

City of Stamford: Arts and Culture Commission

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Mission Statement and History

- The Stamford Arts & Culture Commission is charged with stimulating, facilitating, coordinating, and cooperating with Stamford's arts and cultural organizations (as well as individual artists) for the development of the creative, performing and visual arts. It serves as an information center and focal point in the City for activities in the arts.
- For 25 years+, the City of Stamford has generously pledged grant dollars to the cultural institutions in Stamford through the Stamford Arts & Culture (SAC) Grant.





2025 Grant Overview

- The 2025 SAC Grant received 30 applicants, the largest number in recent years:
 - \$362,000+ requested in grant aid
- Diverse applicant pool:
 - 8 new applicants
 - Latino & Hispanic, Black/African American, Jewish, and Italian programs
- Majority of programs are free to the public:
 - Spring and Holiday Concerts – The Stamford Chorale
 - Dance for All & The Nutcracker – Ballet School of Stamford
 - Drawing Contest: "Getting to Know Ecuador" and Ecuadorian Flag Raising- Ecuadorian Civic Committee
 - Art in the Park – Stamford Arts Association
 - Stamford's Great Migration: A Black History Journey. – CORNERS
 - State Street I-95 Public (East Side) Art Installation – East Side Partnership
- Average grant amount was ~\$7,305
 - Largest grant amount was \$14,000
 - Smallest grant amount was \$1,000



***FY25-26 Arts
and Culture
Proposed Budget***

- **2025 SAC Grant:** \$197,245
- **2026 SAC Grant Request:** \$200,000



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