

Introduced by: Councilmember Seamens

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION 2016-14

**ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR
COMMUNITY “QUALITY OF LIFE” GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park currently offers grant funding for a variety of programs ranging from capital projects to operating support for eligible entities through its Community Grants program; and

WHEREAS, the guidelines developed for the Community Grants program were adopted by Resolution 2014-7 on February 10, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Council, having completed a review of the Community Grants Program, supports the establishment of a new grants program to provide financial support for specific programs, projects and events that improve residents quality of life through the advancement of arts and sciences; and

WHEREAS, the Council endorses the funding parameters and guidelines generally described in the accompanying attachment and identified as Program Summary: Community “Quality of Life” Grant Program.

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

- Section 1. The Community Grants Program, established by Resolution 2014-7 will be discontinued effective June 30, 2016.
- Section 2. A new Community “Quality of Life” Grants Program, described in the accompanying program summary, will be established effective July 1, 2016.
- Section 3. The Community “Quality of Life” Grant Program shall be reviewed periodically to ensure the appropriate distribution and award of funds.

Adopted this 15th day of June, 2016.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk

**PROGRAM SUMMARY:
Community “Quality of Life” Grant Program**

<p>Purpose</p> <p>Council Priority</p> <p>Eligible Projects</p> <p>Award Process</p>	<p>To provide financial support for specific programs, projects and events that improve residents’ quality of life through the advancement of arts and sciences.</p> <p>Livable Community for All</p> <p>Arts and Humanities projects and events, Science, Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) programs and events, innovative economic development projects. Examples include: Science and/or Math Clubs, Robotics Clubs, Computer Programming Classes, Concert and Film Series, Public Art, Maker Spaces, Technology-based Internship and/or Apprenticeship Programs, etc.</p> <p>Competitive grants process with applications reviewed by the Grants Review Committee. Final awards approved by the City Council.</p>
<p>Funding Structure</p> <p>Recommended Funding Level</p> <p>Recommended Awards</p> <p>Match Requirements</p> <p>Award Restrictions</p> <p>Term of Award</p>	<p>Competitive Application - Grant Agreement</p> <p>Total FY17 Budget - \$60,000</p> <p>Minimum \$5,000 - Maximum \$10,000</p> <p>\$1: \$1 - may include in-kind donations and volunteer time</p> <p>One grant per funding cycle</p> <p>12 month award</p>
<p>Targeted Beneficiaries</p> <p>Residency Requirements</p> <p>Eligible Applicants</p>	<p>Low and moderate income individuals and households</p> <p>75% Takoma Park Residents</p> <p>501(3) organizations recognized by the IRS</p> <p>Business Associations</p>

Wednesday, June 15, 2016