



city of
Corona

Community Services
Department

Annual Report



FY25



About Us

The City of Corona's Community Services Department is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for residents through recreational, cultural, and educational programs. The department offers a wide range of services and programs such as adaptive, afterschool and camps, dance and fitness, early childhood, senior, special events, special interest, youth and adult sports, and volunteering. Community Services also oversees operations of the Corona Public Library and the development and maintenance of the City's parks, landscape areas, trails, and facilities throughout the community. With a focus on building a strong, connected community, the Community Services Department strives to create inclusive, engaging opportunities for individuals of all ages and backgrounds to enjoy in the City of Corona.



Our **Vision** is for the City of Corona to be a safe, vibrant, and family-friendly community

Director's Message

It is with great pride that I present the Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) Annual Report for the City of Corona Community Services Department. This past year has been one of progress, partnership, and purpose as we worked together to enhance the quality of life for our residents through parks, recreation, trails, and community engagement.

In alignment with our Parks and Recreation Master Plan and Trails Master Plan, we made significant progress in delivering on the vision of a more connected, active, and inclusive Corona. After years of planning, community engagement, and collaboration, we started the design for City Park, a transformative project that will become the crown jewel of our parks system. With inclusive playgrounds, open-air event space, multi-sports courts, walking trails, and aquatic amenities, City Park embodies the core values of our Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

We also expanded recreational offerings across the city by enhancing youth and adult sports programs, introducing wellness initiatives for older adults, and bringing vibrant cultural events to life that foster community pride. Our park maintenance and capital improvement teams completed several key renovations, including playground upgrades, trail improvements, and increased shade structures, making our public spaces more enjoyable and accessible for all.

Looking ahead to Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26), we remain focused on implementing priority goals from our master plans. These include expanding our multi-use trail network to improve connectivity and outdoor access, continuing phased improvements and addressing deferred maintenance at existing parks, and deepening community engagement to ensure our programs reflect the needs and interests of our diverse residents. We will also complete the design and break ground on the City Park project, which represents a strong investment in our city's future and will provide a hub for play, wellness, and community gathering.

I want to thank our exceptional staff, volunteers, community partners, and the City Council for their dedication and support. The progress you see in this report is the result of collective vision and shared effort. Together, we are shaping a brighter future for Corona anchored by exceptional public spaces, vibrant programs, and a deep sense of community.

With appreciation,

Donna Finch
Director, Community Services Department
City of Corona

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A Year in Review

 Adaptive Programs ↑ 74 Activities ↑ 3,920 Participants	 Class Activities ↑ 176 Activities ↑ 765 Sessions ↑ 8,008 Participants	 Facility Reservations ↓ 1,813 Room Permits ↑ 712 Picnic Area Permits ↑ 8,741 Field Permits	 Kids Club Afterschool ↓ 8 Program Sites ↑ 1,774 Participants ↑ 86 Camp Weely Avg.
 Senior Center ↑ 47 Activities ↓ 1,176 Participants ↓ 15,763 Meals Served	 Special Events ↑ 32 City Events ↑ 20 Co-Sponsorship	 Volunteer Program ↑ 1,391 Volunteers ↑ 23,555 Hours	 Youth & Adult Sports ↑ 76 Youth Teams ↑ 763 Players ↑ 102 Adult Teams ↑ 1,038 Players
 Tree Trims ↑ 14,683	 Graffiti Removal ↓ 1,106 Tickets ↓ 174,549 sq feet	 Parkway Maintenance ↓ 2,392 tickets	 Facility Maintenance ↓ 4,710 requests completed
 Total Items Added ↑ 17,608	 Total Circulation ↓ 339,034	 Total Visits ↑ 308,540	 Avg Visits per Day ↑ 825



OUR PURPOSE

**Creating a community
where everyone can
thrive!**

DEPARTMENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS



RECREATION

The Recreation Division provides engaging, accessible, and enriching recreational experiences for residents of all ages in the City of Corona. The division delivers a diverse portfolio of activities that promote health, learning, and social connection. FY25 was marked by increased program reach, and the successful expansion of inclusive and outdoor recreational opportunities and special events.

Facility Reservations launched a new On-Demand Reservation System featuring signage with QR codes, one-click insurance, and 24-hour turnaround time.

