

April 17, 2023

Doug DeBord  
County Manager  
Douglas County Government  
100 Third Street  
Castle Rock, CO 80104

RE: Highlands Ranch 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks

Dear Doug,

On behalf of the Boards of Directors for the Highlands Ranch Metro District (Metro District) and the Highlands Ranch Community Association (HRCA), we would like to request financial support from Douglas County for the 2023 Highlands Ranch 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Event.

July 4<sup>th</sup> is a time for the community to come together in celebration of pride in our nation. The events of July 4<sup>th</sup> are filled with fun traditions to share with family and friends.

Beginning in 2023, HRCA and the Metro District are focusing on partnership of key community events including 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Highlands Ranch Days, and the Holiday Celebration. The strength of resources, including both financial and staff, will bring improved opportunities for the community. The first event will be the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and fireworks. The total estimated cost is \$97,500 plus the cost of providing staff.

	Parade	Fireworks	Total
HRCA	\$14,500	\$17,125	\$31,625*
Metro District	\$14,500	\$17,125	\$31,625*
Douglas County		\$34,250	\$34,250
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$29,000</b>	<b>\$68,500</b>	<b>\$97,500</b>

*\*Does not include cost of event staffing*

We are requesting financial support of \$34,250, which represents half of the cost of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks. The strong partnership our organizations have had for many years with Douglas County – and with each other, make Highlands Ranch a premier community with high quality services, events, activities and programs. We greatly appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

  
Stephanie Stanley  
General Manager

  
Mike Bailey  
General Manager

cc: Metro District Board of Directors  
HRCA Board of Directors