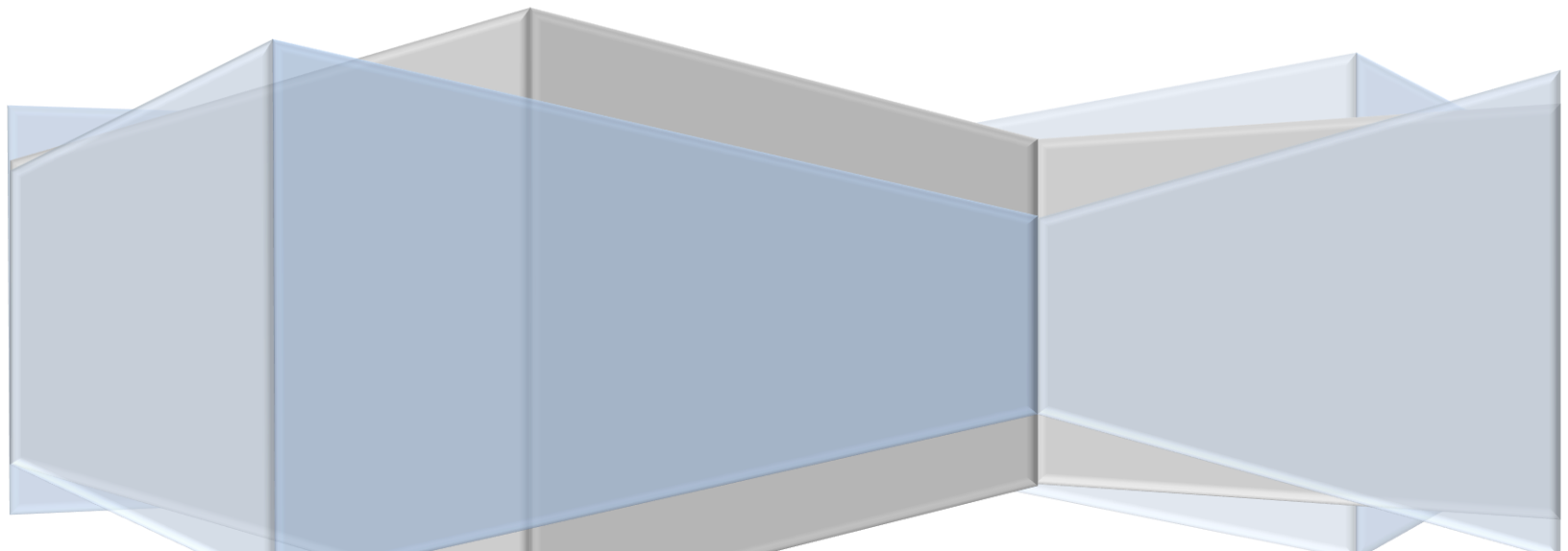




FY2020 Community Grants

Summary Report

Department of Housing and Community Development



City of Takoma Park
Department of Housing and Community Development
FY20 Community Grants Program

By the Numbers

Total Program Value	\$250,845	Each \$1.00 of City investment yields \$3.14 in programing
Beneficiaries	11,118	At least 75% Takoma Park residents and at least 51% low to middle income residents

Grants Review Committee Funding Recommendations

Organization	Total Project Budget	Requested Amount	Recommended Grant Amount
Adventist Community Services of Greater Washington, Inc.	\$10,400	\$5,200	\$5,000
Carpe Diem Arts	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Community Preservation and Development Corporation	\$41,905	\$9,900	\$7,000
CREATE Arts Center	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Crossroads Community Food Network	\$51,500	\$10,000	\$10,000
Dance Exchange	\$35,750	\$10,000	\$10,000
Docs In Progress	\$16,690	\$6,200	\$6,200
Historic Takoma, Inc.	\$18,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
Montgomery Housing Partnership	\$14,600	\$7,300	\$5,000
Performing Arts Center for African Cultures Inc.	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$7,800
Village of Takoma Park, Incorporated	\$12,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Totals	\$250,845	\$87,600	\$80,000

Projects Approved for Funding

Organization: Adventist Community Services of Greater Washington, Inc.

Executive Director: Kenneth Flemmer

Website: www.acsgw.org

Project: Making Tracks After School Camp

Beneficiaries: 13

Total Project Budget: \$10,400

Grant Request: \$5,200

Recommended Amount: \$5,000



Project Summary: Adventist Community Services of Greater Washington (ACSGW) will provide programming for the afterschool program at Mountgomery Housing Partnership's (MHP) Houston Avenue location. ACSGW will offer an academic enrichment component as part of this program as well as homework help, and tutoring using the Montgomery County School District endorsed, IXL program. The academic program will include weekly, hands-on science lessons with local, University-level instructors.

ACSGW recognizes that low-income youth often score lower on academic tests and are therefore less prepared for success in the workforce which makes this enrichment program valuable to the City's children and families. Additionally, there is also a need for affordable afterschool programs for youth. Working with MHP, ACSGW will make strides in reducing disparities and achieving socio-economic equities.