Programming expanded offerings for the adaptive community, early childhood and summer camps.



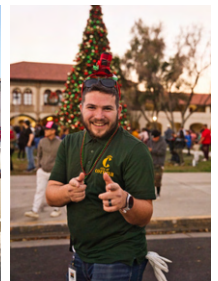
Senior Services continued the meal program, introduced outdoor senior programs, including guided hikes and walking groups, and celebrated the renovation of their facility!

Youth & After-School Programs expanded in partnership with CNUSD, offering free after-school care at Title I schools.

Highlights of **Special Events** included a Drone Show at the Holiday Lighting Celebration, top bands at the Summer Street Fair, and 50+ booths at Halloweekend. The new Music and Arts Festival drew 5,000 attendees and 50 artisan vendors.



The **Volunteer Program** coordinates single day and ongoing volunteer opportunities throughout the City. A part-time staff person was added to the team this year based on program growth. Additionally, a new recruitment system for the Corona Animal Shelter was developed.



PARKS & TRAILS

The Parks and Trails Division plays a vital role in preserving and enhancing Corona's green spaces, recreational assets, and community aesthetics. This division is responsible for maintaining over 400 acres of parkland, implementing the city's long-term Parks and Recreation Master Plan, overseeing urban forestry and trail development, and ensuring clean, safe, and inviting public environments.

Parks and Recreation Master Plan Implementation - Year One:

- Invested over \$2.8 million in park improvements

Completed Projects:

- Mountain Gate Park Playground (Phase II)
- Border Park Playground Renovation, ADA improvements and Parking Lot
- Fairview Park Playground
- Shade structures at Mountain Gate, Lincoln, Santana, and Cresta Verde Parks
- Sheridan Park Restroom Rehabilitation



Trails Master Plan Implementation - Year One:

Completed Projects:

- Santa Ana River Trail (SART) Trailhead at Butterfield Park
- Connection of SART from Rincon St to Butterfield Dr
- Fresno Canyon Trail Amenities
- Eagle Road Trail Access
- Green River Trail
- Skyline Area Plan



Planted 3,000 trees as part of year three of the Urban Forest Management Plan

Implemented the Residential Pay Program for flexible tree trimming

Adopted the Skyline Area Master Plan



LIBRARY

The Library Services Division provides innovative, inclusive, and accessible services that support literacy, lifelong learning, cultural enrichment, and community connection.

Strategic and Operational Enhancements:

- Adopted a new five-year Strategic Plan to guide future programming, facility upgrades, and community engagement.
- Reopened the fully renovated Heritage Room on October 28, 2024, expanding public hours to 50 per week.
- Launched a Memory Lab, allowing patrons to digitize analog media such as VHS tapes and photographs

Expanded Offerings:

- Introduced a Seed Library to promote sustainable gardening and environmental education.
- Launched a new library mobile app featuring an electronic library card for improved access.
- Completed the design for a reimagined Adult Area and an upcoming Innovation Center.



Corona Public Library Strategic Plan

The Strategic Plan outlines a forward-thinking vision to transform the library into a more innovative, inclusive, and community-driven resource. Key strategic goals include enhancing the print and digital collection, developing modern and flexible spaces like an Innovation Center, increasing community visibility and outreach, and fostering civic engagement through inclusive programming and partnerships. The plan prioritizes expanding early literacy services, strengthening technology access and training, and aligning services with the city's growth and diversity.

Learn more about the plan, click [here!](#)

