

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-25

**AUTHORIZING AWARD OF FY22 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 2021; and

WHEREAS, twenty (20) applications were received and nineteen (19) eligible applications were forwarded to the Committee for review and evaluation; and

WHEREAS, a total of \$80,000 has been budgeted for the FY21 Community 'Quality of Life' Grants Program; and

WHEREAS, an additional \$25,000 in workforce development funds from the previous fiscal year will be added to this program for a total of \$105,000 granted in FY22; and

WHEREAS, the FY21 workforce funds will be used as originally intended by funding Quality of Life grant programs that specifically address barriers to securing and sustaining employment by providing financial assistance for a range of workforce development activities, including but not limited to certification and training and employment coaching and counseling; and

WHEREAS, the funding recommendations of the Committee were presented to the Council for consideration on June 2, 2021; and

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

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

SECTION 1. FY22 Community Quality of Life Grants are awarded for the following projects:

- a) Carpe Diem Arts.: *Healthy Families: Healthy Communities* (\$9,000)
- b) Community Bridges, Inc.: *Community Bridges Girls Program* (\$8,250)
- c) CREATE Arts Center: *smARTkids program at Takoma Park Elementary School* (\$8,000)
- d) Cyberninjaz Global Inc.: *Cyberninjaz STEAM Summer Program* (\$9,000)
- e) Dance Exchange: *Dance On Cohort* (\$8,250)
- f) ESYDA: *Entrepreneurial and Leadership Program* (\$9,000)
- g) Ethiopian Community Center, Inc.: *Bilingual Career and Service Navigator* (\$9,000)

- h) GB Youth Media: *The Promoters Program/Close the Digital Gap* (\$8,500)
- i) Identity: *COVID-19 Health and Safety Ambassador Program* (\$9,000)
- j) MC Media: *Youth Media Academy* (\$9,000)
- k) Per Scholas: *Per Scholas NCR IT Job Training* (\$9,000)
- l) Upwardly Global: *Building a Vibrant Takoma Park Through Immigrant Workforce Integration* (\$9,000)

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 July 1, 2021.

ADOPTED this 9th day of June, 2021 by roll-call vote as follows:

AYE: Stewart, Kovar, Dyballa, Seamens, Smith, Searcy
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Kostiuk
ABSENT: None