

Project Title 2026 Wilsonville Rotary Summer Concerts

Applicant Name The Rotary Club of Wilsonville

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Project Duration: Start Date July 12 2026

Estimated Completion Date August 7 2026

Project Budget

Total Project Budget \$ 25,250.00

Applicant Cash Match (a) \$ 17,250.00

In-Kind Resources (b) \$ 0.00

Total Applicant Match (a+b) \$ 17,250.00

Grant Request \$ 8,000.00

Project Narrative Questions

Provide a project description

in July and the first Thursday in August — July 16, July 23, July 30 and August 6. We work with a professional booking agency to curate a series of concerts that will appeal to diverse interests. We will not book next year's bands for several more months. Last year we had Johnny Limbo and the Lugnuts, Hit Machine, the Norman Sylvester Band, and Kalimba (Earth, Wind & Fire tribute). Unfortunately, 2025 was the final tour for Johnny Limbo and the Lugnuts and we were pleased to give them a proper farewell. We will return Hit Machine to the 2026 lineup if possible, as they are always well received and draw a great crowd. We will select three other musical acts offering broad appeal, strong musicianship and genre diversity. Each band will play a 2 hour headline act with intermission. Before each headline act, a local opening artist will perform for 45 minutes, resulting in a total event window of 3 hours each evening.

How will your project promote arts, culture, history, or heritage in Wilsonville

The concerts continue to be the largest such offering in Wilsonville each year. We work to offer new groups and music styles each year. We offer a platform for local artists by providing them placement as opening acts.

How will your project benefit the Wilsonville Community?

The concerts provide residents and visitors with an opportunity to gather as a community for a fun evening listening to great artists, enjoying a picnic, dancing, and watching their children play in the water features. The concerts draw people from all socio-economic circumstances. We believe many of those attending, often with their children, would not otherwise be able to attend a live concert. Our opening acts provide an opportunity for local artists to perform. The concerts continue to enhance Wilsonville's image as a family friendly community.

What are your organization's goals for this project? (Use measurable data if possible.) How will you know that you succeeded in your goals?

Our goal is to entertain between 3,000 and 5,000 concert goers at the four concerts and attract visitors from other communities. We believe the concerts equally serve each of the groups listed in this question. We believe many attendees, particularly families, could not otherwise afford to attend such a concert. Additionally, we will be raising money to eradicate polio during the intermissions. We raised more than \$6,000 in 2025 and hope to raise a lot more in 2026.

If this is an annual event for which you have received Community Cultural Events and Programs Grant funding in the past, what new or expanded attractions or partners have been added? (Please note: annual events must add attractions or partners in order to be eligible for grant funding.)

As in prior years we always add new bands to the concert series in order to keep the music fresh and to make sure that past concert goers return and new ones attend. We also have increased our advertising budget to reach a broader audience and attract more visitors. We are also open to exploring with other organizations as to how we might add attractions at the concerts. We have partnered with the farmers market in the past, as well as the local robotics team and other organizations to provide supplemental offerings or programming throughout the park.

How are you/your organization suited to produce this project/program? Provide the community resources that will be used if applicable (volunteers, local vendors, local contributions, etc.)

The Rotary Club of Wilsonville, with funding from our non-profit foundation, has presented the Wilsonville Rotary Summer Concerts to our community annually since 2002, except for 2020 when the Covid pandemic shut everything down. We will have

some 40 to 50 volunteers working to make the events successful and enjoyable. We are currently in the process of obtaining business sponsors for this and our Heart of Gold annual fundraiser on April 11. We expect to have some 12 to 15 local sponsors again this year. These sponsorships, along with the other funds raised at the fundraiser, will provide our portion of the cost of the concerts and also fund a wide variety of projects in our community.