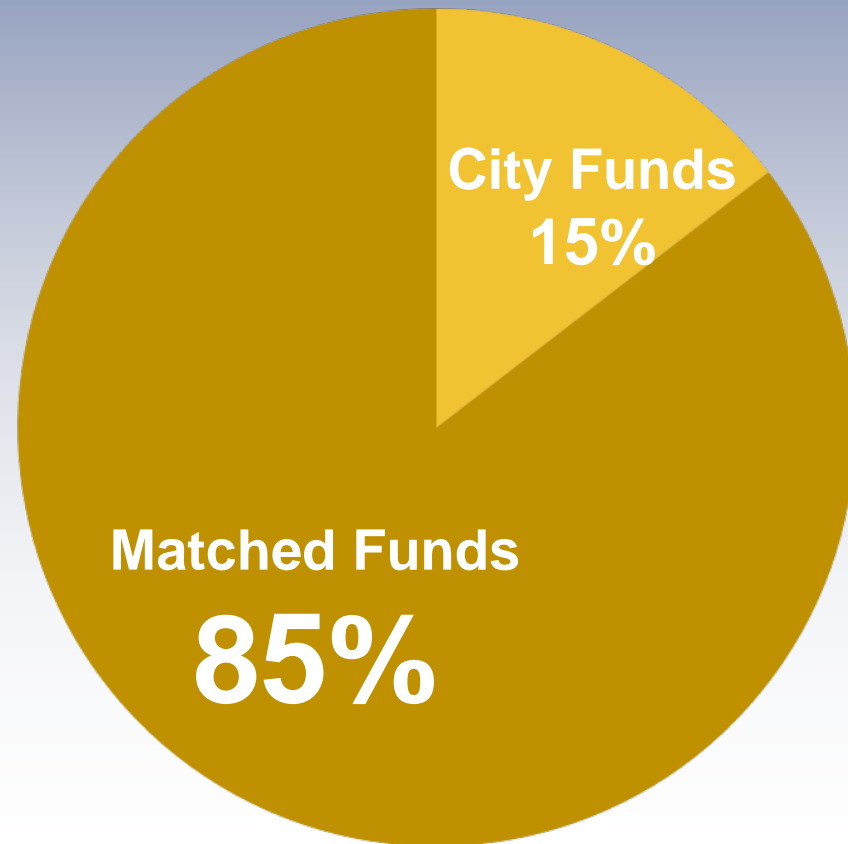


# Matching Support: City Dollars Going Further

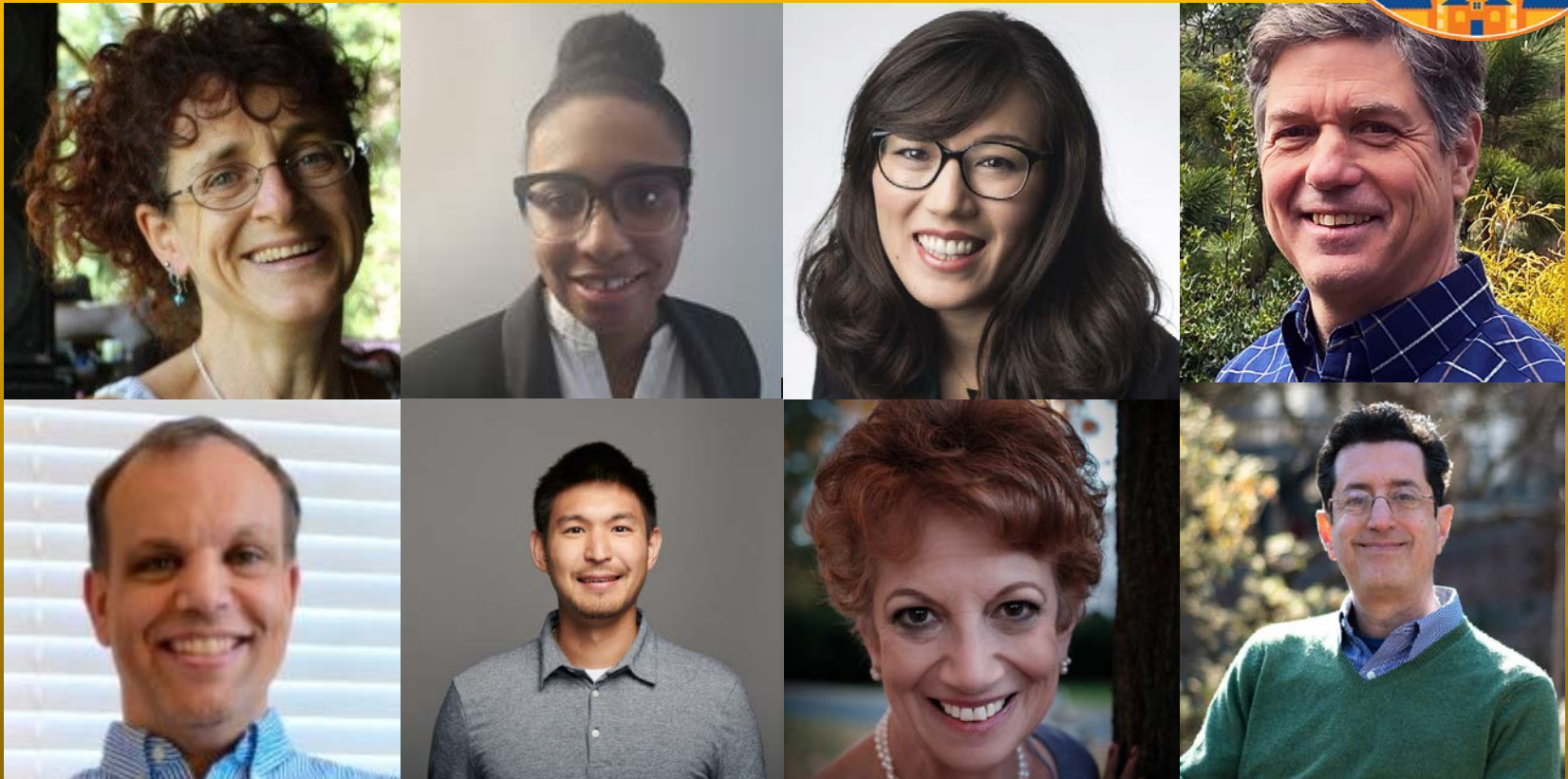
For every dollar of grant funds provided by the City of Takoma Park, grantees must demonstrate a matched dollar of support from a separate source of funding, in-kind goods and services, or volunteer time.

