

County of Santa Clara Announces Grant Opportunity for Community Fourth of July Fireworks Events

Eligible Nonprofit Organizations Encouraged to Apply by April 8, 2016

SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CALIF.— Nonprofit organizations planning to hold 2016 Fourth of July fireworks events in Santa Clara County may benefit from a new County grant program established to fund safe and legal fireworks displays. The County is allocating a total of \$25,000 to sponsor up to two fireworks events in each of the five supervisorial districts (\$5,000 per district).

“Our support of professional displays helps to deter the illegal use of fireworks in neighborhoods,” said President Dave Cortese, County of Santa Clara Board of Supervisors. “The new grant program will distribute the funding throughout the County.”

Nonprofit organizations that have held Fourth of July events involving fireworks displays and meet the criteria to receive a grant are encouraged to submit their applications before the 5 p.m., April 8, 2016, deadline.

“Sponsoring legal, outdoor public fireworks displays will help ensure residents celebrate with fireworks safely this Fourth of July,” said Supervisor Joe Simitian, County of Santa Clara Board of Supervisors, who asked the County to establish a competitive process for community organizations’ to request funding for fireworks. “The new County fireworks event grant program is open to organizations throughout the county.”

Interested organizations must complete the attached application. Events must be open to any resident in Santa Clara County, be family-friendly, and consider public/fire safety educational elements.

A panel that includes representatives from Santa Clara County Fire Department, the Sheriff’s Office, the County Executive’s Office, and Parks and Recreation Department, will review and evaluate submissions. The Board of Supervisors will review panel recommendations in May. Sponsorship recipients will be notified and receive funds following Board approval.

Selection Qualifications/Criteria for Fireworks Events:

1. Must be held in Santa Clara County
2. Consider *proven*, at least, in its second year.
3. Consider Public/Fire safety Education element(s).
4. Must be open to any resident in Santa Clara County and be Family-Friendly.
5. Must be able to specify how County of Santa Clara grant award will be used.

Completed applications must be received, via e-mail, no later than 5 p.m., on April 8, 2016, and should be e-mailed to Office of the County Executive, Fran Palacio, Administrative Services Manager III, fran.palacio@ceo.sccgov.org

More information: <https://www.sccgov.org/sites/ceo/fsi/Pages/fsi.aspx>

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2016 Fireworks Grant Application