Organization: Carpe Diem Arts

Executive Director: Busy Graham

Website: www.carpediemarts.org

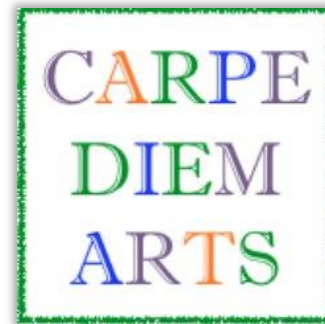
Project: Healthy Families: Healthy Communities Support II

Beneficiaries: 150

Total Project Budget: \$19,995

Grant Request: \$10,000

Recommended Amount: \$10,000



Project Summary: Carpe Diem Arts will deliver a variety of support and creative arts programs to residents at Essex House, Parkview, and Maplevue Apartments and families in nearby single-family homes. Programming will focus on cross-cultural connection and cultural exchange. This expanded program will build on previous work to deepen and strengthen connection, mutual support, and school and community engagement.

Programming will include, a new Parent Support Group; Strong Girls workshops; dance classes for cross-cultural engagement and exercise; a quilting bee to share creative art expression and anchor the parents group; healthy eating for sustainable meals; house concerts, and the creation of a mural to share memorable experience for residents and neighbors.

Organization: Community Preservation and Development Corporation
Executive Director: J. Michael Pitchford
Website: www.cpdc.org



Project: After-school program to support greater food security and literacy skills for immigrant children
Beneficiaries: 50

Total Project Budget: \$41,905
Grant Request: \$9,900
Recommended Amount: \$7,000

Project Summary: The affordable housing community of Essex House is home to a majority of African immigrants. Faced with the difficulties of the immigration journey, elementary-school-age children at Essex House experience academic and emotional challenges, resulting in the need for a comprehensive, community-based after-school program. CPDC's ACE (African Arts, Culture and Education) Academy, which is housed in the building's community room, is designed to provide reading and language arts instruction, arts enrichment, and cultural experiences.

The program will serve students 2.5 hours a day, four days a week for 120 days (30 weeks; 300 hours) during the school year and continuing through the last day of school. In addition to the after-school program, there will be a food security program with nutrition/health classes, culturally sensitive food demonstrations, a mobile food pantry and healthy food subsidies provided in partnership with other local non-profits

Organization: CREATE Arts Center
Executive Director: Linda Marson
Website: www.createartscenter.org



Project: smARTkids program at Takoma Park Elementary School
Beneficiaries: 40

Total Project Budget: \$10,000
Grant Request: \$5,000
Recommended Amount: \$5,000

Project Summary: Many students in the Takoma Park Elementary School (TPES) come from low-income families and struggle with academic, emotional, or social issues that impact their abilities to succeed in school. Roughly 32% of TPES students receive Free and Reduced Price Meals, 29% are limited English proficient (LEP), 7% are considered special education students. CREATE Arts Center works directly with school counselors to identify students most likely to benefit from smARTkids' specialized art education programming. Testimonials from parents and teachers demonstrate that the smARTkids curriculum has proven successful in motivating students and improving their attitudes towards learning, school, and themselves. smARTkids helps strengthen language and literacy skills, problem-solving, creativity and appreciation for the arts, along with increasing self-esteem and positive social skills. smARTkids is free to participants.

Organization: Crossroads Community Food Network
Executive Director: Christie Balch
Website: www.crossroadscommunityfoodnetwork.org



Project: Farm to Fork: Healthy Eating Program
Expansion
Beneficiaries: 2,000

Total Project Budget: \$51,500
Grant Request: \$10,000
Recommended Amount: \$10,000

Project Summary: Crossroads' Healthy Eating Program brings culturally appropriate, farm-to-fork programming to students at several Takoma Park elementary schools with diverse populations and Free and Reduced Price Meals participation, as well as at Crossroads Farmers Market and other community sites. These fun and interactive sessions feature cooking lessons, food tastings, farmer visits, and other hands-on activities, and aim to share information about healthy food and the local food system. By the end of the series, Crossroads plans to have 75% of participants show an increased likelihood to make healthier food choices at home and at school, 75% to be able to read nutrition labels confidently, and 100% to be exposed to new healthy food options. Consuming more fruits and vegetables can reduce the risk of chronic diseases, and through its Healthy Eating Program Crossroads is laying the foundation for a lifetime of healthy eating habits, thereby helping to create a liveable community for all.

Organization: Dance Exchange
Executive Director: Charles Gravitz
Website: www.danceexchange.org



Project: Dance Exchange Creative Aging and Intergenerational Exchange programming
Beneficiaries: 150

Total Project Budget: \$35,750
Grant Request: \$10,000
Recommended Amount: \$10,000

Project Summary: Dance Exchange will establish a creative aging program in Takoma Park, partnering with housing communities and targeting older adults at multi-family residential buildings in Takoma Park including Victory Towers, Edinburgh House, and Parkview Towers to provide creative aging programs to older residents. These ongoing workshops will use movement, dancemaking, and storytelling to encourage physical activity and health, individual and community expression, and community building.

