



FY 2027 Community Grants Applications

Annapolis Community
Grant Review Committee

FY2027



Grant Review Team

Special thanks to our team of reviewers...

- ▶ **Rossio Smith**, Mayor's Office
- ▶ **Jeanne Coughlin**, Fire Department
- ▶ **Patti Norris**, Police Department
- ▶ **Theresa Wellman**, Planning and Zoning
- ▶ **Iesha Young**, Office of Community Services
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- ▶ Also a big thank you to **OCS team, and Rossio** for the administrative support to the program during the review process and throughout the year.



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6.16.060 - Priorities for making operating and/or capital grants to non-profit organizations under the City of Annapolis Community Grant Program.

- ▶ An “operating grant” shall provide support for the day-to-day costs of running the non-profit organization.
- ▶ A "capital grant" shall provide support for the purchase of property, the construction, remodeling, or expansion of a facility, or purchase of equipment by a non-profit organization.



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- ▶ Subject to the availability of funds
 - ▶ The City will consider funding operating and/or capital grants
 - ▶ Proposals must meet one of the following priorities:
 - i. Provides services that sustain and empower youth, families and individuals to move towards an improved quality of life and self-sufficiency;
 - ii. Provides programs that preserve and enhance a community's character;
 - iii. Provides programs that contribute to a vibrant economy; or
 - iv. Promotes programs that are integral to community revitalization, economic development and environmental sustainability.



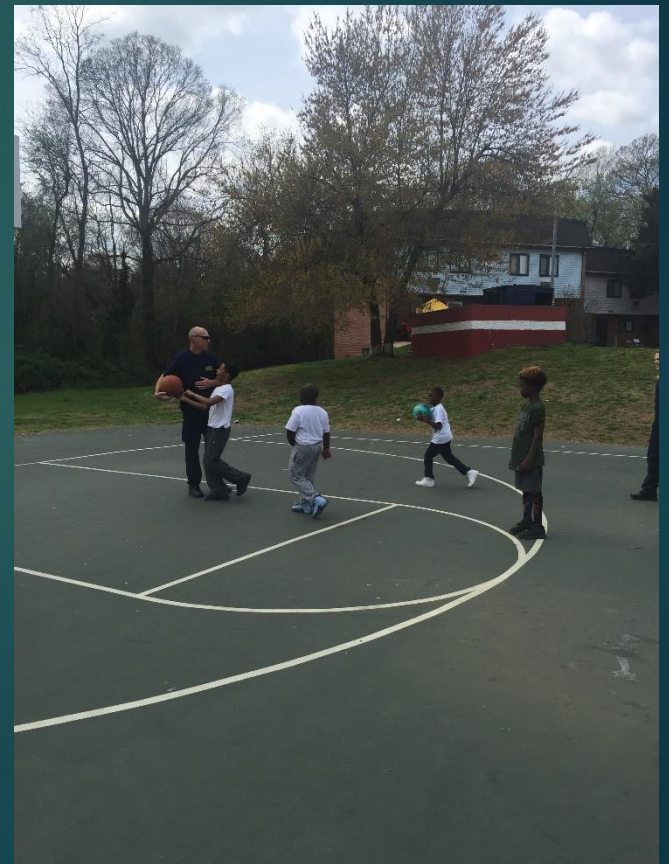
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The Process

The Committee:

- ▶ Convened to review and evaluate applications.
- ▶ Submitted recommendations to the Department of Finance to include in budget discussions based on the evaluation.
- ▶ Each member was assigned seven or eight proposals to score.
- ▶ OCS facilitated conversations and drew up report



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Fiscal Year 2027 Applications Overview:

- ▶ 62 applications
- ▶ Total requests \$**1,107,152**
- ▶ Previous request in FY26 was \$**995,996**
- ▶ Funding pool the panel was asked to work with: **\$373,700.**



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Fiscal Year 2027 Committee Recommendation Guidelines:

Recommended Award Range:

The minimum recommended grant award is \$5,000, with the maximum being \$20,000. Exceptions were considered based on an organization's requested amount or matching funding requirements.

Program Focused:

Organizations focused on housing, homelessness prevention, food insecurity, and utility assistance were prioritized and received the maximum award of \$20,000 or less based on funding request. Remaining funds were distributed among other eligible organizations.



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Review of panel recommendations

- ▶ Panel recommendations were based on the Community Grant Scoring Card. Organizations clearly demonstrating one or more of the four priorities, showing a strong collaboration with community members, highlighting 75% of their programming benefits that engage the city residents, and receiving diverse funding outside of city funding.

**FY 2027 Community Grant Application
Selection Criteria**

Applicant Organization: _____ Project Title: _____ Amount Requested: \$ _____

FY 2026 Award: _____ Amount Recommended: _____ Staff Reviewer: _____

Select Project Goal			
<p>Clearly demonstrate one or more of the four priorities</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Provides services that sustain and empower youth, families and individuals to move towards an improved quality of life and self-sufficiency;</p> <p>Provides programs that preserve and enhance a community's character;</p> <p>Provides programs that contribute to a vibrant economy.</p> <p>Promotes programs that are integral to community revitalization, economic development, and environmental sustainability.</p>	<p>Show strong collaboration with community members, local churches, schools, and or other organizations that share similar objectives relating to the four priorities listed in section B <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Highlight that seventy-five percent of programming/work benefits and engages City residents. <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Have diverse funding sources outside city funding, such as in-kind donations, fundraising and donation efforts, and federal grants. <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Does the proposal include services that improve the quality of life and self-sufficiency for the target demographic (youth, families, individuals)?</p> <p>Meets Criteria: Yes ___ No ___</p>	<p>Does the application highlight specific wards, community, and or partnerships that the program will collaborate with or support?</p> <p>Meets Criteria: Yes ___ No ___</p>	<p>Does the proposal provide information/data that details the percentage of programming that benefits and engages city residents? (e.g., job creation, skills development)?</p> <p>Meets Criteria : Yes ___ No ___</p>	<p>Does the application provide diverse funding sources outside of city funding?</p> <p>Meets Criteria: Yes ___ No ___</p>
<p>Demographic Reach and Participant</p>		<p>Does the proposal clearly define the target demographic and the expected number of participants? Yes ___ No ___</p>	



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Fiscal Year 2027 Applications

- ▶ Category 1: Provide services that sustain and empower youth, families and individuals to move towards an improved quality of life and sustainability

- ▶ **SUBTOTAL= \$330,700**

- ▶ Category 2: Promote community pride and cultural enrichment through programs that preserve local history, expand access to the arts, and foster education & sustainability within the community.

- ▶ **SUBTOTAL: \$5,000**

Category 3: Support free and accessible community programs that foster connection, participation, and pride among Annapolis residents.

- ▶ **SUBTOTAL: \$10,000**

- ▶ Category 4: Provide programs that are integral to community revitalization, economic development and environmental sustainability

- ▶ **SUBTOTAL: \$28,000**



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Summary

- ▶ 62 proposals totaling \$ 1,107,152
- ▶ 35 awards totaling \$373,700

