

# ***Parks, Arts & Recreation Commission Special Meeting Agenda***



**October 1, 2025**

**6:00 PM**

**City of Turlock, Yosemite Room**

**156 S. Broadway, Turlock, California**

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**NOTICE:** Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54954.3, any member of the public may directly address the City Council on any item appearing on the agenda, including Consent Calendar and Public Hearing items, before or during the City Council's consideration of the item. Members of the public will be allowed three (3) minutes for comments.

**AGENDA PACKETS:** Prior to the Parks, Arts & Recreation Commission meeting, a complete Agenda Packet is available for review on the City's website at [www.cityofturlock.org](http://www.cityofturlock.org) and in the Public Works, Recreation Office at 144 S. Broadway, Turlock, during normal business hours. Materials related to an item on this Agenda submitted to the Council after distribution of the Agenda Packet are also available for public inspection in the Public Works, Recreation Office. Such documents may be available on the City's website subject to staff's ability to post the documents before the meeting.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS**
- 3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - LIMITED TO ITEMS DESCRIBED IN THE NOTICE FOR THIS MEETING**

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54954.3(a), this is the time set aside for members of the public to directly address the Commission on any item of interest to the public that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission and to address the Commission on any item on tonight's agenda, including Consent Calendar items. You will be allowed three (3) minutes for your comments. If you wish to speak regarding an item on the agenda, you may be asked to defer your remarks until the Commission addresses the matter. Pursuant to California Government Code

Section 54954.2(a)(3), no action or discussion may be undertaken on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except that the Commission, or its staff, may briefly respond to comments or questions from members of the public, provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information, or direct staff to place the issue on a future agenda.

4. **SCHEDULED MATTERS**

- A. Community Events and Activities Grant awards totaling \$7,000 through Tourism Fund (Recreation)

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

# ***Parks, Arts & Recreation Commission Staff Report***

***October 1, 2025***



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From: Juan Vargas, Recreation Superintendent  
Prepared by:  
Agendized by: Christopher Fisher, Municipal Services Director

**1. ACTION RECOMMENDED:**

PARC recommends that the City Council approve the selected events to receive the remaining \$7,000 in CEAG funding.

**2. NARRATIVE:**

Grant funding for the Community Events and Activities Grant (CEAG) Program has a budget of \$60,000 for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. The grant funding is derived from the transient occupancy tax that hotel guests pay when staying in a Turlock hotel.

For the cycle being funded in Fiscal Year 2025-2026, accommodating events taking place between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026, twenty (20) organizations presented on twenty-six (26) events at the April 9, 2025, Parks, Arts & Recreation Commission (PARC) special meeting, resulting in a total funding request of \$75,600.00.

The Commission scored each event based on the information contained in the application and the presentation. As directed, staff tallied the scoresheets and ranked the events by their cumulative average for the Council's review and consideration.

All applicants are required to complete a Conflict of Interest Disclosure Screening Form as part of the City's standard screening process. This process is separate from and not considered during the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission's evaluation, which is based solely on the merits of the applications and presentations. Staff review each submission to determine whether an applicant's disclosures raise any actual or perceived conflicts of interest; any potential concerns are reviewed by the City Attorney's Office. In some cases, applicants may be deemed ineligible to receive funding based on the results of this review.

On July 22, 2025, Council approved the recommendation totaling \$53,000 for the initial round of the CEAG program. This prompted the PARC to reevaluate the remaining applications for the remaining \$7,000 in CEAG funding.

Following this second evaluation at the PARC special meeting on October 1, 2025, the PARC recommends that the City Council approve the selected events to receive the remaining \$7,000 in CEAG funding.

**3. FISCAL IMPACT / BUDGET AMENDMENT:**

Appropriate budget allocation has been requested during the budget process for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 in Fund 120 "Tourism" account 120-10-120.47315 "Community Grants Program" in the amount of \$7,000. Grant funding will be distributed according to City Council's directive following approval of the proposed action.

**4. ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:**

This action is not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA guidelines. This action consists of “organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment” and therefore is not considered a project.

**5. ATTACHMENTS:**

None