

# Community Quality of Life Grants Fiscal Year 2024 Recommendations

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# Quality of Life Grant Program Guidelines

## Purpose

The City of Takoma Park's Community Grants Program provides financial support for programs, projects, & events that improve the quality of life for city residents by providing greater access and opportunities for participation in the arts & sciences.

## Funding Source

\$110,000 in FY24 ARPA Funds

## Eligible Projects

- Arts & Humanities
- Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)

## Eligible Applicants

- 501(c)3 non-profit organizations
- 501(c)6 business associations

## Beneficiaries

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

## Grant Awards

- Maximum of \$10,000; must be matched 1-to-1 by recipient

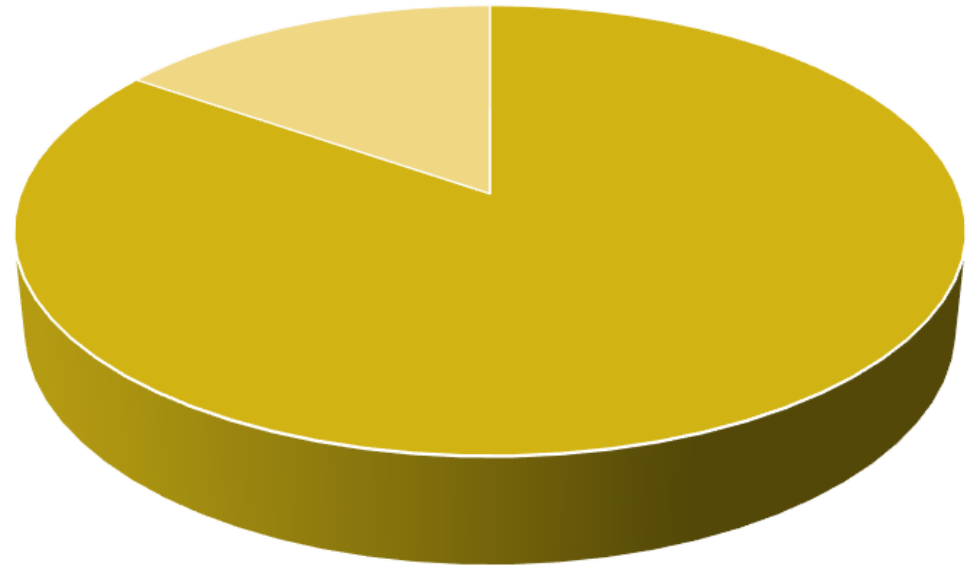
# Grant Outreach

## Process:

- Staff outreach
- City channels
- Outside news sources & partners
- GRC-member assistance

