

Introduced by: Councilmember Dyballa

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

**ORDINANCE 2024-23**

**AUTHORIZING AWARD OF  
FY25 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 April 2024; and

**WHEREAS,** seventeen (17) applications were received and forwarded to the Grants Review Committee for review and evaluation; and

**WHEREAS,** a total of \$50,000 has been budgeted for the FY25 Community ‘Quality of Life’ Grants Program from the General Funds, and \$60,000 from ARPA Funds; and

**WHEREAS,** the funding recommendations of the Committee were presented to the Council for consideration on July 10, 2024; 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.** FY25 Community Quality of Life Grants are awarded for the following projects:

Grantee	Project Name	Grant Amount
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

**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 upon adoption.

**ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, THIS 17TH DAY OF JULY, 2024 BY ROLL-CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:**

**AYE:** Fulcher, Dyballa, Gibson, Seamens, Honzak, Small, Searcy  
**NAY:** None  
**ABSENT:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None