

**PROBLEM:** Saint Paul City Council has heard concerns about security costs from local festival and event organizers.

**PROPOSAL:** Saint Paul City Council allocated \$155K in the 2025 budget to subsidize security costs for a finite number of festivals and events. Use these funds to create a “security credit” to be awarded to eligible festivals and events. Eligible festivals and events will receive up to \$7,000 or half of their security costs, whichever is less. Create objective criteria to determine whether a festival/event is eligible for the security credit. Transfer \$155K to SPPD’s special events unit so they can apply the security credit directly to eligible applicants. Make the process as easy to administer as possible.

**POSSIBLE CRITERIA:**

- Hosting organization is based in Saint Paul
  - o Bonus point: Hosting organization is neighborhood-specific/event is neighborhood focused
- Event has been hosted for at least 5 years
  - o Bonus point: Event has been hosted for 10 or more years
- Attendance/participation is free
  - o Bonus point: Free food and/or activities are provided to attendees by the host organization
- Event is geared toward families/youth
  - o Bonus point: Event includes activities and messaging geared toward youth violence/community violence intervention

*Here is a list of special events that are held within the city of Saint Paul. This list is SPPD’s best prediction of upcoming events (i.e. SPPD does not have contracts with all those listed, especially those scheduled for later in the year). All listed events have security costs.*

| Event Name                               | Organizer                               |
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| 7th Street LIVE                          | Center for Broadcast Journalism         |
| ALS Super Hero Dash                      | Anderson Race Management                |
| Annual Good Friday prayer vigil          | Pro-Life Action Ministries              |
| Archdiocese Semi-annual March            | Archdiocese of St. Paul                 |
| Best Mile (State Capitol) (NEW)          | Did not happen                          |
| Billy Lindsay Run                        | Anderson Race Management                |
| Breakaway Music Festival                 | Breakaway, Inc.                         |
| Chocoholic Frolic                        | Anderson Race Management                |
| Cinco de Mayo Community Celebration      | Westside Boosters                       |
| Citywide drop off -                      | Public Works (not held in 2025)         |
| Crown North                              | Crown North Rally                       |
| Dragon Festival                          | No application yet. Check with Parks    |
| Family Rosary Procession                 | Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis |
| Fiesta Latina                            | Comunidades Latinas Unidas en Servicio  |
| Flint Hills Family Festival              | The Ordway/Flint Hills Resources        |
| Football Fiesta/Mexican Independence Day | West Side Boosters                      |
| Get In Gear                              | Twin Cities In Motion                   |
| Get your Rear in Gear                    | Anderson Race Management                |

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| Glow Stroll (New)                    | No application for 2025 - Anderson Race Mgmt            |
| Goldy's Run                          | Podium Sports   |
| Grand Old Days (Parade/block party)  | Grand Avenue Business Association                       |
| Highland Park Turkey Trot            | Highland Park Turkey Trot                               |
| Hmong Freedom Celebration            | United Hmong Family, Inc.                               |
| Human Powered Half Marathon          | Podium Sports   |
| India Fest                           | Indian Association of MN                                |
| Irish Fair                           | Irish Fair of MN  |
| Little Africa Festival               | African Economic Development MN                         |
| Little Mekong Night Market           | Asian Economic Development Assoc.                       |
| Lowertown Sounds                     | One Simple Plan   |
| MN Children's Museum Annual          | MN Children's Museum                                    |
| MN Yacht Club Music Festival         | Live Nation   |
| Monarch Fund 5K                      | Anderson Race Management                                |
| Nativity Festival                    | Nativity of Our Lord                                    |
| RBC Race for the Kids                | Podium Sports   |
| Red Bull Heavy Metal (State Capitol) | Red Bull/Frankiebird Productions                        |
| Rondo Block Party                    | Rondo Community Coalition (no application yet for 2025) |
| Rondo Days 40th                      | Rondo Days, LLC   |
| Selby Ave Jazz Festival              | Selby Ave Jazz Fest                                     |
| Songkran Festival                    | Thai Cultural Council of MN                             |
| St Paul Pride Parade/Festival        | Ruck B Media (Not held in 2025)                         |
| St. Anthony Art in the Park          | St. Anthony Park Library Association                    |
| St. Anthony Park - 4th in the Park   | 4th in the Park.org                                     |
| St. Patty's Day Parade               | St. Patrick's Day Association/Emerald Society           |
| St. Paul Classic Bike Tour           | Friends of the Parks                                    |
| TC Marathon Saturday events          | Twin Cities in Motion                                   |
| Turkey Trot St. Paul                 | Podium Sports   |
| Twin Cities Jazz Festival            | Twin Cities Jazz Fest                                   |
| Twin Cities Marathon                 | Twin Cities in Motion                                   |
| Veg Fest                             | Compassionate Action for Animals                        |
| Walk for Recovery                    | MN Recovery Connection                                  |
| Water Lantern Festival               | No application yet. Check with Parks                    |
| Winter Carnival (Rice Park/Landmark) | St. Paul Festival and Heritage Foundation               |
| Women Run the Cities                 | Twin Cities In Motion                                   |