

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK

Housing and Community Development



July 10, 2024

**Community Quality of Life
Grants FY2025
Recommendations**

**Presented by Lucy Moore, Co-Chair
Grants Review Committee**



**Grants Review
Committee**

Appointed by Council with 2
year terms



Nine members maximum



Public meetings to select
grantees and review progress



Nadine Bloch, Ward 3,
Lucy Moore, Ward 3
Jim Sebastian, Ward 1
Mike Schoenke, Ward 3
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Community Quality of Life Program Guidelines

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Provides financial support 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 sciences.

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FY25 Funding Sources:

- \$50,000 from General Fund
- \$60,000 from ARPA funds

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Eligible Focus Areas:

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

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Eligible Applicants

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

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Beneficiaries

- 51% from low- and moderate-income households
- 75% City residents

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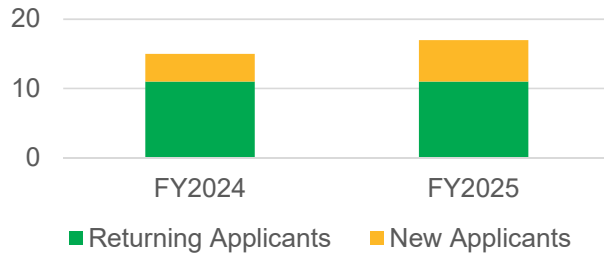
Grant Awards

- Between \$5,000-\$10,000
- Must be matched 1-1 by recipient

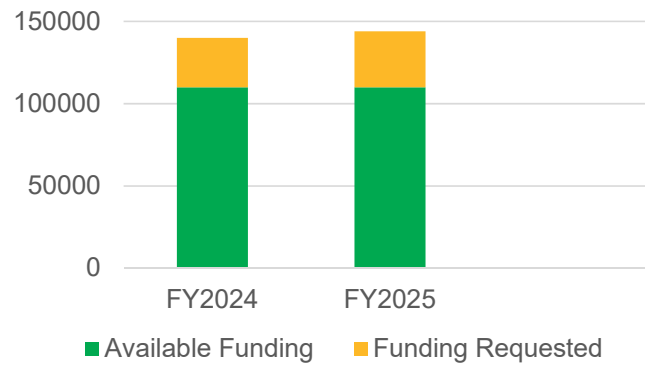
FY2025 Applicant Summary

17 total applicants, 6 new, requesting total of >\$144,000

Number of Applicants



Funding





Review and Deliberation Process

1 Quantitative:

Individual reviewers scored each application on 1) providing greater community access to the arts and sciences, 2) meaningful impact on low- and-moderate income residents of Takoma Park, 3) realistic plan for engaging low/moderate income populations, 4) benefit to Takoma Park and its residents, and 5) race equity.

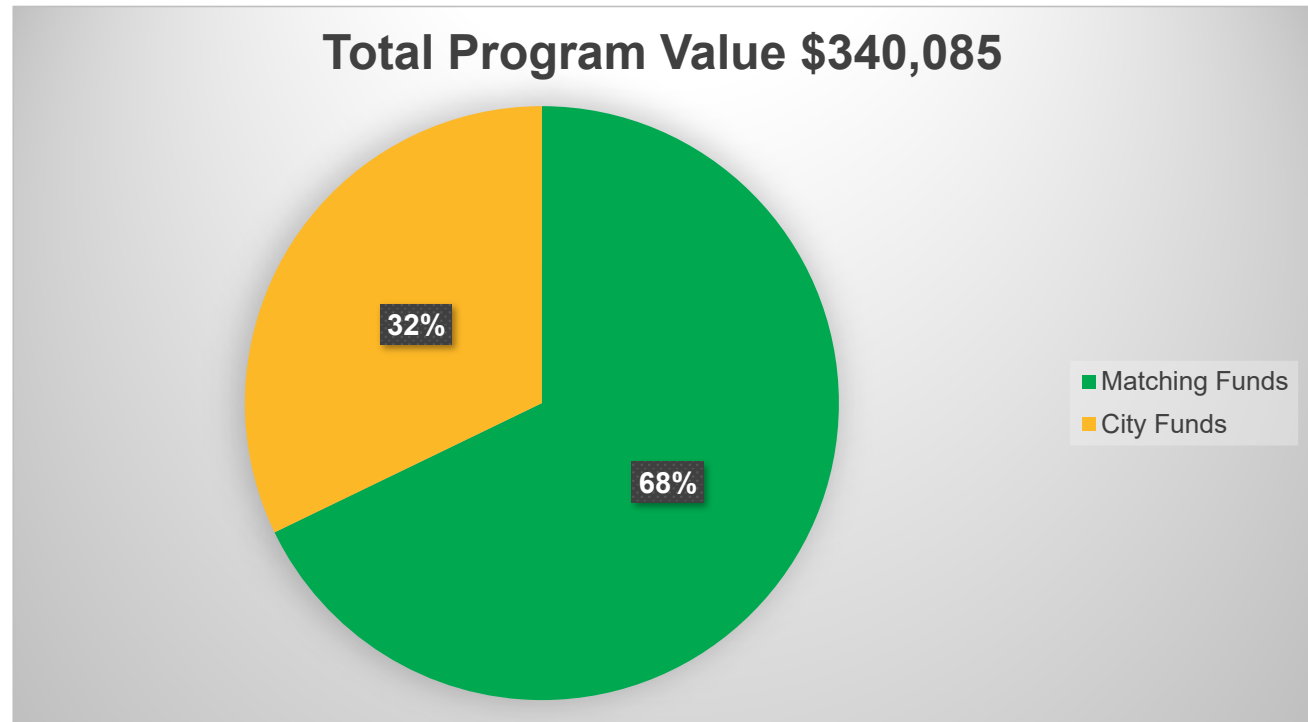
Scores were averaged and totaled to create ranked lists of applicants.

2 Qualitative:

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, their knowledge of the community, and available funding.

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Recommendations come at the conclusion of a rigorous application process and a multi-stage review process that included individually ranked scoring of all applications and group deliberation. The GRC recommends awards to 12 grantees at the level requested by each applicant.



City funds of \$110,000 will leverage \$231,973 in other support.

**Fiscal Year 2025
Funding
Recommendations**

Organization	Project Name	Recommended Award
Action Youth Media	Takoma Park in (Moving) Pictures	\$5,000
Carpe Diem Arts	Arts Programming for Educational Enrichment at the Elementary School Level	\$5,652
Community Bridges	Community Bridges Girls Program	\$10,000
Community Food Forest Collective	Takoma Park ES Food Forest	\$9,760
Dance Exchange	Takoma Park Arts Exchange	\$10,000
Docs in Progress	Village Reels	\$8,200
Enterprise Community Development	Community Engagement through the Arts	\$10,000
Ethiopian Community Center	Bilingual Career and Service Navigator	\$10,000
Historic Takoma	Stories from the African American Community	\$10,000
Rolling Terrace PTA	Addressing Educational Equity through After-School Tutoring	\$10,000
So What Else	So What Else: Takoma Park	\$9,500
Upwardly Global	Building a Vibrant Takoma Park Through Immigrant Workforce Inclusion	\$10,000



THANK YOU

Mark Swartz, Co-chair | Grants Review Committee

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