

City of Scottsdale
FY 2026/27 Community Event Funding Program
Application

Events are an important component of Scottsdale's overall image and its product. They help increase national and international visibility for Scottsdale as a desirable tourist destination.

The Community Event Funding Program supports events that are locally significant, enhances quality of life, and provides something to do for visitors who are already here.

The maximum funding amount is \$27,500.

This application will be accepted for events scheduled between July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027.

***Qualifications:** All qualifications must be met to be eligible for funding.

- Funding application **must be received a minimum of 90 days prior to the start of event.**
- Provides educational, recreational, cultural, historical, or social opportunities accessible to a significant number of residents and visitors.
- Supports at least one tourism driver: art and culture, culinary, golf, sports, and recreation or western.
- Attendance must exceed 3,000. The city will utilize a geofencing application to verify.
- Non-discriminatory in nature and provides reasonable accommodations for those with special needs.
- The event must be held primarily within the corporate limits of the City of Scottsdale
- Enhances Scottsdale's status and aligns with Scottsdale's brand image.
- Has obtained all necessary city and governmental permits. Active event permit must be approved before disbursement of funds.
- Open to the general public.

Ineligibility: The following types of events are not eligible for funding:

- Conferences, corporate meetings, symposiums, trade shows, or expos.
- Events (or events attached to other events) that receive funding support from other bed tax programs.
- Events not lasting a minimum of 6 hours.
- Events that happen in a normal course of business
- Fundraising projects or events that are mainly fundraisers.
- Neighborhood block parties.
- Static exhibits.
- Virtual events or events with a virtual component.
- The funds cannot be used for public relations agency fees, talent appearing at the event or influencers.

Questions, Application and Approval Process

- Applications:
 - Only apply if event meets qualifications.

- Complete application. Application must be signed. Incomplete submissions will not be accepted.
 - **Submission must include a detailed event total budget along with the application.**
 - Submit application via email to the City of Scottsdale Tourism & Events Department.
- Approval:
 - Applications will be reviewed by City of Scottsdale staff for eligibility, accuracy, and possible recommendation.
 - Requests will be presented to the Tourism Development Commission.
 - All funding requests will be taken to City Council for final approval.
 - Questions and Applications should be submitted to: City of Scottsdale Tourism & Events Department
Attention: HShannon@scottsdaleaz.gov

Funding Criteria:

- Funding may be rewarded as outlined, based on the criteria below. Producers may apply for up to \$27,500 maximum for operational and/or marketing and advertising expenses.
- Total funds provided cannot be more than 25% of the entire event budget.
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Add items from each category to determine the maximum amount of funding for which your event is eligible.

Category 1: Unique Attendance*	
3,000 – 10,000	\$2,500
10,001 – 15,000	\$5,000
15,001+	\$7,500
Category 2: Event Days	
1 day	\$1,000
2 days	\$2,500
3+ days	\$5,000
Category 3: Event Years in Scottsdale	
2 – 10 years	\$1,000
11 – 20 years	\$2,500
21 – 30 years	\$5,000
31 - 40 years	\$10,000
41+ years	\$15,000

*Unique Attendance - for multiple-day events only count the person attending one time.

Funds Disbursed:

The approved funding will be provided post-event once all contract requirements have been fulfilled.

Approved Use of Funds

- Event marketing, promotion, or advertising
- City staff, such as police for parking and traffic control
- City refuse collection, which is not normally scheduled.
- Direct event production costs
- Fees for use of public property

Responsibility of Event Producer:

- Comply with all City of Scottsdale applications, permits, insurance and approval requirements and processes for special events.
- Review, sign and adhere to all requirements as outlined in the Event Agreement.

Final Notes: The City of Scottsdale and the Scottsdale tourism industry are eager to support quality events that contribute to our strong tourism image, have growth potential, and provide measurable return to the City of Scottsdale and the industry:

- This communication is an invitation to apply and should not be interpreted as approval of City funding for the event.
- Actual funding amount and specific uses must be specifically authorized by the city.
- Application is not a legally binding agreement.

The marketing and other benefits associated with this request for funding must provide the city with direct consideration substantially equal to the city's proposed expenditure.

Event producing organizations that are based in Arizona must be registered with the Arizona Corporation Commission before executing a contract with the City for funding

COMMUNITY EVENT FUNDING APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Application Date:		Legal Description (LLC, Non-Profit, Corporation, etc.)	
Organization Name:			
Business Address:			
City:	State:	Zip Code:	
Event Contact Person:			
Phone:		Email:	
Event Producer Qualifications:			

EVENT INFORMATION

Event Name:		
Event Website:		
Event Date(s):	Event Time(s):	Years in Scottsdale:
Event Address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Admission Cost:	Projected attendance:	Attendance tracking method:
Total Expense Budget (includes marketing):	Marketing Budget:	Estimated Revenue:

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Brief description of event. (Sustainability, impact of business and community):

Does your event have a charitable component? If so, please explain.

If you have previously received funding from the City of Scottsdale, list years and amounts below (list only up to last three years).

Year	Amount

How will this event benefit residents, local businesses, and the City of Scottsdale:

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FUNDING REQUEST

City of Scottsdale cannot be the full funding source for an event. The contract requires that the producer perform other activities with no reimbursement from the City to conduct the event as promised to the City. Details about fully reimbursable and non-reimbursable activity are in the Event Agreement and should be reviewed carefully.

Complete the funding criteria worksheet below to determine maximum funding amount permissible.

Applicants must supply a detailed event budget along with the application to be deemed complete.

FUNDING CRITERIA WORKSHEET

Category 1: Unique Attendance

	3,000 – 10,000	\$2,500
	10,001 – 15,000	\$5,000
	15,001+	\$7,500
Total funding allowed from Category 1		

Category 2: Event Days

	1 day	\$1,000
	2 days	\$2,500
	3+ days	\$5,000
Total funding allowed from Category 2		

Category 3: Event Years in Scottsdale

	2 – 10 years	\$1,000
	11 – 20 years	\$2,500
	21 – 30 years	\$5,000
	31 - 40 years	\$10,000
	41+ years	\$15,000
Total funding allowed from Category 3		

TOTAL FUNDING REQUEST permissible from Categories 1 - 3

Did you include a draft budget with your application submission? YES NO

Is this application being submitted at least 90 days before your event? YES NO

I authorize the verification of the information provided on this form.

Signature of applicant (Required):

Date:

Name