

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
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

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