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Dear Board of Representatives Member:

Thank you for supporting the Neighborhood Grant Program during the FY18/19 budget process. As was the case last year, we will disseminate the \$80,000 appropriation via small competitively awarded grants for projects aimed at improving the quality of life in Stamford's neighborhoods.

Depending on the needs of a particular area, as determined by the people who live there, grant funds are available to help a range of resident groups -- from informal grass root organizations and well-established associations to community-wide efforts -- by supporting the activities and projects important to applicants. This is definitely not a "one size fits all" opportunity.

Applicants are not be required to be legal not-for-profit organizations, although groups who do not have legal nonprofit status will need to identify fiscal agents (501(c)(3) organizations) willing to be responsible for handling grant funds on their behalf. For-profit entities and individuals are not eligible applicants.

In addition to grant funds, to the extent that personnel and resources are available, applicant groups will be able to access advice, support and/or in-kind assistance for their projects from the City.

The selection process will favor applications that focus on projects that address specific issues of importance to applicant communities and anticipate results that can be described as concrete improvements. Applicants will be expected to match grant funds with their own funds, or in-kind products, services and/or labor.

Following are a few examples of projects and matches that supported last year's applications:

- neighborhood welcome signs (grant funds purchase signs; applicant installs them);
- community gardens (grant funds purchase materials; applicant does the planting);
- planting/replacing trees along neighborhood street (grant covers the cost of saplings and soil; applicant prepares tree wells and plants trees); and
- community clean up (grant funds purchase tools; applicant organizes and provides labor).

In order to ensure that we provide the widest range of potential applicants with notice of the opportunity to apply for a Neighborhood Grant, I am asking that you please review the enclosed list of neighborhood groups and, at your earliest convenience either give me a call, or send me the names of, and contact information for any additional active groups that you know of.

Thank you for your help.

Ellen Bromley

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STAMFORD NEIGHBORHOOD LIST

<u>Group Name</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Cove Neighborhood Association	Kevin Quick
DSSD	Sandy Goldstein
East Side Partnership	James Grunberger
Glenbrook Neighborhood Association	Christie Fountain
Hubbard Heights Association	Mike DeMilt
Jackie Robinson Park of Fame, Inc.	John DaRosa
Laurel Ledge Park Association	Larry Palma
Lily Pond Greenway Project (Cove Neighborhood Association)	Lyda Ruijter
North Stamford Association	Doug York
Saw Mill Association	Julie Hollenberg
Shippan Point Association	Charlie Dill
Shippan Point Garden Club	Maureen Carson
South End Neighborhood Revitalization Zone	Sheila Barney
Springdale Neighborhood Association	R.J. Mercede
Strawberry Hill Neighborhood Association	Dianne Walker
Waterside	Elaine Mitchell
Waterside Coalition	Virgil de la Cruz
West Side NRZ	Sheila Williams-Brown
Wildwood Association	Sandi McLaughlin