Total FY23  
Program Value w/Grantee Match

**\$754,975**



# Grants Review Committee



Top row: Nadine Bloch (Ward 3), Keli Cochran (Ward 6), Nicole Ferraiolo (Ward 1), James Sebastian (Ward 3). Bottom row: Michael Schoeneke (Ward 1), Derek Shiau (Ward 5), Susan Rosenblum (Ward 3), Mark Swartz (Ward 1). Not pictured: Lucy Moore (Ward 3).

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## Part Two: FY23 Funding Recommendations

**Presented by:**

**James Sebastian, Vice Chair GRC (Ward 3) &  
Derek Shiau (Ward 5)**



# Review and Deliberation Process

**Quantitative** – Individual reviewers scored each application based on eleven questions on a 1-5 point scale. These scores were then averaged across all applicants as well as totaled to create ranked lists of applicants based on their combined scores and averaged scores.

**Qualitative Review** – Using the scores as a starting point, the GRC then met as a group to discuss all applicants and make funding recommendations based on community needs, program requirements, council priorities, and their knowledge of the community.

**Recommendations** come at the conclusion of a rigorous application process that began in January 2022 and a multi-stage review process that included individually ranked scoring of all applications, follow-up questions for select programs, and group deliberation.

# FY23 Funding Considerations



- Adherence to Program Guidelines
- Workforce Development
- Race Equity



# FY23 Funding Recommendations

Organization (and project description)	Total Project Budget	Requested Amount	Recommended Grant Amount
Carpe Diem Arts (Music and art events)	\$21,366	\$10,000	\$10,000.00
Community Bridges, Inc. (Academic, leadership, and health support for girls)	\$66,973	\$10,000	\$9,000.00
CREATE Arts Center (After school arts)	\$16,000	\$8,000	\$8,000.00
Dance Exchange (Dance for seniors)	\$60,000	\$10,000	\$8,000.00
Elite Soccer Youth Development Academy (Soccer and STEM classes)	\$47,950	\$10,000	\$8,000.00
Emma's Torch (Culinary training for refugees)	\$250,000	\$10,000	\$8,000.00
Enterprise Community Development (After school academic support)	\$71,736	\$10,000	\$7,500.00
Ethiopian Community Center Inc (Job search help)	\$23,738	\$10,000	\$9,000.00
GB Youth Media (Filmmaking)	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$9,000.00
Montgomery Community Media (Media training for BIPOC youth)	\$22,500	\$10,000	\$9,000.00
Per Scholas Inc. (IT skills training and career help)	\$85,458	\$10,000	\$8,500.00
So What Else (After school nutrition and volunteer work)	\$49,254	\$10,000	\$7,500.00
Upwardly Global (Career help for immigrants)	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$8,500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$754,975</b>	<b>\$128,000</b>	<b>\$110,000</b>



Questions?