



CITY OF CONCORD

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REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Thomas J. Aspell, Jr., City Manager

DATE: June 30, 2026

SUBJECT: FY 2026 Event Funding

Recommendation

It is recommended that City Council accept this report.

Background

In the FY 2026 City Budget, City Council allotted \$150,000 for event funding, to be distributed to organizations holding new and free public events in Concord.

Discussion

The City received several requests for event funding. A committee made up of City staff met and reviewed proposals. The following grants were awarded in FY 2026:

- Creative Guts Short Film Festival (Red River Theatres): \$3,750
- Northeast Coffee Festival (Wayfarer Coffee Roasters): \$15,000
- NH Book & Literary Festival: \$15,000
- First Friday (Intown Concord): \$6,000
- Community Concerts (Capital Center for the Arts): \$10,000
- Holidays at the Estate (Kimball Jenkins): \$15,000
- 250/300 Semiquincentennial & Tri-Centennial Celebration: \$20,000
- Kids Music Fest (Rattlebox Studio, LLC): \$10,000

TOTAL: \$94,750

Information and guidelines are available online at www.concordnh.gov/eventartsgrant.