

# Office of the Mayor - Program Activities

## Presentation to BOR Fiscal Committee

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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 (ex. tree plantings, murals, decorating of traffic signal boxes); sustainability initiatives (ex. removal of invasive plant species, installation of composting units and food scrap bins); and community-wide programs (ex. youth leadership development trainings, vintage car shows, backpack giveaways).
- For **FY24-25**, we are requesting **\$77,250**, an increase of \$2,250 from last year's request to expand the number of grants and/or funding amounts awarded.

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## Community Micro-Grant Funding History:

- **FY23-24, \$75,000 approved to be awarded.** The grant application will launch in April 2024.
- **FY22-23, \$75,000 approved and 21 organizations out of 31 applicants were awarded funding.**

# *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 teenagers and young adults to socialize and engage in recreational activities. Employment readiness activities are also offered to program participants.

- For **FY24-25**, we are requesting **\$123,435 in funding** to ensure that the program operates three nights per week.

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## Highlights of Community Night Gym Program:

- 250 individuals served in the past year
- 60 consistent participants per night
- 13 high-risk young adults receive wrap-around support services
- Participants are also connected to other activities of BGCS including a simulated driving course, recreational basketball league, and access to a music studio
- Held a 3 vs 3 basketball tournament that engaged almost 100 teens/young adults

# *Community Pool Summer Program*



The Community Pool Summer Program teaches children how to swim and ensures that residents have equitable access to a swimming pool during the summer.

- For **FY24-25**, we are requesting **\$60,000** to maintain the program.

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## Community Pool Summer Program Results:

- Operated June – August 2023
- 600 families registered
- 250 came consistently to the community swim program
- 160 children participated in swim lessons
- The only other pool to Stamford residents is at Dorothy Heroy Park located on the border of North Stamford and New York