

**TOWN OF STRATFORD
PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2009**

**01 - GENERAL FUND
355 - STERLING HOUSE**

ORG	OBJ	DEPARTMENT/DESCRIPTION	FY 2005 ACTUAL	FY 2006 ACTUAL	FY 2007 ACTUAL	FY 2008 BUDGET	FY 2009 MAYOR PROPOSED	PERCENT CHANGE
STERLING HOUSE								
01355	6167	Recreation Equipment	\$ 34,435	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,700	\$ 36,414	\$ 37,409	2.73%
01355	6202	Grounds - Sterling House	\$ 9,052	\$ 9,000	\$ 11,500	\$ 11,200	\$ 9,700	-13.39%
01355	6303	Building Maintenance	\$ 39,200	\$ 38,400	\$ 36,800	\$ 39,408	\$ 41,410	5.08%
01355	6362	Electric	\$ 3,276	\$ 3,400	\$ 3,400	\$ 3,740	\$ 3,740	0.00%
01355	6399	Outside Service	\$ 20,400	\$ 20,400	\$ 21,100	\$ 22,183	\$ 22,626	2.00%
			\$ 106,363	\$ 106,200	\$ 108,500	\$ 112,945	\$ 114,885	1.72%



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Sterling House Community Center is owned, in trust, by the Town of Stratford for the benefit, use and enjoyment of Town residents. The Center provides various programs and activities for youth and adults. The General Fund provides funding for the general maintenance and upkeep of the Community Center and its surrounding grounds, as well as partial funding for programs.

BASIC BUDGET LINE ITEM JUSTIFICATION

Department	Sterling House	2009 Proposed Budget
355-6167	Recreation	\$ 37,409
<p>This account provides funding for the various recreational programs offered by Sterling House. This amount reflects 18% of the total cost of the Athletic Budget.</p>		
355-6202	Grounds	\$ 9,700
<p>This account provides funding for snow removal, gardening, grass cutting and other landscaping at the Sterling House grounds, walkways and parking areas.</p>		
355-6303	Building Maintenance	\$ 41,410
<p>This account provides funding for general building upkeep including painting, termite inspection, custodial and security services, routine repairs, utilities, insurance coverage, and caretaker services.</p>		
355-6362	Lighting	\$ 3,740
<p>The front driveway, house perimeter areas, all doorways, the playground, gazebo and park are kept illuminated during the evening to discourage vandalism. This account provides partial funding for the cost of this lighting.</p>		
355-6399	Outside Services	\$ 22,626

This pays for 61% of the Volunteer Coordinator position for the Youth in the Community Program. The Youth in the Community Program addresses the on-going and urgent needs of youth in Stratford providing positive experiences for them through community service.

