GARDEN GROVE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION

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GARDEN GROVE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FROM NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS SERVING GARDEN-GROVE RESIDENTS

\$100,000 To Be Donated to Nonprofits for Improvements, Equipment, Repairs, or Maintenance of Capital Assets

Garden Grove, CA (November 17, 2024) The Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Association (GGSFA), producers of the FREE family-friendly Garden Grove Strawberry Festival, held annually every Memorial Day Weekend, is opening its application period to non-profit organizations that serve Garden Grove residents.

\$100,000 raised during this past year's festival is available to qualifying organizations. To be considered, requests must be received no later than Tuesday, December 31, 2024. Requests MUST be emailed to Donations@strawberryfestival.org

"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," says Mark Mahoney, Donations Chair, and Immediate Past President of GGSFA. "We strive to do so fairly and equitably to all eligible organizations. While priority is typically given to Garden Grove-based organizations, consideration will be given to eligible organizations serving Garden Grove residents."

Each application must be in the form of a letter and MUST:

- Be submitted on the non-profit organization's letterhead
- Include the non-profit Tax ID number
- Include the purpose of the requested funding
- Include the <u>exact</u> amount requested, <u>not</u> an estimated cost

Qualifying organizations must use the funds to provide programs or services benefiting Garden Grove residents, exclusively, or with other Orange County residents. Additionally, funds <u>will not be granted</u> to organizations that issue charitable cash grants.

Donation requests are limited to:

- Property improvements with a useful life exceeding one year
- New equipment
- Capital assets
- Maintenance of existing capital assets

Ineligible Use of Funds:

- To purchase expendable supplies (e.g., paper, toner, ink)
- Items that are gifted to others, funds are not awarded to organizations that provide charitable cash grants.
- Compensation of any person for participating in, or providing services related to, the direct provisions of the organization's programs or services.

Qualifying organizations that are awarded funding will be reimbursed <u>after</u> they complete purchases or capital improvements and <u>submit</u> paid invoices.



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Other selection criteria considered include organizations which:

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

Approved requests will receive notice before April 2025.

To learn more about the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival, please visit https://strawberryfestival.org/

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About The Garden Grove Strawberry Festival:

The Garden Grove Strawberry Festival is a FREE event produced by the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Association, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The Association is a dedicated volunteer group, which has raised more than \$7.5 million for various charities since its inception in 1958. The festival's mission and goal is to give back to the community serving Garden Grove citizens by donating to nonprofit organizations that provide services for children, seniors, youth, and the arts community.

The annual Strawberry Festival held on the Village Green at Euclid Street and Main Street in Garden Grove, CA on Memorial Day Weekend, features a free Strawberry Shortcake Grand Opening Ceremony, Free Music and Shows in the Garden Amp and on the Showmobile, a Free Parade filled with Celebrities, Civic Leaders, Miss Garden Grove, and Garden Grove Civic Organizations, a Celebrity Breakfast, Meet and Greet Celebrity Autograph Signings, Food Vendors, Carnival Rides and Games, and Fun Contests with Prizes, including Berry, Berry Beautiful Baby Contest, Tiny Tots King and Queen Contest, the Redhead Roundup Contest and more.

Save the dates for the 65th Annual Garden Grove Strawberry Festival, to be held Friday through Monday, May 23-26, 2025, on Village Green, located at Euclid Street and Main Street in Garden Grove, CA.

