

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.





2024 Grant Overview

- The 2024 SAC Grant received 29 applicants, the largest number in recent years:
 - A 10% increase from 2023
 - \$290,000+ requested in grant aid
- Diverse applicant pool:
 - 6 new applicants
 - 7 Latino & Hispanic programs
 - Black/African American, LGBTQ+, Jewish, Italian, and Polish programs
- Majority of programs are free to the public:
 - Spring and Holiday Concerts – The Stamford Chorale
 - Dance for All & The Nutcracker – Ballet School of Stamford
 - Drawing Contest: "Getting to Know Ecuador" and Ecuadorian Flag-Raising- Independence of Ecuador
 - Arts in the Park – Stamford Arts Association
 - Guatemalan Flag Raising and Celebration - Grupo Quetzal
- Average grant amount was ~\$6,800
 - Largest grant amount was \$14,163
 - Smallest grant amount was \$2,360





FY24-25 Arts and Culture Proposed Budget

- **SAC Grant:** \$197,245
 - Increase of 3% (\$5,745)



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