

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.





2023 Grant Overview

- SAC Grant 2023 received 26 applicants, the largest number in recent years:
 - A 30% increase from 2022
 - \$275,000+ requested in grant aid
- Diverse applicant pool:
 - 7 new applicants
 - 7 Latino & Hispanic programs
 - 2 Black/African American programs
 - 1 LGBTQ+ program
 - 1 Jewish historical program
- Majority of programs are free to the public:
 - Dance for All & The Nutcracker – Ballet School of Stamford
 - Holiday Brass & Organ Concert – First Presbyterian Church
 - Dia de los Muertos Celebration – Latino Foundation of Stamford
 - Arts in the Park – Stamford Arts Association
 - Guatemalan Flag Raising and Celebration - Grupo Quetzal
- Average grant amount was ~\$9,500
 - Largest grant amount was \$15,000
 - Smallest grant amount was \$3,000



2024 Arts and Culture Proposed Budget

- **SAC Grant:** \$191,500
 - *No change from last year*
- **Mural Funds:** \$50,000
 - *Addition of \$50,000*
 - **\$25,000 NEA*



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