



2025-2026 EVENTS INNOVATION FUND UPDATE

Overview

The Community Based Events Innovation Fund is a new grant aimed at expanding the Redmond community's local access to enriching events. It was funded at \$25,000 for the 2025-2026 biennium and a total of \$23,000 was dispersed to five qualified 2026 event producers through a grant call program. The grant call and jurying were administered by staff members from Arts and Culture, and Recreation, within the Parks Departments

Grant Criteria (condensed)

- Active nonprofit organizations with an annual budget of less than \$500,000
- Must have elements which are free to the public and occur within Redmond city limits (98052).
- The primary mission of the event must be related to building community, increasing quality of life, access to the arts, wellness or cultural heritage.

2026 Grant Recipients

- GreenStage Shakespeare in the Park - \$5,000
- Folonko Sports – Passport to the World Global Soccer Watch Party - \$5,000
- Turkish Women Charity and Aid Organization – World Cup Watch Party - \$3,000
- OneRedmond Fall Concert Series at Downtown Park - \$5,000
- BigFoot Kids Book Festival - \$5,000

