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CAMDEN COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP RECEIVES \$50,000 GRANT TO SUPPORT NEIGHBORHOOD ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS

CAMDEN, NJ – Camden Community Partnership (CCP) today announced that it was awarded a \$50,000 grant from Bank of America (BofA). The grant will further support the various programs offered through the organization’s Connect the Lots series and advance neighborhood park revitalization efforts.

“For the past four decades, CCP has built a foundation of trust with the community by offering various programs and initiatives that truly enhance their quality of life,” said Camden Mayor Victor Carstarphen and CCP Co-Chair. “This \$50,000 grant ensures that we continue these efforts, whether it’s through lunchtime concerts, movie nights, outdoor fitness classes, I PADDLE, and other activities in our parks and open spaces. We appreciate Bank of America’s generous support and continued investment in the City of Camden.”

The grant is part of Bank of America's philanthropic giving efforts in local communities. Awardees were selected for their commitment to address basic needs and workforce development for individuals and families.

“At Bank of America, we are committed to strengthening the communities we serve,” said Jim Dever, President of Bank of America Greater Philadelphia. “Camden Community Partnership’s Connect the Lots programs are an excellent example of how thoughtfully designed public spaces can bring people together and create lasting, positive change.”

Over the past few years, the popularity of parks, trails, and open spaces in the City of Camden has grown exponentially. This growth in usage and corresponding programming reinforces a regional trend in the critical importance to urban communities such as Camden. Coming out of the pandemic, equitable access and inclusive programming to the City’s parks have strengthened our neighborhoods and made them more attractive to live, enjoy, and work.

“We are incredibly grateful to receive this \$50,000 grant from Bank of America which will enable us to advance our neighborhood park revitalization efforts and expand access to healthy outdoor activities,” said Mark McDonough, President of New Jersey American Water and CCP Co-Chair. “This support not only strengthens our community but also nurtures a passion for nature and wellness among our residents. Thank you, Bank of America, for believing in our mission!”

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CCP's Connect the Lots programming is designed to inspire and engage Camden residents in neighborhood transformation by creating safe hubs of activity and quality programming for residents to enjoy in city public spaces and corridors. Each Connect the Lots event is packed with activities designed to activate, engage, and entertain residents of all ages in various communities and community spaces across the City of Camden. CCP is also managing the revitalization of several city and county parks, an investment of more than \$10 million combined from the City of Camden and Camden County.

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About Camden Community Partnership:

Camden Community Partnership (CCP) was founded in 1984 as a private, non-profit corporation dedicated to planning and implementing high-quality urban redevelopment projects to revitalize the City of Camden. CCP's initial focus was concentrated on the redevelopment of Camden's downtown waterfront area – serving as the planner, promoter, and master developer of more than \$600 million of private and public investment at the Waterfront. Since then, CCP has expanded their mission to act as the umbrella organization to bring stakeholders together and implement a holistic approach to revitalizing Camden. With a residents-first approach at the core of what we do, CCP focuses on housing, public safety, infrastructure, education, neighborhood initiatives, park and green space development, and facilitates the creation of employment opportunities. Strategic investments in these areas act as a catalyst for future growth and bring a renewed sense of pride in Camden as a vibrant place to live, work and play. Learn more: <https://camdencommunitypartnership.com/>.

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