

# Capital Project Request FY 2027-2033

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**Agency:** 0670c Non City Agencies: Stamford Avon Theatre  
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**Location:**  
**Neighborhood:** **Voting District:**

		<b>Dept Priority</b>	1	<b>Tier</b>	0
<b>Oracle Date</b>		<b>YTD Balance</b>			
<b>Encumbered</b>		<b>Amount Available</b>			
<b>Advanced</b>		<b>Unfunded</b>			

**Project Description** - \$500,000 in City capital funding would be directed toward essential facility accessibility and improvements, including: 1. HVAC System Upgrade: Installation of a modern, energy-efficient ventilation system to improve air quality and comfort for patrons. 2. Accessibility Enhancements: Construction of a lift and renovation of lower-level restrooms to ensure full ADA compliance. 4. Historic Preservation: Cleaning and restoration of original murals and façade improvements to maintain the theatre’s architectural heritage. 5. The Avon Education Center as an integral part of the Avon reCreated project

Detailed Project Cost		Justification for Inclusion in Capital Plan
Design Development	\$0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cost Savings
Construction Related	\$500,000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Life Safety
Equipment Acquisition	\$0	<input type="checkbox"/> Continues On-Going Project
Miscellaneous Costs	\$0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leverages Other Funds
Professional Services	\$0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure
Land Acquisition	\$0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quality of Life
Art Work	\$0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plan Related
<b>FY 26/27 Total</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Safety Health
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mandated Legal
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Positive Revenue Impact
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Positive Operational Impact/Efficiency
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sustainability/ Other

<b>Method Used in Estimating Cost:</b>	<b>Estimated change in annual operating cost:</b>
	\$0

Request		FY 26/27					Capital Forecasts						Total
Funding Source	Term	Dept	Planning	Mayor	BOF	Adopted	FY 27/28	FY 28/29	FY 29/30	FY 30/31	FY 31/32	FY 32/33	
Bond (City)	20	500,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	500,000
		<b>500,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>500,000</b>

**Comments** - The Avon Theatre Film Center, founded in 1939, is a cornerstone of Stamford’s cultural and historic landscape and the only remaining theater in Fairfield County dedicated to independent films and documentaries. Beyond film screenings, the Avon hosts community film festivals, educational events, and local collaborations that enrich Stamford’s artistic identity while also being an important economic driver for the restaurants in Bedford street. However, the building has reached a critical point in its life cycle. Deferred maintenance, outdated infrastructure, and accessibility limitations threaten the long-term sustainability of this community asset. The Avon Theatre Board has launched an \$14 million capital campaign to restore and modernize the facility. The Avon has already raised 11M including two CT state grants in a total amount of 2.4M. The requested