



October 20, 2026

Town of Lake City
Mayor and Board of Trustees

Re: Request for Fireworks Funding

Dear Mayor and Trustees,

The Lake City/Hinsdale County Chamber of Commerce respectfully requests a contribution of \$5,000 from the Town of Lake City toward the community's 2027 Independence Day fireworks display.

Fireworks are a cherished part of Lake City's Fourth of July celebration, enjoyed by residents and visitors alike. Although the 2026 display was canceled due to fire danger, the Chamber continues to plan and secure funding for future displays.

When the Chamber first assumed responsibility for the fireworks from the fire department, a private donor contributed \$10,000 annually to the fireworks fund. That donor has since left the area and no longer provides this support. The loss of that annual contribution has created a significant funding gap, leaving the Chamber responsible for covering the remaining cost after contributions from the Town and County.

Our goal is to build and maintain a reserve sufficient to fund a full year's fireworks display in advance. This reserve would provide greater financial stability, allow us to plan confidently, and reduce reliance on each year's fundraising to cover that same year's display. The Town's requested contribution would support the 2027 fireworks as we work toward this longer-term goal.

We appreciate the Town's continued partnership and support of this community tradition. Thank you for considering our request for \$5,000 toward fireworks funding.

Sincerely,

Katrina Menzies
Executive Director
Lake City/Hinsdale County Chamber of Commerce