

Office of the Mayor - Program Activities

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Community Micro-Grant Program

The Mayor's Community Micro-Grant Program provides small grants for community-specific projects aimed at improving the quality of life across Stamford's neighborhoods.

- Grants are awarded for beautification projects (tree plantings, murals, decorating of traffic signal boxes); sustainability initiatives (removal of invasive plant species, installation of composting units and food scrap bins); and community-wide programs (youth leadership development trainings, vintage car shows, backpack give-away).
- For **FY25-26**, we are requesting **\$92,250** to increase the number of grants or funding amounts awarded.



Community Micro-Grant Program, cont.

Community Micro-Grant Funding History:

- **FY24-25, \$77,250 to be awarded.** Grant application will be launched in April 2025.
- **FY23-24, \$75,000 awarded.** 38 out of 53 organizations were funded
- **FY22-23, \$75,000 awarded.** 21 out of 31 organizations were funded



Community Night Program

The Community Night Program is operated by the Boys & Girls Club of Stamford. The goal of the program is to provide a safe space for at-risk teenagers and young adults to socialize so that they avoid getting into trouble. Recreational and employment readiness activities are provided to program participants.

- For **FY25-26**, we are requesting **\$127,138** to ensure that the program operates 3 nights per week.



Community Night Program, cont.

Results of Community Night Gym Program:

- 240 unique individuals served in the past year
- 59 consistent teens/young adults per night
- 25 high-risk young adults receive wrap around supports
- Participants in the night program are also being connected to other activities of BGCS including Teen Center, mentoring, Rec Basketball League
- This year's 3 on 3 tournament (to be held on March 28th) will engage over 100 teens/young adults



Community Pool Summer Program

The Community Pool Summer Program teaches children how to swim and ensures that low-income families in Stamford have access to a swimming pool during the summer.

- For **FY25-26**, we are requesting **\$61,800** to maintain the program



Community Pool Summer Program

Community Pool Summer Program Results:

- Operated June – August 2024
- ~585 families registered – nearly all West side residents
- ~206 came consistently to the community swim
- ~151 participated in swim lessons (Only free swim lessons in Stamford)
- Only other pool open to residents is at Heroy park on the border of North Stamford and NY State