

Grants Committee Recommendation – Palisades Americanism Parade Association

The PPCC Grants Committee is pleased to recommend a grant of **\$5,000** from donations that PPCC has received to PAPA to help with their planned community activities to be held on July 4, 2026.

Since 1967, PAPA has raised the funds for and put on the Palisades Fourth of July celebration. It is an all-volunteer organization of local citizens who give their time and talents to help make July 4th “the best day in the Palisades.” In addition to putting on the parade, one of the finest community Independence Day parades in the Western United States, PAPA has also presented an evening event featuring music, kids’ activities, food trucks and fireworks (through 2024) – and drones since 2025.

PAPA is sustained by donations and sponsorships from local residents, businesses, and civic groups. Other than having a portion of the event permit fee rebated and covered by CD-11’s discretionary fund (similar to permits for other community events put on by other local organizations), PAPA receives no government funding. PAPA is actively seeking sponsorships and donations from community partners for the 2026 celebration, but fewer Palisadians are able to attend the events so revenues from these sources are expected to be diminished.

The Grants Committee agrees with PAPA that the return of this Palisades tradition is essential to the larger return of the Palisades. Long before most families can move back into rebuilt or restored homes, the Fourth of July celebration gives them a reason to come home for the day, to stand together on familiar, albeit damaged, streets, and to see with their own eyes that the heart of our community is still beating.

The Grants Committee requests that the PPCC Board approve a \$5,000 grant to PAPA for the purpose described above.

By the PPCC Grants Committee:

Quentin Fleming, Chair; Janet Anderson, Lorie Cudzil, Sue Kohl (ex-officio), Kevin Niles, Chris Spitz, Andrew Wolfberg, Maryam Zar. (* not attending)*

Note: Kevin Niles recused himself from this grant review

Prepared in connection with the June 25, 2026, PPCC Board meeting.