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# **Operating Funds Request FY 2026-2027**

# Stamford History Center: A Resource for All of Stamford's Citizens

The Stamford Historical Society, Inc. d/b/a The Stamford History Center, the Municipal Historian of Stamford, is an educational and research institution, whose primary functions are to collect, preserve, conserve, interpret, and exhibit materials relating to Stamford, Connecticut and our region to engage all citizens in the telling of their stories.

The Stamford History Center (“SHC”) seeks to serve all the people of the Greater Stamford area through our educational programming, on-site events, exhibits and by making our resources as available as possible.

The Stamford History Center supports the Stamford 2035 Comprehensive Plan by providing cultural and educational programming and enhanced quality of life for Stamford residents.

# Educational Programming

SHC offers a variety of educational programs to the Stamford Public Schools at no charge.

Designed in conjunction with the SPS Department of Teaching and Learning

Develop students' understanding of the local community, the indigenous occupation of Stamford, the Colonial Period of Stamford, the development of local industries, and the ongoing history of immigration.

For the school year 2024-2025, we presented our curriculum to approximately 2200 children.

In the current year are on track to serve an estimated 2300+ children this year. This spring we expect several hundred students to tour our Hoyt Barnum House.

We are continuing to devise new programs for grade levels that are currently not served by our existing ones and are aiming to fill in the gap grades (5 and 6) with new programs. We are also planning a Colonial Day/Colonial Faire for late June

## *On Site Events*

“Haunted Hoyt Barnum” program in October at the Hoyt-Barnum House

Annual Victorian Tea

The reading of the Declaration of Independence on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July

Spring Cozy Sunday talks and workshops

Book lectures/signings with local authors

Lectures about local history and architecture

Musical Cabaret events

# Financial Highlights

## **Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Operating Results**

Revenue increased by 4% primarily due to higher Contributions

Expenses were 17% lower than the previous year due elimination of one-time expenses in 2024

We recorded \$29,000 in operating income for the year compared with (\$3,400) loss in the prior year.

## **Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Operating Budget and Forecast**

Projecting total revenue 33% below last year. No Fundraising Gala this year. Contributions will be lower.

Expenses are expected to be 11% lower than last year. There will also be no Gala Expense.

We expect an Operating Loss of (\$9,600) for the year.

## **2026/2027 Proposed Operating Budget**

The 2026-2027 Budget in line with our expected 2025-2026 results plus a Fundraising Gala.

The projection results in a small Operating Loss for the year.

