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**Community Services
Department**

ANNUAL REPORT

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corona

ABOUT US

The City of Corona's Community Services Department enriches the lives of residents through diverse programs and services for all ages.

Our service areas include Parks, Trails, Recreation, Library and Facilities, creating welcoming spaces and opportunities that foster connection, wellness, and community engagement.

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The background of the page features a photograph of the Corona Public Library building, which has a modern, geometric facade made of grey stone tiles. A large tree with green leaves and orange fruit is in the foreground on the right side. The text 'CORONA PUBLIC LIBRARY' is mounted on the building's facade in large, dark, three-dimensional letters.

CORONA PUBLIC LIBRARY

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

It is my privilege to present the Community Services Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2026. This year, our team continued to enrich the lives of Corona residents through innovative programs, dedicated service, and a commitment to community engagement.

Our department's accomplishments span every division, from Recreation and Parks to Library and Facilities. We expanded adaptive and senior programming, launched new signature events, and strengthened partnerships that foster accessibility and participation. The Parks & Trails Division advanced environmental stewardship, completing major tree planting initiatives and park improvements. The Library evolved as a modern hub, enhancing technology, literacy, and community connection. Our Facilities Division delivered critical infrastructure upgrades, preventive maintenance, and modernization projects that support the City's operations.

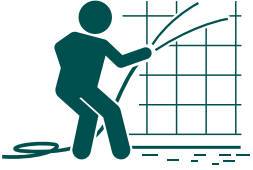
We are grateful for the support of our volunteers, partners, and the community, whose engagement and collaboration drive our success. Grant opportunities enabled us to pursue transformative projects, from trail development to literacy programs, ensuring Corona remains a vibrant and welcoming city for all.

Looking ahead to Fiscal Year 2027, we are poised to build on this momentum. Strategic initiatives across all divisions will further expand programming, modernize facilities, and enhance green spaces. Together, we will continue to create opportunities that foster wellness, connection, and lifelong learning.

Thank you for your trust and partnership. We look forward to another year of service and progress.

Donna Finch
Community Services Director

A Year in Review

 Adaptive Programs ↑ 96 Session ↑ 5,634 Participants	 Class Activities ↑ 273 Activities ↑ 1,349 Sessions ↓ 7,915 Participants	 Facility Reservations ↑ 1,898 Room Rentals ↓ 611 Picnic Area Rentals ↑ 10,007 Field Permits	 Kids Club Afterschool ↓ 7 Program Sites ↑ 2,002 Participants ↑ 92 Weekly Participant Avg.
 Senior Center ↓ 38 Activities ↑ 16,287 Participants ↑ 16,488 Meals Served	 Special Events ↑ 33 City Events ↓ 14 Co-Sponsored Events	 Volunteer Program ↑ 3,293 Volunteers ↓ 23,351 Hours	 Youth & Adult Sports ↑ 84 Youth Teams ↑ 788 Players ↑ 133 Adult Teams ↑ 1,323 Players
 Tree Trims ↑ 20,881 Tree Plantings ↓ 2,657	 Graffiti Removal ↓ 688 Tickets ↓ 158,752 sq feet	 Parkway Maintenance ↓ 1,659 Tickets	 Facility Maintenance ↓ 4,460 requests completed
 Items Added to Library Collection ↓ 4,155*	 Library Circulation ↓ 332,938*	 Library Visits ↓ 224,556*	 Avg Library Visits per Day ↓ 717*

*Decrease in Library data due to closures during construction



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DEPARTMENT ACOMPLISHMENTS



RECREATION

The Recreation Division provides engaging, accessible, and enriching recreational experiences for residents of all ages. In FY26, the Division expanded youth, adult, senior, adaptive, and community event programming while introducing new signature events and strengthening partnerships that increase accessibility and participation.

FY26 Accomplishments

- Partnered with OC Marathon for the Inaugural Corona 5000.
- Expanded senior programming by offering guided hikes, walking groups, Senior prom, bi-annual billiards competition, book club, karaoke and boogie break.
- Added volleyball to youth sports; expanded adult's sports by adding additional basketball sessions.
- Streamlined athletic facility allocation and special events processes and policies.
- Expanded adaptive recreation opportunities by offering monthly themed events.
- In preparation for the relaunch of the Aquatics Program, staff obtained Lifeguard Certification and Water Safety Instructor certification.



