Introducing a New Resource for SF Outdoor Special Event Organizers

The SF Outdoor Event Planning and Permitting Guide is the City’s first comprehensive roadmap and resource that helps event organizers:

- Navigate the permitting agencies, rules, and application processes
- Learn event planning tips and best practices
- Identify potential permitting costs with the Permit Fee Estimator
- Achieve successful outcomes by encouraging safer, legally compliant, and high quality outdoor events

Produced by the SF Entertainment Commission, the Guide was developed with over 20 government agencies and will be updated in January and July of each year.

Zero Waste Event Workshop, Oct. 25

The City’s next Zero Waste Event Workshop is Thursday, Oct. 25th, 3:00pm to 4:30pm, at the SF Dept. of the Environment offices at 1455 Market St, Suite 1200. RSVP HERE.

Learn how to comply with zero waste event requirements, introduce reusables at your events and network with other event producers and vendors.

This training is required for all event producers applying for permits through SF Recreation and Park Dept., Port of SF, SFMTA or any other City agency.

For questions, email Freddy.Coronado@sfgov.org.
CA Governor Signs Bill to Authorize Events with Cannabis

On September 26, 2018, Gov. Brown signed AB2020 into law which “authorizes a state temporary event license to be issued to a licensee for an event to be held at any other venue expressly approved by a local jurisdiction for events.” In other words, local governments can decide IF and WHERE they may allow temporary licensed cannabis events to happen in their jurisdictions. This state law goes into effect January 1, 2019.

SF’s role in this new law is still to-be-determined. Join the SF Outdoor Event Producers Facebook page for the latest updates. Cannabis rules and regulations are evolving quickly. Refer to these agencies below for the most up-to-date rules and regulations. Information is subject to change.

- SF Office of Cannabis
- State of California Cannabis Portal
- CA Dept. of Public Health’s Let’s Talk Cannabis site and Fact Sheets

For current rules regarding cannabis and outdoor events in SF, refer to this FAQ Sheet.

Upcoming Grant Opportunities

- San Francisco Arts Commission Grants:
  - Organization Project Grants — Deadline: Oct. 19, 2018, 12pm
  - Cultural Equity Initiatives — Deadline: Nov. 8, 2018, 12pm
To view all SFAC grants, click here.

- Zellerbach Family Foundation—Community Arts Program Grants
  Deadline: Dec. 28, 2018  (for March 12, 2019 decision)

- SF Grants for the Arts  Deadline: Feb. 8, 2019
  Workshops: Nov. 20, 2018; Dec. 14, 2018; Jan. 17, 2019. To learn more and RSVP, click here.

Join the SF Outdoor Event Producers Facebook group

A platform and resource where SF outdoor event producers and the SF Entertainment Commission can share news, opportunities, policies, best practices, and research that impact outdoor events. To join the group, click here.