

**Community Micro-Grant Program 2024**  
**Mayor Caroline Simmons, City of Stamford**

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The Community Micro-Grant Program (formerly the Neighborhood Grant Program) has awarded small grants for community-specific projects aimed at improving the quality of life across Stamford's neighborhoods. Depending on the needs of a particular area, as determined by 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 year, the Community Micro-Grant Program has **\$75,000** available to invest in Stamford's neighborhoods. The information below outlines how groups can be successful in applying for grant funding from this program.

**Grant Eligibility Criteria**

The following entities are encouraged to apply for the Community Micro-Grant Program:

- Stamford-based nonprofit or charitable organizations
- Organizations that are not 501c3 entities

*\*Please Note: Applicants who do not have legal nonprofit status will need to identify fiscal agents (local 501c3 organization or City Department) willing to be responsible for handling grant funds on their behalf.*

The following entities are NOT eligible for the application process:

- For-profit organizations
- Individuals

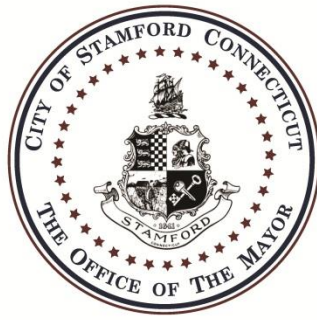
**2024 Grant Priorities**

While all applications will be given consideration, projects that meet the following criteria will be given a higher priority rating for this grant cycle:

- Sustainable projects
  - Ideas or initiatives that have long-term, multi-year impact on the community
  - Investments in physical spaces, equipment, tools, etc. that will be helpful to the community for years to come
- New and Innovative projects
  - Ideas that require start-up funding to get a project off the ground
  - New, creative ideas to improve the community that have not yet been tried – pilot projects welcome!

Sample Project Types:

- Activation of an underutilized public space (i.e. program series, block party, community garden, etc.)
- Long-lasting beautification effort (i.e. murals, perennial gardens, planters, tree plantings, etc.)
- Public improvements and enhancements (i.e. benches, picnic tables, trash cans, paths, safety features, lighting, etc.)
- Wayfinding and place-making (i.e. artistic wayfinding on sidewalks, neighborhood branding on banners, etc.)



**Review and Selection Process:**

Applications will be reviewed and selected based upon ability to demonstrate that:

- Projects will address specific issues of importance to applicant communities
- Initiatives will create concrete, place-based improvements
- Plans will have a long-term impact on the community
- Initiatives have community support (volunteers, statements of support by community members, partnerships, financial contributions)

Applicants will be expected to match grant funds with their own funds, or in-kind products, services and/or labor.

**Grant Award Amounts**

Grants may be awarded for \$1,000 to \$10,000. The grant amount will be based upon the budget provided, the impact of the project on the community, and alignment with funding priorities for this year (see above).

**Community Micro-Grant Program Timeline**

Application Due Date: May 3, 2024

Grant Announcements: May 20, 2024

Awardee Recognition Ceremony: Mid-Late June

Grant Funds Distribution: Late June/ Early July

Project Completion Date: September 9, 2024

Final Grant Report Due Date: September 23, 2024