




Conejo Recreation & Park District

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DATE: November 20, 2025
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Jim Friedl, General Manager 
SUBJECT: Approval of Additional Funding for Expanded 2026 July 4th Community Events in Celebration of America's 250th Anniversary

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the General Manager to allocate additional funds, not to exceed \$25,025.00, to enhance the District's 2026 July 4th special event offerings in celebration of America's 250th anniversary. 

DISCUSSION

Each year on July 4th, the District hosts a variety of community events across multiple locations, including a pancake breakfast, free open swim, home run derbies, concert in the park, fireworks show, and fireworks hill parking lot viewing party, collectively reaching over 20,000 people. The total annual expense for these events is approximately \$70,000, of which approximately \$33,000 is offset through partnerships, sponsorships, donations, and registration fees.

In recognition of the nation's 250th anniversary in 2026, staff proposes to enhance and expand select July 4th activities to reflect the significance of this historical milestone. The proposed enhancements would require an additional allocation of funds not to exceed \$25,025.00. Staff will also pursue partnerships with local government agencies, community organizations, and institutions to expand offerings and cost-sharing opportunities. These enhancements will provide an opportunity for the community to come together in a memorable celebration that honors both local and national pride.

STRATEGIC COMPLIANCE

Meets 2025 Strategic Plan Goal 1.1: Offer diversified programs that meet the needs of the community.

Meets 2025 Strategic Plan Goal 1.11: Expand program opportunities through partnerships with other governmental agencies, non-profit organizations, and institutions.

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Meets 2025 Strategic Plan Goal 1.6.1: Where appropriate, seek individual, organizational, and institutional contributions that enhance District programs and facilities.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Rochelle Callis, Director
Recreation and Community Services

Prepared by,

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Tim Duerr, Service Manager
Recreation and Community Services