

# SAN JUAN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS MASTER PLAN UPDATE



THE SAN JUAN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS ARE THE HOME OF THE COUNTY FAIR AND HOST TO A WIDE VARIETY OF PROGRAMMING FROM 4-H, ISLAND REC, AND MANY OTHERS, IN ADDITION TO SPECIAL EVENTS. THE FAIRGROUNDS ARE OPERATED BY A STAFF THAT INCLUDES A FULL-TIME FAIR & EVENTS MANAGER, GROUNDS/FACILITIES WORKER, AND A PART-TIME PROGRAM COORDINATOR. SEVERAL SEASONAL AND SHORT-TERM STAFF SUPPORT GROUNDS AND FAIR PRODUCTION.

THE FAIRGROUNDS OPERATE YEAR-ROUND, NOT JUST DURING THE WEEK OF THE FAIR. THE SITE AND ITS FACILITIES PLAY HOST TO PUBLIC GATHERINGS, PRIVATE EVENTS IN RENTAL FACILITIES, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES OF ALL KINDS.



**AREA: 14.9 ACRES**  
**NUMBER OF FACILITIES: 32**

## BY THE NUMBERS

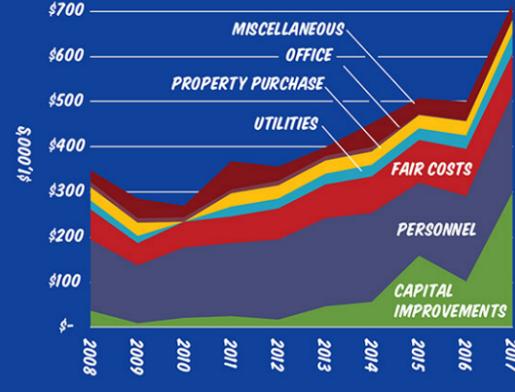
THE FAIRGROUNDS TYPICALLY OPERATE AT OR NEAR BREAK-EVEN. BOTH REVENUE AND EXPENSES HAVE INCREASED OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS AS PUBLIC FUNDS HAVE BEEN DEDICATED TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SUCH AS THE NEW OFFICE AT THE MAIN BUILDING; UPGRADES TO THE MARIE BOE BUILDING AND SITE-WIDE ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS; AND THE PARTIAL PRESERVATION OF THE HORSE BARN. REVENUE FROM THE ANNUAL FAIR HAS REMAINED RELATIVELY STEADY WHILE OVERALL PUBLIC FUNDING (STATE, COUNTY, ETC.) HAS INCREASED.

A VARIETY OF LARGE-SCALE FACTORS HAVE LED TO REDUCED FAIR EXHIBITS, WITH FEWER LARGE ANIMAL EXHIBITS SUCH AS CATTLE, GOAT, AND HORSES ACCOUNTING FOR MUCH OF THE DECLINE. NOTABLY, CRAFTS HAVE HAD THE LARGEST NUMBER OF EXHIBITS EVERY YEAR SINCE 2007 AND MAKE UP ABOUT HALF OF ALL EXHIBITS. CRAFTS INCLUDE FINE ARTS, WOODWORKING, FIBER ARTS AND PHOTOGRAPHY. GARDEN EXHIBITS HAVE CONSISTENTLY BEEN THE SECOND MOST COMMON EXHIBIT TYPE IN RECENT YEARS.

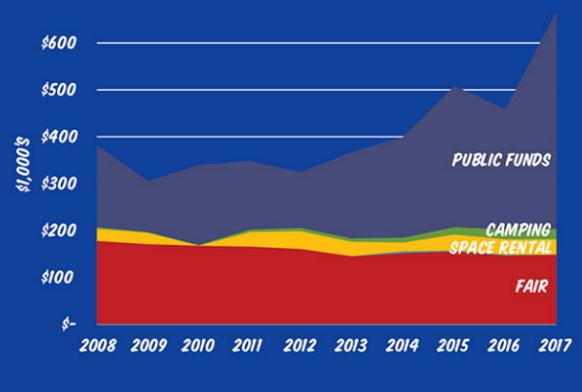
TOTAL REVENUES AND EXPENSES



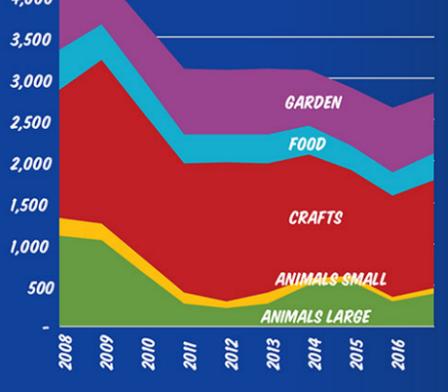
FAIRGROUNDS EXPENSES BY TYPE



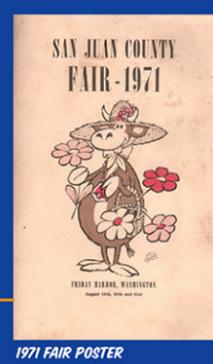
FAIRGROUNDS REVENUE BY TYPE



FAIR EXHIBITS BY TYPE



## FAIRGROUNDS HISTORY



- 2015**  
PARKS DEPARTMENT AND FAIR MOVE TO THEIR NEW OFFICE SPACE AT THE FAIRGROUNDS
- 2012**  
SAN JUAN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS MASTER PLAN IS ADOPTED
- 2010**  
COUNTY COUNCIL COMBINED THE FAIR DEPARTMENT AND PARKS DEPARTMENT. THE FORMERLY ADMINISTRATIVE FAIR AND PARKS BOARDS WERE CHANGED TO ADVISORY STATUS.
- 2006**  
FAIR CELEBRATES ITS CENTENNIAL
- 2005**  
THE FAIRGROUNDS CONTINUE TO GROW AS THE FAIR BOARD PURCHASES 3.78 ACRES ADJACENT TO THE HORSE BARN

- 1921**  
FAIR BECOMES AN ANNUAL EVENT
- 1906**  
FIRST FAIR WAS HELD IN A WATERFRONT CANNERY BUILDING, SHOWCASING THE COUNTY'S FRUITS, NUTS, GRAINS AND OTHER CROPS
- 1924**  
FIRST FAIR AT THE CURRENT LOCATION IS SUCCESSFULLY HELD AFTER LESS THAN A YEAR OF VOLUNTEER-DRIVEN WORK TO READY THE SITE