

**City of Scottsdale**  
**FY 2026/27 Matching Event Advertising Funding Program**  
**Application**

Events are an important component of Scottsdale’s overall image and its product. They help increase national and international visibility for Scottsdale as a desirable tourist destination and enhance quality of life.

The Matching Event Advertising Program supports events that market the destination to draw overnight visitors into Scottsdale. The city will match dollars spent on marketing outside of Maricopa County, up to \$30,000 per event.

This application will be accepted for events scheduled between July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027.

**Qualifications:** All qualifications must be met to be eligible for funding.

- Funding application must be received a minimum of 90 days prior to the start of event.
- Must spend marketing dollars outside of Maricopa County to promote the event and enhance Scottsdale’s attractiveness as a tourist destination.
- Supports at least one tourism driver: art and culture, culinary, golf, sports, and recreation or western.
- Attendance must exceed 3,000. The city will utilize a geofencing application to verify.
- Non-discriminatory in nature and provides reasonable accommodations for those with special needs.
- The event must be held primarily within the corporate limits of the City of Scottsdale
- Enhances Scottsdale’s status and aligns with Scottsdale’s brand image.
- Has obtained all necessary city and governmental permits.
- Open to the general public.

**Ineligibility:** The following types of events are not eligible for funding:

- Conferences, corporate meetings, symposiums, trade shows, or expos.
- Events (or events attached to other events) that receive funding support from other bed tax programs.
- Events not lasting a minimum of 6 hours.
- Events that happen in a normal course of business
- Fundraising projects or events that are mainly fundraisers.
- Neighborhood block parties
- Static exhibits
- Virtual events or events with a virtual component.

**Questions, Application and Approval Process**

- Applications:
  - Only apply if event meets qualifications.
  - Complete application. Application must be signed. Incomplete submissions will not be accepted.
  - Submit application via email to City of Scottsdale Tourism & Events Department

- Approval:
  - Applications will be reviewed by City of Scottsdale staff for eligibility, accuracy, and possible recommendation.
  - Requests will be presented to the Tourism Development Commission.
  - All funding requests will be taken to City Council for final approval.
- Questions and Applications should be submitted to: City of Scottsdale Tourism & Events Department  
Attention: [HShannon@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:HShannon@scottsdaleaz.gov)

**Funding Criteria:**

Events can be funded up to \$30,000 with extensive promotion of the event outside of Maricopa County. Event must be scheduled between July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027.

**Funds Disbursed:**

The approved funding will be provided post-event once all contract requirements have been fulfilled.

**Approved Use of Funds**

- Traditional advertising (print, television, out-of-home, radio)
- Digital advertising
- Social Media advertising
- Mail

The funds cannot be used for public relations agency fees, talent appearing at the event, or influencers.

**Responsibility of Event Producer:**

- Comply with all City of Scottsdale applications, permit, insurance and approval requirements and processes for special events.
- Review, sign and adhere to all requirements as outlined in the Event Agreement.

**Final Notes:** The City of Scottsdale and the Scottsdale tourism industry are eager to support quality events that contribute to our strong tourism image, have growth potential and provide measurable return to the City of Scottsdale and the industry:

- This communication is an invitation to apply and should not be interpreted as approval of City funding for the event.
- Actual funding amount and specific uses must be specifically authorized by the city.
- Application is not a legally binding agreement.

*The marketing and other benefits associated with this request for funding must provide the city with direct consideration substantially equal to the city’s proposed expenditure.*

*Event producing organizations that are based in Arizona must be registered with the Arizona Corporation Commission before executing a contract with the city for funding.*

# MATCHING EVENT ADVERTISING FUNDING APPLICATION

## APPLICANT INFORMATION

<b>Application Date:</b>		
<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Legal Description (Corporation, LLC, etc.)</b>	
<b>Business Address:</b>		
<b>City:</b>	<b>State:</b>	<b>Zip Code:</b>
<b>Event Contact:</b>		
<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Email:</b>	
<b>Event Producer Qualifications:</b>		

## EVENT INFORMATION

<b>Event Name:</b>			
<b>Event Website:</b>			
<b>Event Date(s):</b>	<b>Event Times(s):</b>	<b>Years in Scottsdale:</b>	
<b>Event Address:</b>			
<b>City:</b>	<b>State:</b>	<b>Zip Code:</b>	
<b>Admission Cost:</b>	<b>Projected Attendance:</b>	<b>Attendance tracking method:</b>	
<b>Expense Budget</b> (includes marketing):	<b>Estimated Revenue:</b>	<b>Marketing Budget:</b>	<b>Requested Funding Amount:</b>





**MATCHING EVENT ADVERTISING FUNDING APPLICATION**

**Describe how the event will contribute to Experience Scottsdale’s branding efforts as well as provide exposure nationally, internationally and/or outside Maricopa County for Scottsdale’s attractiveness as a destination to our target visitor:**

**If approved for funding, please explain how event funding will enhance your event’s marketing and PR efforts:**

**SUBMISSION INFO**

Is this application being submitted at least 90 days before your event?      YES      NO

**I authorize the verification of the information provided on this form.**

**Signature of applicant (Required):**      **Date:**

**Name**