



Fiscal Committee - Board of Representatives

Monica Di Costanzo, Co-Chair

Lindsey Miller, Co-Chair

Committee Report

Date: Monday, February 27, 2023
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: *This meeting was held in the Democratic Caucus Room, 888 Washington Blvd, Stamford, CT, 4th Floor and remotely*

The Fiscal Committee met as indicated above. In attendance in person were Co-Chairs Miller and Di Costanzo and Committee Member Reps. Fedeli and Morson. In attendance remotely were Committee Member Reps. Boeger, Coleman, Figueroa, Garst, Pierre-Louis, and Tomas. Also present in person was Aaron Miller, Special Assistant to the Mayor; and present remotely were Anita Carpenter, Grants Officer; Captain Scott Duckworth, Stamford Police Department; Lyda Ruijter, Town Clerk; Elda Sinani and Anthony Romano, OPM; Sandra Dennies, Director of Administration; Greg Stackpole, Assessor; and Rowena Track, Boys & Girls Club.

Co-Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. F31.182 \$94,444.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Stamford Police Department; Use of ARP Funds to Support Overtime and Fringe to Reduce Auto Theft and Related Crimes from December 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023 (Source of Funds:100% Grant Funded). 02/01/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 02/09/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0	Approved 8-0-2

Ms. Carpenter explained that this is a separate ARP funding grant for an auto theft initiative. The funds may only be used for overtime. Captain Duckworth noted that the grant targets auto theft throughout the City.

A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Miller, Di Costanzo, Coleman, Fedeli, Garst, Morson, Pierre-Louis, and Tomas in favor; Reps. Boeger, and Figueroa abstaining).

2. F31.183 \$9,100.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); CT Humanities Supporting Arts Grant; City of Stamford Arts Commission has been Awarded Operating Funding to Support Website Development and Increased Outreach to the Arts Community; the Funding Starts 12/21/22 through 12/20/23 (Source of Funds:100% Grant Funded). 02/01/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 02/09/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0	Approved 10-0-0
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Ms. Carpenter explained that this is an operating grant from CT Humanities Supporting Arts to Support Website Development and Increased Outreach to the Arts Community. Mr. Miller stated that the funds will be used to develop a website and calendar to make residents aware of arts and cultural activities happening in the City.

A motion to approve Item No. 2 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Miller, Di Costanzo, Boeger, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Morson, Pierre-Louis, and Tomas in favor).

3. [F31.184](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); **Approved 10-0-0**
\$460,000.00 Youth Service Corps; City will Work with Domus Kids, Inc. to Create a Youth Service Corps Program to Employ Disengaged Youth Aged 16-24 in the Office of Operations. Funds Contracted to Domus to Manage the Program other than 10% de minimis Indirect Costs for the City (Source of Funds:100% Grant Funded).
02/02/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
02/09/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

Ms. Carpenter explained that this is grant from the Youth Service Corp to have Domus work with disadvantaged youth age 17 to 24, to provide job training and placement supports. The idea of the relationship with the city is to have a feeder into the City's workforce hub to provide training and certification programs. Hopefully it will provide long term placements for youth that are not planning to go to college or pursue a trade school before they get lost in the system. The 10% de minimis indirect costs is \$6,000. \$60,000 is carved out for administrative costs, and under the federal formula, the City received 10% of that for its administrative overhead.

A motion to approve Item No. 3 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Miller, Di Costanzo, Boeger, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Morson, Pierre-Louis, and Tomas in favor).

4. [F31.187](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); - **Approved 10-0-0**
\$93,975.00 D11505; Historic Preservation; Record Digitization; Scan and Upload Records from Land Records Vault from 1/2/1998 through 5/20/2002 (Source of Funds: Land Recording Fee- Historic Preservation Fund Account).
01/26/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
02/09/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

Ms. Ruijter explained that these funds will be used for back scanning and filling of 4 years of land records in order to put them on line. Users will be charged to access these records.

A motion to approve Item No. 4 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Miller, Di Costanzo, Boeger, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Morson, Pierre-Louis, and Tomas in favor).

5. [F31.181](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with the Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) related to the John Boccuzzi Park Phase 2 Project (# 012662) [\$1,811,075 matching funds approved at [F31.082](#)].
01/04/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons **Approved 9-0-1**

Ms. Carpenter explained that this is a catch-up resolution for grant funding that was previously approved.

A motion to approve Item No. 5 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Miller, Di Costanzo, Boeger, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Morson, Pierre-Louis, and Tomas in favor; Rep. Coleman abstaining).

6. [F31.185](#) \$250,000.00 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Emergency Repairs for Winter Storm Elliot Damage; Risk Management Will Seek Insurance Claim Proceeds if Total Amount of Loss is above Deductible (Source of Funds: Risk Fund Storm Damage Reserve Account).
01/26/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
02/09/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0 **Approved 10-0-0**

Ms. Carpenter explained, on behalf of David Villalva, that in FY 21-22 the Board approved a total of \$4,012,499 set aside in a risk fund for the purpose of addressing emergency and immediate repair costs for damaged property due to storms. The City recently suffered property damage related to Storm Elliot over the Christmas holiday, specifically to Northeast School and the Facilities department at Magee Avenue, with significant flooding. The insurance adjuster is currently working on the claim and there is approximately \$250,000 of insurable claims with a \$250,000 deductible. This is a request for an appropriation from the Risk Fund to cover the repairs.

A motion to approve Item No. 6 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Miller, Di Costanzo, Boeger, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Morson, Pierre-Louis, and Tomas in favor).

7. [F31.167](#) \$166,666.00 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); 001308; Rehabilitation of Boys and Girls Club Playscape at Yerwood Center: Project includes: Design, Improvement of Safety and ADA compliance; Solicitation of proposals and Selection of a Contractor; Removal and Disposal of Existing Playscape; and Installation of Playscape. (Source of Funds: State Grant).
01/04/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
01/10/23 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)
01/19/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
01/30/23 – Approved by Committee 11-0-0
02/06/23 – Held by Full Board **Approved 10-0-0**

Co-Chair Miller explained that this item was held by the Full Board for the committee to look at the use of poured-in-place rubber with respect to this grant. Ms. Track stated that they will be

instructing their design team during the bid process not to design the playground with poured-in-place surface.

A motion to approve Item No. 7 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Miller, Di Costanzo, Boeger, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Morson, Pierre-Louis, and Tomas in favor).

8. [F31.168](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Development related to the Boys & Girls Club Playscape Area at the Yerwood Center. **Approved 10-0-0**
01/04/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
01/30/23 – Approved by Committee 11-0-0
02/06/23 – Held by Full Board

A motion to approve Item No. 8 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Miller, Di Costanzo, Boeger, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Morson, Pierre-Louis, and Tomas in favor).

9. [F31.188](#) REVIEW; FY2022-23 Second Quarter Projections **Report Made**
02/01/23 – Submitted by Elda Sinani

Dr. Sinani reviewed the [attached presentation](#) with the Committee. She noted that OPM will have better information in 3rd Quarter and are projecting increasing permit fees over the next 4 months.

10. [F31.189](#) REVIEW; Update on Current Property Revaluation. **Report Made**
02/13/23 – Submitted by Reps. Di Costanzo, and Miller

Mr. Stackpole reviewed the [attached presentation](#) with the Committee. He noted that the comparisons to other cities was based on those cities doing revaluation this year. These other communities are not considering phasing in the revaluation at this point. Ms. Dennies stated that the Mayor will make a recommendation during her presentation on March 8th.

Co-Chair Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lindsey Miller, Co-Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).