

## Community Focus Statement B: Develop and improve parks and recreational facilities and services for all ages.

**Action Statement B.6: Encourage locally-sponsored events by advocating with the County for a simplified and streamlined permit process.**

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**Benchmark:** Community submitted streamlined process to the County for review with potential adoption.

**Champion:** Volunteer group or person or can be identified by the community

**Estimated Cost:** Volunteer time.



Community fair event. Photo source: [Lis Burke](#)

Locally sponsored events are extremely important to maintain community connectedness and to create an overall sense of community. However, the high costs of permits and a complicated application process often cause local events to be difficult to host.

In order to facilitate an increased number of locally sponsored events, it is suggested that the Crestline Communities Development Alliance (CCDA) and/or the Crestline/Lake Gregory Chamber of Commerce work with the San Bernardino County Land Use Services to streamline the application process and lower fees associated with the process. Note: Any change to County codes, including permit process and fees would require approval of the County Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors.

The streamlined application will make it easier for community groups of all sizes to apply for event permits and will allow more money to go toward the actual event, with less funds used for permitting. This change will ultimately allow many more community events to occur and will positively impact the culture of the Crest Forest communities.



Action	Action Leader	Timeline	Resources
1. Hold a meeting of Crestline Communities Development Alliance (CCDA) or Crestline/Lake Gregory Chamber and public to create a committee.	Champion	Month 1	County of San Bernardino, Planning Department webpage <a href="http://cms.sbcounty.gov/lus/Planning/PlanningHome.aspx">http://cms.sbcounty.gov/lus/Planning/PlanningHome.aspx</a>
2. Set up a meeting with the San Bernardino County Planning Department to discuss current permit process for events.	Committee	Month 2	Crestline/Lake Gregory Chamber of Commerce <a href="http://www.crestlinechamber.net/">http://www.crestlinechamber.net/</a>
3. Gather examples of other communities that have streamlined their event permitting process.	Committee	Month 3	Crestline Communities Development Alliance <a href="http://www.crestlinecda.org/">http://www.crestlinecda.org/</a>
4. Compile data and determine how events were managed by various municipalities and what strategies helped with the streamlining process.	Committee	Months 3–5	City of Denver to Streamline Public Event Approval Process <a href="http://www.cpr.org/news/story/city-denver-streamline-public-event-approval-process">http://www.cpr.org/news/story/city-denver-streamline-public-event-approval-process</a>
5. Have a meeting with the County and work with the Planning Department to share the gathered information and create a streamlined permitting process and potential for reduced fees for certain community events.	Committee	Months 5–8	Philadelphia Office of Special Events <a href="https://phlevents.org/">https://phlevents.org/</a>
6. Draft amendment and submit to County for review and potential adoption.	Committee	Month 8	