

DWI Planning Council Request for Funding

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Organization making request: Senior Appreciation Night

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Amount requested: \$5000

Mission

The purpose of the Los Alamos County DWI Planning Council is to prevent and reduce the incidence of DWI, alcoholism, alcohol abuse, alcohol-related domestic violence, and underage drinking in Los Alamos County.

Please describe how your program/activity will contribute to achieving the mission above.

By engaging students in an all-night celebration on the night of their graduation we can prevent them from drinking and driving as The Senior Appreciation Night is an event prohibiting drugs and alcohol use.

Please provide a brief description of the prevention program(s) and/or activity.

An all-night celebration for seniors and a guest. Activities include roller skating, barbeque, tipsy carts, firefighter challenge, carnival, limbo and smoothies, fractal show at PEEC, climbing wall, games night, activities at the library, laser tag and movies. Breakfast is served in the early morning of the Sunday after graduation. Every student who has participated in all activities during the event are eligible to enter in the drawing for really awesome grand prizes.

Is the proposed activity an evidence-based or promising practice prevention activity?

If not, how will the activity build protective factors and reduce risk behaviors? Provide details.

To address the graduation drinking and driving, a group of community members and organizations, led by then acting Chief of Police Gary Bequette, hoped to create an alternative, safe and supervised celebration. They created and hosted a Senior Night in 1984.

SAN has been executed successfully since then, and the Dome is less visited by celebrating seniors.

Give a detailed budget breakdown (supplies, materials, services, etc.) of monies requested.

SAN Budget 2026

Revenue					
			2024	2025	2026
Starting balance			1331.17	13521.93	13000
	Parent/Business Donations	Donations		12092.97	
		Total Revenue	19199.02	25614.90	13000.00
Expenses					
Food	BBQ	Señor Tortas		3000.00	3000.00
	Marsha Parker	Food for Games night	150.00	0.00	200.00
			1250.00	3186.60	3200.00
Entertainment	Cloud 5 Jumpers LLC/VaLynn	Obstacle Course/DunkTank	1468.61	0.00	1500.00
	Photos	Magic Mirror	1028.06	0.00	1500.00
	SALA	Movies	441.19	0.00	1200.00
	Magic handz	Performance	75.00	100.00	150.00
	Carnival Face Painting	Sarah			150.00
		Tarot reading @library		0.00	
	Heather Beemer	Henna Tattoo	131.25	140.00	200.00
			3144.11	240.00	4700.00
Give-Aways	Amazon	Grand Prizes	3124.00	2590.84	3000.00
	Great Ideas	Key Tags	0.00	1407.00	1500.00
	Amazon	Gift Cards	1000.00	1000.00	1200.00
	AliExpress/Amazon	Carnival	0.00	582.75	600.00
	\$500 Grand Prize x 2 + extra 1000	Grand Prize	500.00	2000.00	2000.00
	Target/Walmart/Amazon	Game Night Prizes	850.00	0.00	1000
			5474.00	7580.59	9300.00
Other	ADV Insurance	Insurance	700.42	0.00	800.00
	Aspen Copies + Allprint	Punch Cards/Parent Letters	745.00	745.00	750.00
		Advertising Olions	0.00	100.00	100.00
		New Punchers for Volunteers		200.00	0.00
		Vests for Volunteers		256.84	0.00
		Banners for promotion		246.03	300.00
		Update carnival games	0.00	766.25	0.00
	PayPal	Fees for donations	100.00	100.00	100.00
	Amazon	face paint supplies	0.00	60.34	0.00
	YMCA	Stamps	100.00	100.00	100.00
			1645.42	2574.46	2150.00

How will the program be evaluated for success?

In June there is a post SAN debrief meeting where we measure how many students attended and check in with PD and FD for reports.

Describe how participants will give feedback about the program/activity.

Students always tell us during the night of the event how much they enjoy the community arranging this celebration in their honor.

Last year DWI were able to pay for some of the food and supplies for the BBQ. If it is easier for the council to directly purchase what SAN needs we are not set on having money in the bank as long as the kids are fed.

I am hoping the DWI council can help SAN out with:

SALA - late night movies \$1200

Dunk Tank & Obstacle Course - \$1500

Magic Mirror - photo booth \$1500