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### ***City of Saratoga Offers Community Grants for Events***

Saratoga, CA. Today, the City will begin accepting applications from local community event organizers who would like to receive grant funding to conduct Saratoga events in Fiscal Year 2013/14. The City has budgeted \$20,000 for the next fiscal year, which runs from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014, because it recognizes the value of community events and their role in bringing residents together, building community, and establishing an identity for the City.

"I fully support providing grant funding for local community event organizers who want to conduct an event in Saratoga," said Mayor Jill Hunter. "Community events are a great way for families to come together, enjoy the special assets of this beautiful city and build a strong sense of community from which we will all benefit."

Grant funding may be used for event materials, supplies, contract services, permits, City-related fees, such as park rental or permit costs. To be considered for funding, events must be held in the City of Saratoga. Priority will be given to Saratoga-based non-profit organizations holding events in Saratoga. Non-profit organizations coordinating events in Saratoga will be given second priority. Organizations that have previously coordinated events in Saratoga will be given preference over organizations that have not.

Additional information about the process and a link to the application is available at <http://www.saratoga.ca.us/eventgrant>. Applications are due to the Saratoga City Clerk's Office by 5:00 p.m. on March 6, 2013. Applications will be brought before the City Council on March 20, 2013 for consideration and decision. Applicants should plan to attend the March 20, 2013 City Council meeting to answer Council questions. Applications may also be submitted to the City Clerk throughout the year, if event organizers are unable to participate in the annual application process. Contact City Clerk Crystal Bothelio at (408) 868-1269 or [ctclerk@saratoga.ca.us](mailto:ctclerk@saratoga.ca.us) for additional information.

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