

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.





2026 Grant Overview

- The Stamford Arts and Culture Commission received 31 applications for the 2026 SAC Grant:
 - \$400,000+ requested in grant aid
- Diverse applicant pool:
 - 6 new applicants
 - Latino & Hispanic, Black/African American, Jewish, and Polish programs
- Majority of programs are free to the public:
 - Spring and Holiday Concerts – The Stamford Chorale
 - Ballet Under the Stars and the Nutcracker – CT Ballet
 - Drawing Contest: “Getting to Know Ecuador” and Ecuadorian Flag Raising- Ecuadorian Civic Committee
 - Art in the Park – Stamford Arts Association
 - Music School and Summer Music Session - INTEMPO
 - My Architecture Summer Workshops Summer Camp – My Architecture Workshops
- Average grant amount was ~\$6,452
 - Largest grant amount was \$14,000
 - Smallest grant amount was \$1,000



***FY26-27 Arts
and Culture
Proposed Budget***

- **2026 SAC Grant:** \$200,000
- **2027 SAC Grant Request:** \$208,000



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