



## **Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Association**

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### **THE GARDEN GROVE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR NON-PROFIT GRANT REQUESTS**

***--Proceeds of a record \$150,000 to be donated for Capital Improvements and Capital Equipment--***

GARDEN GROVE, CA (January 17, 2016) – The Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Association is accepting requests for grants/donations from non-profit organizations that serve the citizens of Garden Grove. Letters requesting funds must be postmarked **no later than February 1, 2017** to be considered for donations. A total of \$150,000.00 will be donated, the most in the festival's 58 year history. All letters must be submitted on the non-profit organization's letterhead and include the non-profit identification number, amount of the request and the purpose for funding.

Donations are limited to capital improvements and capital equipment or durable goods. Funds are not given to organizations which award charitable cash grants. Other selection criteria considered include organizations which:

- Put majority of its time and finances toward the betterment of the community.
- Have sound track record of fiscal responsibility, or for new groups, plans to achieve financial soundness.
- Demonstrate stability and consistency in attaining goals and fulfilling its purpose.
- Demonstrate a specific need.
- Provide services regardless of race, creed, gender, or age.

For additional festival information, visit [www.strawberryfestival.org](http://www.strawberryfestival.org). **Requests must be mailed to the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Association, P.O. Box 2287, Garden Grove, CA 92842;**

**Attention: Donations Committee.** "Each year it is our goal to give back to the community by donating to non-profit organizations that provide services for children, seniors, youth, community and the arts," said Donations Committee Chairman Lon Cahill, "and we strive to do so in a fair and equitable manner to all eligible organizations." He also noted that priority may be given to Garden Grove-based organizations.

Proceeds of \$90,000.00 were awarded last year. Recipients included Acacia Adult Day Care Services, Boys & Girls Club of Garden Grove, Hammi Family Counseling Center, Korean American Seniors Association, H.O.P.E., Kiwanisland, Shakespeare/Summerfest Orange County and Thomas House, plus Garden Grove's Community Development and its Cultural Foundation, the Assistance League and the Historical Society.

The Strawberry Festival is an annual non-profit event produced by the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Association, a dedicated volunteer group which has raised more than \$7 million for various charities since its inception in 1958. The Festival, which will celebrate its 59th anniversary in 2017, is held annually on Memorial Day Weekend. It will take place Friday, May 26th through Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

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