**THE STAMFORD HISTORY CENTER**  
2026 - 2027 Budget Analysis

	2024-2025			2025-2026			2026-2027
	Budget 6/30/25	Actual 6/30/25	Variance 6/30/25	Budget 6/30/26	Actual 10/31/25	Projected 6/30/26	Budget 6/30/27
<b>Income</b>							
<b>Contributions, Gifts &amp; Grants</b>							
Fundraising Events							
Total Gala	\$35,000.00	\$39,812.00	\$4,812.00	\$35,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30,000.00
Tag Sales	\$20,000.00	\$22,424.80	\$2,424.80	\$20,000.00	\$1,542.00	\$26,584.00	\$24,000.00
Fundraising Events	\$55,000.00	\$62,236.80	\$7,236.80	\$55,000.00	\$1,542.00	\$26,584.00	\$54,000.00
Government Funding	\$50,000.00	\$48,925.00	(\$1,075.00)	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
Membership Dues	\$16,000.00	\$13,295.00	(\$2,705.00)	\$16,000.00	\$2,180.00	\$14,075.00	\$15,000.00
Other Contributions, Gifts & Grants							
Annual Appeal Income	\$7,500.00	\$8,855.00	\$1,355.00	\$9,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,235.00	\$10,000.00
Contributions	\$7,000.00	\$19,834.71	\$12,834.71	\$7,000.00	\$421.00	\$1,096.00	\$2,000.00
Grants	\$15,000.00	\$4,000.00	(\$11,000.00)	\$2,000.00	\$9.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,500.00
Total Other Contributions, Gifts & Grants	\$29,500.00	\$32,689.71	\$3,189.71	\$18,000.00	\$421.00	\$12,831.00	\$14,500.00
<b>Total Contributions, Gifts &amp; Grants</b>	<b>\$150,500.00</b>	<b>\$157,146.51</b>	<b>\$6,646.51</b>	<b>\$139,000.00</b>	<b>\$54,143.00</b>	<b>\$103,490.00</b>	<b>\$133,500.00</b>
<b>Other Revenue</b>							
Facility Rental	\$500.00		(\$500.00)	\$500.00		\$0.00	
Sales	\$400.00	\$158.00	(\$242.00)	\$250.00	\$5.00	\$95.00	\$200.00
Royalties			\$0.00		\$0.00	\$250.00	
<b>Total Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$900.00</b>	<b>\$158.00</b>	<b>(\$742.00)</b>	<b>\$750.00</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>	<b>\$345.00</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>
<b>Program Service Revenue</b>							
Events	\$800.00	\$1,510.00	\$710.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,424.00	\$2,389.00	\$2,500.00
Exhibits and Library	\$2,000.00	\$1,081.00	(\$919.00)	\$1,500.00	\$569.00	\$980.00	\$1,000.00
Hoyt-Barnum House	\$800.00	\$345.00	(\$455.00)	\$550.00	\$415.00	\$630.00	\$400.00
<b>Total Program Service Revenue</b>	<b>\$3,600.00</b>	<b>\$2,936.00</b>	<b>(\$664.00)</b>	<b>\$4,050.00</b>	<b>\$2,408.00</b>	<b>\$3,999.00</b>	<b>\$3,900.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$155,000.00</b>	<b>\$160,240.51</b>	<b>\$5,240.51</b>	<b>\$143,050.00</b>	<b>\$56,556.00</b>	<b>\$107,834.00</b>	<b>\$137,600.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>							
<b>Collection &amp; Exhibit Expenses</b>							
Collections	\$1,000.00		(\$1,000.00)	\$2,000.00	\$250.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,000.00
Dues and Subscriptions	\$500.00	\$493.00	(\$7.00)	\$500.00	\$410.00	\$528.00	\$550.00
Exhibit Opening	\$500.00	\$548.00	\$48.00	\$600.00	\$1,389.99	\$1,389.99	\$1,400.00
Hoyt-Barnum House	\$2,200.00	\$1,853.36	(\$346.64)	\$1,200.00	\$216.10	\$2,913.67	\$4,000.00
Library	\$800.00		(\$800.00)	\$500.00		\$500.00	\$500.00
Program Expense	\$1,500.00	\$1,443.94	(\$56.06)	\$2,400.00	\$853.15	\$2,248.15	\$1,950.00
<b>Total Collection &amp; Exhibit Expenses</b>	<b>\$6,500.00</b>	<b>\$4,338.30</b>	<b>(\$2,161.70)</b>	<b>\$7,200.00</b>	<b>\$3,119.24</b>	<b>\$9,179.81</b>	<b>\$9,400.00</b>
<b>Event Expenses</b>	\$400.00	\$706.19	\$306.19	\$350.00	\$444.98	\$1,154.98	\$1,200.00
<b>Fundraising Expenses</b>	\$16,250.00	\$19,484.49	\$3,234.49	\$16,200.00	\$1,164.1	\$968.71	\$19,250.00
<b>General &amp; Administrative Expenses</b>							
Amortization Expense	\$80.00	\$77.59	(\$2.41)	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$77.59	\$80.00
Depreciation Expense	\$2,300.00	\$718.95	(\$1,581.05)	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$718.95	\$750.00
Information Technology	\$3,000.00		(\$3,000.00)			\$0.00	
Insurance	\$17,900.00	\$14,768.76	(\$2,231.24)	\$16,110.00	\$5,165.08	\$13,901.25	\$14,410.00
Marketing Expense	\$3,000.00		(\$3,000.00)	\$2,000.00		\$0.00	
Office Expenses	\$7,000.00	\$6,515.27	(\$484.73)	\$6,750.00	\$3,170.02	\$7,059.86	\$7,000.00
Printing & Publishing	\$750.00	\$1,568.17	\$818.17	\$750.00	\$286.60	\$1,186.60	\$1,500.00
Processing Fees	\$600.00	\$446.89	(\$153.11)	\$500.00	\$29.13	\$228.47	\$350.00
Professional Services	\$1,950.00	\$1,950.00	\$0.00	\$3,050.00	\$50.00	\$1,950.00	\$4,050.00
<b>Total General &amp; Administrative Expenses</b>	<b>\$35,680.00</b>	<b>\$26,045.63</b>	<b>(\$9,634.37)</b>	<b>\$29,640.00</b>	<b>\$8,700.83</b>	<b>\$25,122.72</b>	<b>\$29,140.00</b>
<b>Occupancy Costs</b>							
Electricity 1508 High Ridge	\$13,500.00	\$9,405.34	(\$4,094.66)	\$11,000.00	\$1,466.85	\$9,217.86	\$9,500.00
Grounds Upkeep	\$1,600.00	\$1,890.00	\$290.00	\$1,600.00	\$680.00	\$1,700.00	\$2,000.00
Heating Oil 1508 High Ridge	\$20,000.00	\$14,660.43	(\$5,339.57)	\$18,000.00	\$0.00	\$13,852.45	\$13,000.00
Phone and Internet 1508 High Ridge	\$3,900.00	\$3,136.92	(\$763.08)	\$3,300.00	\$1,309.17	\$3,383.57	\$3,400.00
Repair & Maintenance 1508 High Ridge	\$5,000.00	\$96.12	(\$4,903.88)	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Water 1508 High Ridge	\$300.00	\$369.54	\$69.54	\$300.00	\$72.54	\$278.94	\$300.00
<b>Total Occupancy Costs</b>	<b>\$43,400.00</b>	<b>\$29,558.35</b>	<b>(\$13,841.65)</b>	<b>\$35,700.00</b>	<b>\$3,528.56</b>	<b>\$28,932.82</b>	<b>\$29,700.00</b>
<b>Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>\$52,000.00</b>	<b>\$50,755.59</b>	<b>(\$1,244.41)</b>	<b>\$53,000.00</b>	<b>\$16,120.95</b>	<b>\$52,090.18</b>	<b>\$52,000.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$154,230.00</b>	<b>\$130,888.55</b>	<b>(\$23,341.45)</b>	<b>\$142,090.00</b>	<b>\$32,030.97</b>	<b>\$117,449.22</b>	<b>\$138,690.00</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>\$770.00</b>	<b>\$29,351.96</b>	<b>\$28,581.96</b>	<b>\$1,710.00</b>	<b>\$24,525.03</b>	<b>(\$9,615.22)</b>	<b>(\$1,090.00)</b>