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## FRONTIER FIESTA ASSOCIATION SFAC FY 2027

## **Frontier Fiesta Association**

## **FY 2027 One Time Requests**

## FY 2027 One Time Request #1 – Operations Expenses

The Frontier Fiesta Association is requesting \$197,880.94 to have the foundational infrastructure necessary to build and maintain Fiesta City along with its activities and assist with the cost of installation, strike, and transportation of its prefabricated fronts for use at Fiesta. The 2027 event will require stages, tents, lavatories, electrical and safety related equipment, and additional miscellaneous materials such as tables, chairs, lights, fencing, and other items to ensure the safe operation of the event. Due to inflation and rises in labor costs, many of these costs have increased over the past few years. SFAC's funding of the stages, electrical, and other infrastructure is vital to the event's existence and ability to safely host attendees. Additionally, the funding requested below is essential to the success of the event because the prefabricated fronts are not able to be safely transported by the student board, staff, and volunteers due to their size, weight, and construction. They require professional equipment and personnel to safely move and install on site. With proper transportation, installation, and strike, these fronts will last, on average, more than double the length of time of the fronts previously seen at Fiesta. With SFAC's assistance, FFA will be able to maintain the tradition of the western theme for the entire operations process of the event. In 2025, Frontier Fiesta welcomed 18,512 attendees, highlighting its continued growth and impact within the UH community. The event directly supports the Division of Student Affairs' values by fostering student engagement, leadership development, and holistic well-being. Frontier Fiesta promotes community, inclusion, and involvement, while giving students a platform to gain real-world experience, connect with campus support resources, and contribute to a vibrant and diverse campus culture.

The breakdown for Operations Expenses is as follows:

| Item   | Cost         |
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| Stages (Willie Burns & City Hall)                        | \$3,350.55   |
| Tents  | \$43,471.75  |
| Power  | \$50,112.00  |
| Infrastructure Rentals (Mobile Mini, Fencing, Bike Racks | \$20,368.35  |
| Sanitation (Restrooms, Hand-washing Stations, and        | \$9,125.00   |
| Dumpsters)   |              |
| Equipment (Forklifts, golf carts)                        | \$15,186.25  |
| Labor & Delivery   | \$45,067.21  |
| Total Expenses   | \$186,680.86 |
| Admin Fee (6%)   | \$11,200.08  |
| Total  | \$197,880.94 |

The Frontier Fiesta Association would like to thank the Student Fees Advisory Committee for its consideration of this request.