

Santa Cruz MAH Facility Fee Waiver

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The Santa Cruz Museum of Art & History (the MAH), is a thriving community gathering place that serves more than 130,00 people annually through rotating art and history exhibitions, visual and performing artworks, public festivals, education and outreach programs, and cultural celebrations in collaboration with our many partners. The MAH is of, by, and for Santa Cruz County because our creative community ignites something new here every day. To help ensure our facility is accessible and made available to a wide variety of community partners, the MAH grants a limited number of reduced or waived rental fees each year to select public agencies or nonprofit organizations needing assistance. Although a rental fee reduction or waiver may be granted, users are still responsible for paying all direct event costs.

Deadlines

Applications are reviewed twice a year with submission deadlines of April 30th, 2021 and September 1st 2021; grantees will be notified by May 30, 2021 and September 30, 2021 respectively. Applications will not be considered outside the stated timeframes.

The time frame for events planned is as follows.

Applications in April for events held July-December 2021

Applications in September for events held January - June 2022

Please note completion of the application does not guarantee waived fees.

Who is Eligible to Apply?

Requests for fee waivers or reduced fees are determined on a case by case for community based events and community fundraisers that are aligned with the mission and values of the Santa Cruz MAH. Fee waivers or reduced fees on rentals of facilities must be recommended by the MAH Rental Fee Waiver Committee.

Eligible Organizations:

- Nonprofits with current 501(C)3, 501 (C)4, Government Agencies
- Organizations that provide educational or community program opportunities that are open to the general public and who provide or offer services.
- Santa Cruz County departments who are utilizing MAH rental space for official Santa Cruz County business.
- The MAH is committed to the continuous learning of anti-racism and equitable practices. We strongly encourage and welcome BIPOC¹-led organizations and organizations committed to the advancement and support of BIPOC communities to apply.

¹ Abbreviation for Black people, Indigenous people, and people of color.

Requirements:

In determining a fee waiver, if a fee is to be waived, the following criterion should be considered: Only applications that meet the following will be considered. If you miss this cycle, you will be encouraged to apply at the next cycle again once you are in congruence with the list below.

- Complete the request form for reduced or waived fees.
- Submit all required information to be reviewed by our Fee Waiver Committee. Any portion of the rental that takes place prior to Fee Waiver Committee approval will not be considered for waiver.
- If your agency is a non-profit, a copy of your current 501 (c)3 or 501 (c)4 must be provided or proof it is a valid non-profit or community service organization serving the residents of Santa Cruz County.
- Event must benefit the Santa Cruz County community and be relative to [the mission and values of the MAH](#).
- Events must abide by the rules and procedures as set forth in this document. Failure to do so will result in the respective permittee being denied future fee waiver requests.
- Fee Waiver Committee must determine that the proposed event or program will have no significant impact on the facilities or department activities, that the permittee will provide volunteer services and materials to mitigate any impacts created by the event or program, or that the impacts are adequately offset by the public benefit provided by the program or event.
- Reasonable steps must be made by the permittee to minimize impacts to the Santa Cruz MAH facilities, programs and exhibitions.
- Scheduling and use of facilities and events are subject to availability of requested facilities and do not have preference over MAH programs and activities or previous commitments to outside parties.
- A certificate of insurance and hold harmless agreement must be provided by the permittee and should include the following language: Contractor or event sponsor shall hold harmless, defend and indemnify the Santa Cruz MAH and its, employees and volunteers from and against any and all liability, loss, damage, expenses, costs, (including without limitation costs and fees of litigation) or every nature arising out of or in connection with contractor's or event sponsor's performance or work hereunder or its failure to comply with any of its obligations contained in the agreement, except such loss or damage which has caused by the sole negligence or willful misconduct by the MAH. Minimum limits of insurance are \$1,000,000 for General Liability, Automobile Liability, Employer's Liability and Errors and Omissions. The insured party will need to supply an endorsement naming the Santa Cruz MAH as an additional insured. This documentation must be provided to the MAH.

Other Notes:

- Non-Waivable Fees: All renters regardless of waived or reduced fees will be required to pay extra fees and other fees that are established and associated with cleaning, staff time, setup/dismantle and custodial services.
- This application does not guarantee the availability of MAH location(s) and/or equipment.
- You must have completed all applicable reservation procedures, including but not limited to reserving the facility and/or equipment. You and the organization you represent are required to follow all established permit regulations and MAH rules during and after the event.

How to Apply

Thank you for your interest. Together we hope to continue adding creativity, connection, and compassion into Downtown Santa Cruz.

[Follow this link to apply.](#) Reach out with any questions to info@santacruzmah.org.