PARKS & TRAILS

The Parks & Trails Division continued implementation of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan, Trails Master Plan, and Urban Forest Management Plan while investing in park improvements, trail development, and environmental stewardship throughout Corona.

FY26 Accomplishments

- Completed design for City Park Revitalization Project.
- Completed Volleyball court at Border Park.
- Opened a new splashpad at Victoria Park.
- Replaced Playground at Sheridan Park.
- Replaced 100 trashcans throughout city parks.
- Completed 18 Corona Beautiful projects and community-guided hikes.
- Implemented Park Inspection Program.
- Completed tree plantings funded by the Green Latinos Urban Forest Grant



LIBRARY

The Corona Public Library continues to evolve as a modern community hub by enhancing technology, expanding literacy initiatives, and preparing for the opening of innovative new spaces that will support education, creativity, and workforce development.

FY26 Accomplishments:

- Modernized library services with laptop-based public computing, self-check stations, and enhanced customer access.
- Advanced the Innovation Center project by relocating 32,000+ materials and preparing renovated library spaces.
- Expanded local history preservation through Heritage Room exhibits and processing of a 2,700-photo historical collection.
- Increased community engagement through enhanced social media outreach, expanded Halloweekend activities, and successful author partnerships.
- Doubled attendance at Corona ReaderCon to over 300 and launched Guided StoryWalk events to promote literacy and community connection.
- Expanded reading and literacy initiatives through new Beanstack challenges and the opening of a Family Literacy Lab.
- Strengthened support for local families and students through literacy programs and an expanded Back-to-School Book Fair serving 75 students.



FACILITIES

The Facilities Division supports the City's operations through preventive maintenance, infrastructure improvements, renovations, and facility modernization projects. The recent addition of the Enhanced Maintenance Team (EMT) has expanded the City's ability to perform projects and maintenance services in-house, reducing reliance on external vendors, lowering operational costs, and accelerating project delivery timelines while improving overall service responsiveness.

FY26 Accomplishments

- Completed over 4,400 preventive maintenance and repairs across City facilities.
- Replaced carpeting and paint at the Corona Public Library.
- Reconfigured and remodeled Fire Station 3 dormitories.
- Upgraded the HVAC system at the Police Department.
- Remodeled the Historic Civic Center fitness room.
- Constructed a new Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Training Room at Fire Headquarters.
- Created the Police Department Drone Room.
- Renovated the Vicentia Activity Center lobby and classrooms.



GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Community Project Funding (CPF)- Skyline Trail Projects

- **Purpose:** Direct federal resources toward specific community-based projects that address local infrastructure, public safety, economic development, and quality-of-life needs.
- **Grant Amount:** \$1.7 million
- **Status:** Awarded

Active Transportation Plan (ATP) Grant – Sixth Street to Skyline Trail

- **Purpose:** Improve walking, bicycling, and other non-motorized transportation options to increase safety, mobility, connectivity, and access to active transportation throughout communities.
- **Grant Amount:** \$15 million
- **Status:** Application pending with the California Transportation Commission

Community Improvement Grant – Senior Center Travel Program

- **Purpose:** 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
- **Status:** Awarded

Urban Greening Concept - City Park

- **Purpose:** Expand and improve green spaces, increase tree canopy, reduce environmental impacts, and enhance the health, sustainability, and quality of life in underserved communities.
- **Grant Amount:** \$5 million
- **Status:** Denied

California State Library

- **Purpose:** Supports libraries with funds for statewide subscriptions to electronic resources, and statewide initiatives with partners offering further resources.
- **Grant Amount:** ESL \$93,388; Adult & Family Literacy \$74,997; ZipBooks \$15,840; Groundwork Project \$5,000 and Lunch at the Library Summer Program \$12,600
- **Status:** Awarded



LOOKING AHEAD

As we move into Fiscal Year 2027, the department is poised to build on the momentum from the past year with several strategic initiatives and improvements planned across all divisions:

Division	FY27 Priorities
Library	Open Innovation Center; expand workforce development programming; increase literacy engagement; grow Library of Things.
Parks & Trails	Begin construction of City Park; expand trails network; complete park rehabilitation projects; plant 2,000 trees.
Recreation	Expand Kids Club; relaunch aquatics program; increase adaptive programming; activate Historic Civic Center as Center for the Arts.
Facilities	Implement citywide preventive maintenance program; modernize facilities; improve energy efficiency; complete capital improvement projects.

THANK YOU!

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