

# CITY OF STAMFORD

## MAYOR'S MULTICULTURAL COUNCIL

Presented by,  
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Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion



# ALIGNMENT WITH MAYOR SIMMONS' VISION & MISSION

## **CITY-WIDE VISION:**

Build an inclusive, equitable, vibrant, accessible, and innovative city where everyone can thrive.

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## **ORGANIZATIONAL VISION:**

To create a city government where employees are recognized, valued, inspired, and empowered to solve problems and deliver excellent services to the residents of Stamford.

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## **MISSION:**

Implement a shared vision for a more equitable, inclusive, and accessible city for all, recognizing the value of diversity in every aspect of its municipal activities, boards and institutions; including appropriate advocacy.

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## **VALUES:**

Integrity, Transparency, Respect, Compassion, Innovation, Service Mindset, Commitment to Excellence

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# ABOUT THE MMC

## **Mission:**

To inform, celebrate, promote, understand, appreciate and respect the many diverse cultures that enrich our City

## **Make Up:**

The Council is made up of a diverse group of 23 member

## **Governance Structure:**

Chairperson, a Vice Chair, a Secretary and a Treasurer

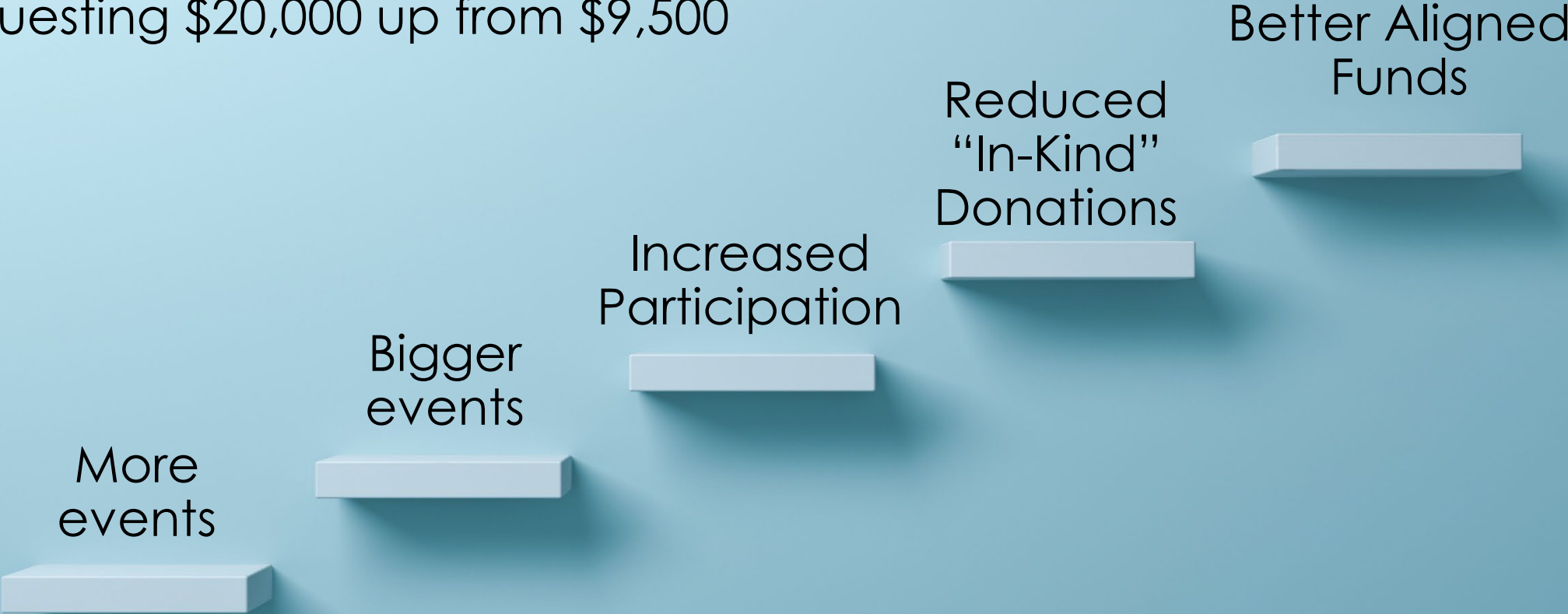


# STRATEGIC INITIATIVES FOR FY24-25

- As 16th most diverse city in this nation, we can take tremendous steps when we walk together in harmony.
- Our greatest source of pride and strength as a city comes from the diversity of our residents, businesses, and visitors.
- Celebrating the diversity of Stamford fosters inclusivity, promotes understanding, and enriches community.
- With hate crimes on the rise in this country, events of the MMC strive to bring people together in unity through social activities to create a more harmonious and vibrant environment for everyone.

# FUNDING REQUEST & RATIONALE

Requesting \$20,000 up from \$9,500



# CIVIC EVENTS HONOR THE DIVERSITY OF STAMFORD

- 30+ Flag Raising Ceremonies
- Heritage Celebrations & Festivals
- Community Empowerment
- Awareness & Acceptance Rallies



# EVENTS 7/1/23 - 6/30/24

**World Feast**

**5/7/2023**

Co-Sponsored with the Ferguson library celebrating different cultures

**First MMC Fashions of the Word**

**7/15/23**

Co-sponsored "Summer Block Party" fashion show event at Stamford Town Center showcasing native dress representing Stamford residents

**Concert for Peace: Find your Voice**

**8/06/23**

Co-sponsored with Ferguson Library and "En Vivo con Maricarmen" with music and dances

**60th Anniversary of the March on Washington**

**8/13/23**

Film and personal recollections  
Co-sponsored with Ferguson Library

**Historically Black Colleges & Universities Tours "Movie Night"**

**8/18/23**

Movie Night in Jackie Robinson Park. Co-sponsored with William E. Edwards Academic College Tours: WEE-ACT & other organizations

# EVENTS 7/1/23 - 6/30/24

## Hispanic Heritage Month

9/22/ & 9/29/23

Rhythm & Rumba Salsa Nights (2 nights) Co-sponsored with Mill River Collaborative. Free to public salsa dance lessons in Mill River Park & Government Center

## Health Fair at Yerwood Center

9/30/23

Promoted MMC with table at City of Stamford Health Fair at Yerwood Center

## SPEF Fall Fest 2023

10/1/23

Hosted interactive MMC community table and activity for families to demonstrate & learn about Stamford's diversity

## DIWALI: the Festival of Lights

11/19 /23

MMC in partnership with GOPIO-CT, traditional music, dance and a rangoli exhibition.

## MLK March and Program

1/15 /24

MMC participated in the March & MLK program at Yerwood Center celebrating legacy of MLK.



# EVENTS 7/1/23 – 6/30/24

## St. Patrick's Day Parade

3/2/24

MMC participated in the St. Patrick's Parade for first time. Hosted by St Patrick's Parade Day Committee

## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual MMC Afternoon of Jazz

3/23/24

In partnership with Ferguson Library, MMC signature event: popular free jazz concert celebrates diversity through music.

## Interfaith Community Wide Seder

4/11/24

MMC is Co-Sponsor for first time with Interfaith Council, UJF, UCONN Hillel at UCONN

## Multicultural Festival

4/30/24

First Multicultural Festival event hosted by Journal of Hope and the Roxbury School Governance Council Roxbury School Action Team

## Fourth Annual Stamford Day 2024

6/02/24

Co-Sponsor with Mill River Park Collaborative: Celebrates Stamford's history and diversity through, music, dance, organization tables & presentations