



**STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS FOR  
COMMUNITY SERVICES GRANT FUNDING  
POLICIES AND GUIDELINES**

**I. CRITERIA FOR SUPPORT – CURRENT STANDARDS:**

**A. Purpose Statement for City of Georgetown funding to the nonprofit sector**

The City of Georgetown values partnerships with organizations that are committed to addressing our community's greatest public challenges.

The purpose of City funding to the nonprofit sector is to cultivate and sustain partnerships with 501(c)3 organizations that strengthen the City's key priorities in the following areas:

- Public Safety;
- Transportation;
- Housing;
- Parks & Recreation;
- Veteran Services; and,
- Safety Net.

**B. Key Priority Areas Defined**

***Public Safety.***

- While the City is Georgetown's Public Safety leader (Fire & Police), public safety also encompasses a broad scope of work that makes this community safe for all.
  - Eligible organizations and programs may include those that contribute to safe neighborhoods such out of school time, youth empowerment, and neighborhood community centers.

***Transportation.***

- Eligible organizations include those that assist in meeting the transportation needs of Georgetown residents unable to access private transportation such as homebound seniors and youth under the age of 16 years.

***Housing.***

- Eligible organizations include those that offer emergency shelter, transitional or temporary housing, and affordable housing.

***Parks & Recreation.***

- Eligible organizations include those that provide affordable, accessible activities that enhance Georgetown residents’ health and well-being, including sports, fitness, and other recreational programs.

***Veteran’s Services***

- Support veteran programs and services within the community.

***Safety Net.***

- The City recognizes its responsibility to support efforts to address this community’s most pressing basic needs. Examples of basic needs include food insecurity, emergency financial assistance, mental/behavioral health care, substance abuse, domestic/family violence, and health care, including, but not limited to, dental and vision. Safety Net priorities will be based on ongoing analysis of unmet existing needs and emerging needs in this community, and may change over time.

**II. IMPLEMENTATION POLICIES:**

- A. Appropriation of funds for Strategic Partnerships for Community Services does not encumber subsequent councils to continue appropriations for such funding, and does not imply that subsequent councils may provide such funding. Organizations receiving Strategic Partnerships for Community Services grants from the city are encouraged to identify additional and alternative sources of funding.
- B. When evaluating applications for Strategic Partnerships for Community Services grant funding, the Council shall consider the portion of funding each organization receives from the City, with the objective of encouraging reliance on funding sources other than the City.

**III. POLICY FOR ESTABLISHING FUNDING AMOUNTS**

- A. Expenditure targets per the City of Georgetown’s Fiscal and Budgetary Policy approved by the City Council on November 9, 2021:

The City has targeted funding for these programs to be \$5.00 per capita, which may be adjusted to offset the effects of general inflation based upon Consumer Price Index. If previous funding levels are higher than the targeted amount, and to avoid significant reductions in levels of funding, the City Council shall seek to attain this target chiefly through population growth.

These funds will be allocated and paid according to the City Council’s grant funding policies and guidelines for Strategic Partnerships for Community Services that were approved by the City Council on April 14, 2015.

**The proposed funding level for FY2024 is \$400,049, which is the same as in the previous year.**

- B. The Minimum Grant that may be applied for is \$10,000.

- ~~C. The Maximum Grant that may be applied for is \$50,000.~~
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