



COUNTY OF FRESNO

DEPARTMENT CONTRIBUTION APPROVAL FORM

Event/Sponsorship/Contribution Date: <u>6/6/2026</u>	Event/Sponsorship/Contribution Name: <u>Pride Festival</u>	Dollar amount proposed to be contributed: <u>\$ 150</u>
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Are the funds going to an entity? If so, please list the names of directors and officers of entity:
Community Link, Inc. (a.k.a. Fresno Rainbow Pride)

Source of funds used and statement that such funds are eligible for such proposed financial expenditure:
Mental Health Services Act Prevent and Early Intervention - reduce stigma, promote early recognition of mental health issues

Number of staff attending: <u>3</u>	Is there a required fee to attend? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, what does the Department receive for the fee? <u>Resource table/booth</u>
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Benefit to the Department or County for Participating?
Allows the Department reduce stigma, promote early recognition of mental health issues, and increase access to services.

Is there a public purpose for the proposed financial expenditure?
Connects underserved populations to mental health, substance use and suicide prevention supports and resources.

How is the proposed financial expenditure connected to the County?
Expenditure for space for a resource booth.

Is this a Sponsorship? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Has the Department done this in the past? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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List of materials to be passed out?
Educational materials on mental health, substance use, and suicide prevention.

Is this a required activity? Yes No
If so, by which entity? _____

If participation is denied, is funding or program jeopardized? Explain:
Without active outreach to bridge the gap, mental health, substance use, and suicide prevention issues often go from manageable concerns to costly crises.

Additional justification for this request:

Despite the celebratory tone, members of the LGBTQ+ community face disproportionately higher rates of mental health struggles, largely due to stress resulting from the chronic strain caused by stigma and discrimination and related factors. LGBTQ+ individuals are nearly 3 times more likely to experience mental health conditions like depression and anxiety. LGBTQ+ youth are more than 4 times as likely to attempt suicide compared to their peers. Many avoid seeking help due to a lack of culturally competent providers or fear of being judged. The resource booth will provide an avenue for community members to receive information about behavioral health resources.

Department head or designee name: Susan Holt, Director

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Department contact for questions: Solomon Vang, 600-9986

County Counsel approval as to legal form:

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CAO Review:

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