This program seeks to continue building an intergenerational community of care through ongoing movement workshops in resident buildings as well as a class series at their Takoma Park studio. Additionally, Dance Exchange will develop a Creative Aging Advisory Committee during this grant period, including leaders from organizations such as the National Academy of Sciences and members of leading service and health organizations for older adults.

Organization: Docs In Progress
Executive Director: Erica Ginsberg
Website: www.docsinprogress.org



DOCS IN PROGRESS

CREATING COMMUNITY THROUGH DOCUMENTARY

Project: Documentary Dialogues Takoma
Beneficiaries: 250

Total Project Budget: \$16,690
Grant Request: \$ 6,200
Recommended Amount: \$6,200

Project Summary: Documentary Dialogues Takoma will use video as a vehicle for reflection, self-expression, and empowerment by engaging Takoma Park residents through hands-on video production activities and film screenings.

Activities will include: filmmaking camps for youth and elders; a community stories film festival, a free film festival which showcases short documentaries about local topics and Q&As with filmmakers; smart phone video workshops, and a free hands-on activity for local residents that will be integrated into the community stories film festival.

All events will take place at the Takoma Park Community Center, coordinated in collaboration with the City's Arts Coordinator and Recreation Department.

Organization: Historic Takoma, Inc.
Executive Director: Diana Kohn
Website: www.historictakoma.org



Project: Oral Histories from the African-American Community
Beneficiaries: 8,000

Total Project Budget: \$18,000
Grant Request: \$8,000
Recommended Amount: \$8,000

Project Summary: Historic Takoma will document, preserve, and elevate the history and legacy of the historically black community in Takoma Park in the early 20th century. Historic Takoma is a returning grantee.

The project will center around videotaped oral history interviews with people with deep roots in the community who will share their stories in the context of larger themes of northern migration, growing up during segregation, and the changes that were brought by successive decades. For example, some of the elders featured in this project attended the school for black children that was established through the efforts of the community with the help of the Rosenwald Fund, and operated from the late 1920s to 1955.

There is an urgency to document the stories and experiences while there are still individuals who can bring it to life through their own telling, and to elevate this history and its significance through film, publication, public programs and broad outreach.

Organization: Montgomery Housing Partnership
Executive Director: Robert A. Goldman
Website: www.mhpartners.org



Project: Future Leaders of the World (FLOW) Summer Program and Mural Project
Beneficiaries: 15

Total Project Budget: \$14,600
Grant Request: \$7,300
Recommended Amount: \$5,000

Project Summary: Montgomery Housing Partnership will launch a summer enrichment program for middle school students called Future Leaders of the World (FLOW) that utilizes the “Overcoming Obstacles Life Skills” curriculum developed by the Community for Education Foundation (www.overcomingobstacles.org). In addition to life skills, youth participants will gain a greater understanding of their cultural heritage and how personal culture heritage relates to collective American heritage. The FLOW summer program will be conducted three days per week, 1pm-4pm, during the month of July 2019. As part of the FLOW program, youth participants will design and paint a 5' X 5' indoor mural in the Sligo View Apartments community room under the supervision of a professional artist. The mural project will reflect their beliefs and values in the safe space of their community center.

Organization: Performing Arts Center for African Cultures Inc. (PACAC)
Executive Director: Kwame Ansah-Brew
Website: pacafricancultures.org



Project: Besa-Feel The Beat Move Your Feet
Beneficiaries: 300

Total Project Budget: \$20,000
Grant Request: \$10,000
Recommended Amount: \$7,800

Project Summary: This program will provide seniors ages 50+ with the opportunity to experience an African-based dance exercise program that supports a healthy lifestyle. PACAC is a first-time applicant for the Community Grants Program. The main benefits will include physical, social, and emotional well-being.

Organization: Village of Takoma Park, Incorporated
Co-Presidents: Laurie Welch and Andrew Penn
Website: www.villageoftakomapark.com



Project: Arts and Humanities Programs for Seniors
Beneficiaries: 150

Total Project Budget: \$12,000
Grant Request: \$6,000
Recommended Amount: \$6,000

Project Summary: The Village of Takoma Park will sponsor monthly events to increase access to cultural events among seniors in Takoma Park. These events will take place at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at the University of Maryland, the Smithsonian, and the National Gallery of Art. They also plan to host movie screenings at the AFI Silver Theatre and Cultural Center. Over the course of the grant, they will incorporate 30-40 events. New events will be added to their on-line calendar and advertised through their newsletter and emails.

Grantees must provide matching support from other funders and/or volunteer hours and other in-kind support. Below is a partial list of additional funders that support the work of our grantees.

PARTNERS	Alice & Eugene Ford Foundation
	Arcus Foundation
	Artist Insights Fund
	Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County
	Bank of American Charitable Foundation
	Blechman-Morenoff Foundation
	Cafritz Foundation
	Dock Street Foundation
	Foley Hoag Foundation
	Global Impact
	Greater Washington Community Foundation
	Herbert N. Gundersheimer Foundation
	Impact Assets
	John and Rachel King Foundation
	Marten Family Foundation
	Mid-Shore Community Foundation
	Montgomery County Recreation Department
	National Endowment for the Arts
	NeighborWorks America
	Shirley Brownrigg Charitable Trust
Takoma Foundation	
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