



**community
advisory board**

City of Santa Rosa

**Community Improvement Grant
Application Form**

Project Name:	Requested Grant Amount:	\$ <u>2324.70</u>
SRJC Forensics Intramural Tournament	Matching Funds:	\$ <u>2324.70</u>
Project Physical Address:	TOTAL Project Cost:	\$ <u>4649.40</u>
	Group or organization:	SRJC Forensics, Speech, Debate, and Performance Team
Contact Person responsible for Grant Application: Ryan Wenzel	How did you hear about the Grant Program?	Josh Hamzehee
What is your CAB district? (<u>Find Your District</u>)		
☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☒ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☒ City Wide		
Property Owner (see page 3 for all requirements):		
<u>SRJC/www.santarosa.edu</u> Name Title		
Person or organization to whom the check should be made out to		
SRJC Foundation c/o Forensics, Speech, Debate, & Performance Team <u>Foundation@santarosa.edu</u> <u>707-527-4348</u> Name Email Phone		
<u>1501 Mendocino Ave</u> <u>Santa Rosa</u> <u>95401-4395</u> Address City Zip		

GRANT SCOPE: This Application Packet describes the intended use of the requested Grant funds to complete the Project Identified above and the elements listed in the Project Budget. I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California, that the information contained in this Application Packet, including required attachments, is accurate.

Print Name Ryan Wenzel

Signature 

Title Instructor, Business, Comm

Date January 22, 2026



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Project Budget and Matching Funds**

PROJECT NAME:

Cost Estimate: List all features, amenities, supplies and plans (Add or delete rows as needed)

Cost Estimate		Requested Funds	Matching Funds
Salaries/Wages (in-kind only)			
	Volunteer hours (\$22.14 per person)(35 volunteers)(3 hours)	N/A	\$2324.70
Contracted Services			
Materials/Supplies			
	FOOD (breakfast items, light snacks, light lunch items, drinks, coffee)	600	
	FOOD SUPPLIES (plates, napkins, tablecloth, cups)	100	
	BINDERS/BLACK BOOKS/PAGES (required supplies for performance events)	299.70	
	AWARDS (IN KIND, supplies, design time)	600	
Printing/Reproduction			
	PRINTING (flyers, advertisements)(IN KIND)	200	
Rentals			
Other			
	SUPPLIES (large post-its, notecards, pens, paper)	235	
	GAS (2 tanks @ \$75 each), PARKING REIMBURSEMENT (35 @ \$4 each)	290	
Total Requested Grant Amount		A\$2324.70	
Total Matching Funds			B.
Total Project Cost (A+B)		\$ 4649.40	

Other Funding Sources:

Funding Sources	Date Committed	Amount
Total		

1. The SRJC Forensics, Speech, and Debate intramural tournament is a twice-yearly event that takes place at Santa Rosa Junior College. This year the Spring tournament will take place on May 8th. This tournament is designed to help our students practice using their voices in a public setting, help build and maintain a link between our college and our forensics team and the larger community of Santa Rosa, and help maintain the larger link between our community college and the community we serve. We meet these goals by providing the opportunity for our students to practice their skills in front of an audience made up of members of the larger community.
 - a. Both our students and participating members of the community benefit from this event. At each event, 150-200 SRJC students ranging from ages 15-75 participate by giving speeches and performances, and by engaging in formal debates. Each event also includes 30-50 community members who participate as volunteer judges and an additional 30-50 community members who participate as audience members. In addition to this immediate impact, our student speakers will go out into the world with the skills and confidence they gained through participation and will use those skills to impact countless others.
 - b. As the event is held at Santa Rosa Junior College, all approvals and permits are handled through the college and are in place well before the events begin. We have already received approval from the college to host this event.
 - c. -Planning begins at the start of the academic year (Aug-Sep)
-Outreach and volunteer coordination occur throughout the semester (Jan-May)
-Implementation and completion occur on the tournament date (May 8th)

-Post-event wrap-up and reporting follow immediately after the event (May 8th)

2. Community involvement is central to this project's success:

- a. Approximately 200 to 300 community members support each tournament as judges, volunteer coaches, competitors, and audience members. In the past, such community organizations that have been involved have been SRJC Board of Trustees members, Santa Rosa Toastmasters, local politicians, and diverse local and college organizations.
- b. Local residents participate as competitors, judges, volunteer coaches, and members of the audience. Their participation is essential and directly contributes to the educational quality and community-building impact of the event.

This event is also student-run and teaches our team of more than 50 students how to host community events and give back to the community. The team and our organization make no money on this event, it is entirely community oriented.
- c. We are supported by Santa Rosa Junior College, the SRJC Foundation, and by local businesses and organizations who donate to help the event take place.

Other support is from the Communication Studies Department and Santa Rosa Junior College, who provide us with a modest budget to go to regular season tournaments. The intramural tournament we host, and its expenses, are not covered by this budget.

3. We outreach through several methods, including social media, strategically placed signage, word of mouth, and our network of community supporters. We also encourage the community to attend final rounds, to witness the best of the competitors, as well as

encourage members of the community to join the team the following semester, as our team is open to ALL community members to help develop their voices.

4. There will be no ongoing maintenance required. Additionally, the black books and leftover supplies can be used for our fall intramural tournament.
5. We follow the safety protocols established by SRJC, which include masks and gloves for those for whom they are necessary. We also have our own police force on campus to help with any other safety issues.
6. These funds will be used to purchase food and related supplies, binders and pages (necessary for public speaking competitions), awards that will distributed to dozens of winners, printing of fliers and advertisement, and transportation-related expenses.
7. Santa Rosa Junior College is committed to sustainability as a core part of our policy and vision, this event included. We provide receptacles for recycling and for mulching of leftover food, we use energy-efficient lights and heating systems, and we actively practice water conservation. Our project follows the same sustainability guidelines as the campus.

Final Note: The director of Forensics Team, Dr. Joshua Hamzehee, is on the Community Advisory Board, and will be excusing himself from voting on this decision.

January 27, 2026

Dear City of Santa Rosa Community Advisory Board-

It is with great pleasure and gratitude that we submit the following grant application for your considerations. If you have any questions, please contact me at 719-281-6363, or at rwenzel@santarosa.edu

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Ryan Wenzel

Instructor, Business, Communication, Adult Education

Santa Rosa Junior College