## Results:

- 15 total applicants
- 4 new applicants



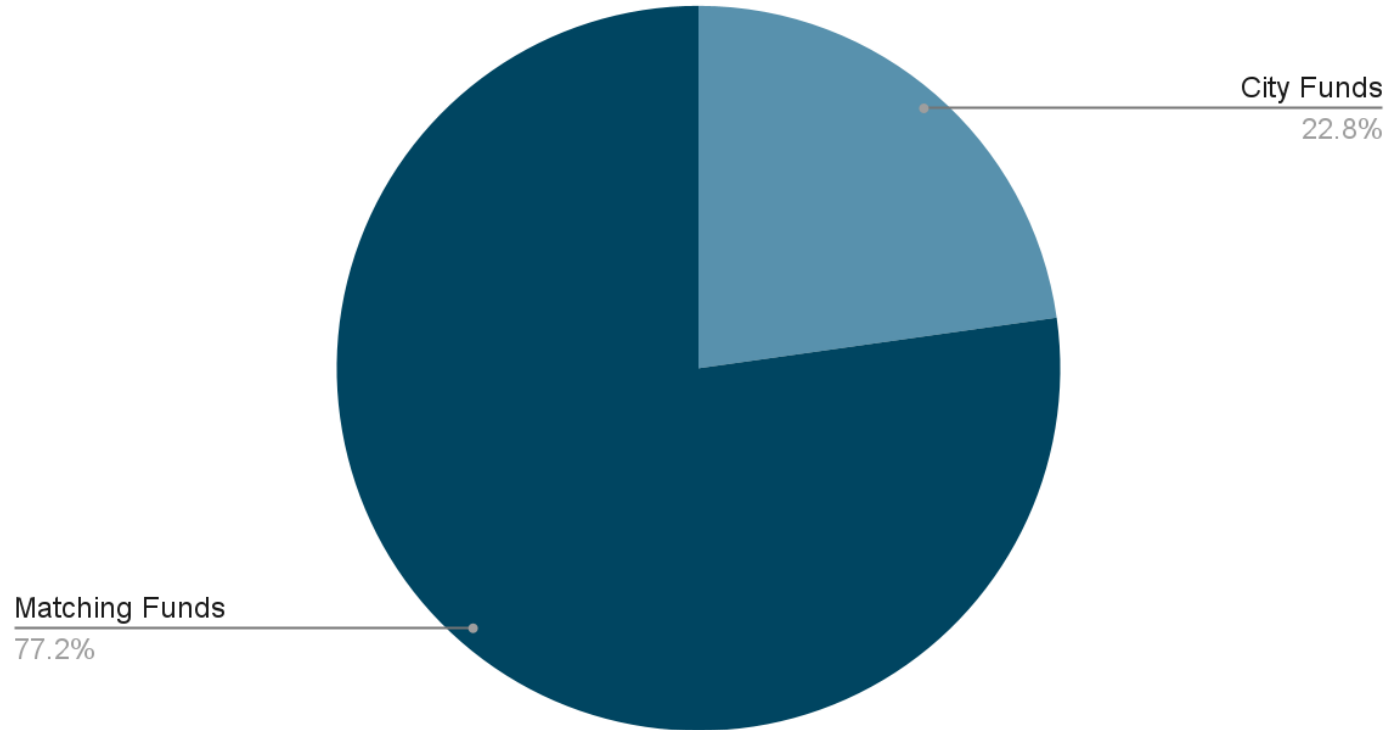
■ Returning Grantees   ■ New Grantees

**Fiscal Year 2024 Applicant Summary**

# City Dollars Going Further

FY24 City funds will leverage **\$373,096** in other support

Total Program Value - \$483,096



# Grants Review Committee

Mark Swartz (Ward 1), Lucy Moore (Ward 3), Nadine Bloch (Ward 3), Keli Cochran (Ward 6), Derek Shiau (Ward 5), Michael Shokenke (Ward 3), Jim Sebastian (Ward 1), Damaris Wanjiku (Ward 5), Louise Klees-Wallace (Ward 5)

- 9 members
- Appointed by the City Council with staggered two-year terms
- Public meetings to select grant recipients and review project progress



# Review & 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 2023 and a multi-stage review process that included individually ranked scoring of all applications and group deliberation.

# Fiscal Year 2024 Funding Recommendations

Organization	Project Name	Recommended Grant
Per Scholas, Inc.	Per Scholas IT Job Training	\$9,000
CREATE Arts Center	smARTkids Afterschool Art Education Program	\$6,000
Montgomery Community Media	Youth Media Academy (YMA)	\$9,000
Community Bridges, Inc.	Community Bridges Girls Program	
Enterprise Community Development	After-School Program: Arts Enrichment, Academic Support, and Services	
Upwardly Global	Building a Vibrant Takoma Park Through Immigrant Workforce Inclusion	
Dance Exchange	Dance Exchange FY24 Dance On Cohort	
So What Else Inc	So What Else: Takoma Park	<b>\$9,000</b>
GB Youth Media	Takoma Park in (Moving) Pictures: Tell Your Story	\$8,200
Takoma Park Mobilization	Takoma Park Elementary School Food Forest	\$8,200
Carpe Diem Arts	Carpe Diem Arts' Ukes on the Move at Piney Branch	\$8,200
Ethiopian Community Center Inc	Ethiopian Community Center Inc	\$8,200
Docs In Progress	Village Reels	\$8,200

# Thank You

## **Questions?**

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