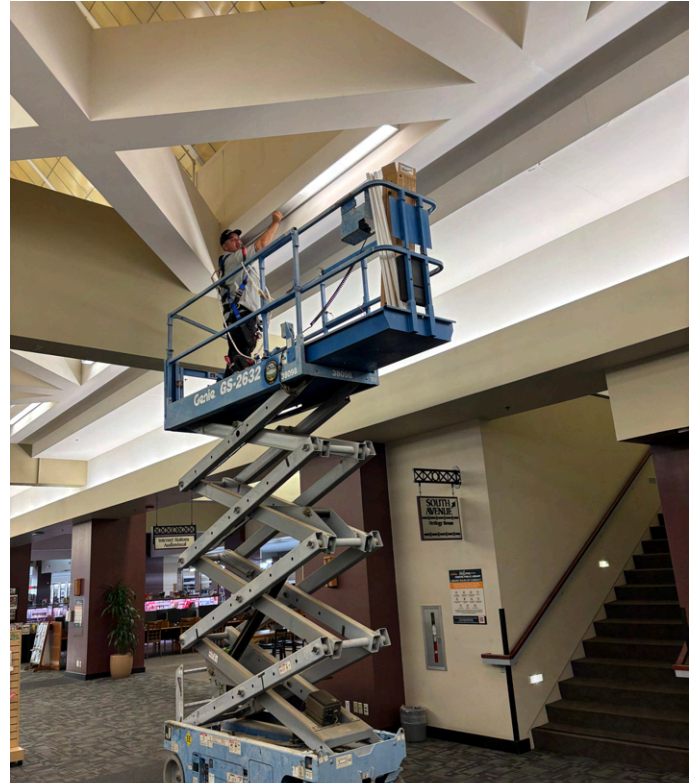


FACILITY MAINTENANCE

The Facility Maintenance Division is responsible for the maintenance, repair, and improvement of 28 city-owned buildings and public facilities using both City personnel and contractual services. A systematic preventative maintenance program is used to enhance the longevity and efficiency of the buildings and their related equipment and infrastructure.

Major goals accomplished in FY25 include:

- Council Chambers update
- Communication Studio upgrades
- Dorm reconfiguration and remodel at Fire Station 1
- Heritage Room remodel
- Police Department gym remodel
- Painting and new flooring at Police Department training room
- Built two new offices for Public Works
- Replaced counter tops, paint and lighting for the Building Maintenance Division
- Library exterior lighting upgrades



28 City Facilities Maintained

9 Average Number of Days to complete a service request

2,500 Service Request completed

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

2024 CPRS Champion of the Community



2024 CPRS Creating Community Award of Excellence



2025 California Trails & Greenway Merit Award for Planning



GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) Grant – City Park Project

- **Purpose:** Provides matching grants for the acquisition and/or development of public parks in underserved urban communities.
- **Grant Amount:** Up to \$15 million per project.
- **Status:** Application moved from State to National Level. Funding on Pause

Community Improvement Grant – Senior Center Travel Program

- **Purpose:** To provide financial support to programs and projects that address social needs, including health, public safety, education, environmental awareness, arts and culture, economic development, and services for vulnerable populations.
- **Grant Amount:** \$4,000 per organization
- **Status:** \$4,000 Awarded

Green Latinos Urban Forestry Grant

- **Purpose:** To expand access to trees and green spaces in communities and neighborhoods nationwide
- **Grant Amount:** \$20M Total
- **Status:** \$100,000 Awarded

California State Library

- **Purpose:** Supports libraries with funds for statewide subscriptions to electronic resources, and statewide initiatives with partners offering further resources.
- **Grant Amount:** Various
- **Status:** ESL \$91,850; Adult & Family Literacy \$65,396 and ZipBook \$25,799 Awarded

LOOKING AHEAD



As we move into FY26, the department is poised to build on the momentum from the past year with several strategic initiatives and improvements planned across all divisions:

Library

- Complete construction and open the new Innovation Center
- Expansion of workforce and life skills programs, multigenerational events, and broader outreach to students and caregivers.
- Upgrades to technology including laptops and self-check systems

Parks & Trails

- Completion of Victoria Park Splash Pad, Sheridan Park Playground, and Griffin Park Phase II
- Rollout enhanced parks and landscape inspection program
- Planting of 3,000 more trees
- Continued implementation of the Parks & Trails Master Plan.

Recreation

- Expansion of after-school programming into more schools, elimination of waitlists for Kids Club, and increased programming for seniors and adult sports.
- Launch of Year 3 of large-scale community events
- Improved efficiency of reservation systems, growth in programming, and broader outreach to contract instructors and partners.

Facility Maintenance

- City Hall Carpet Replacement
- Library & Police Department HVAC repairs
- Renovation of Fire Station 3 dorms
- Refurbishment of the Library elevator



**SPRING 2026
ANTICIPATED
GROUNDBREAKING
AT CITY PARK!**

THANK YOU!

As we look ahead to FY26, we remain committed to creating a vibrant, inclusive, and connected community through thoughtful planning, innovative programming, and sustained investment in public spaces.



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