

COURTYARD PARTY FUNDING

The VRA is now sponsoring courtyard parties as a way of building community and encouraging families to get to know their neighbors. A courtyard party can be a barbeque, a potluck, a holiday-themed party, or anything the residents of the courtyard would like to organize. The VRA will provide funding up to \$150 for qualifying parties. Up to 10 courtyards in the Village may receive VRA funding for one party per academic year.



The guidelines are as follows:

1. The organizers must create a detailed plan and budget for the party. If approved, VRA funds of up to \$150 can be used for food (with the exception of alcohol), entertainment (jumping castle, etc.), or other expenses.
2. The organizers should send their plan and budget to **vra@berkeley.edu** along with the amount of funding requested.
3. The organizers must advertise the party to ALL residents of the courtyard through flyers (and any other means that make sense, such as posting announcements near the mailboxes or in the laundry room).
4. The party must be open to ALL residents of the courtyard, including children.
5. The party must be held inside the courtyard.
6. The organizers must agree to NOT use VRA funding to purchase alcohol.
7. If there will be alcohol at the event, the organizers must fill out an Alcohol Exception Form. It can be found online at: **<http://universityvillage.berkeley.edu/PetitionServeAlcoholicBeverages.pdf>**
8. Each courtyard may receive funding for a party once per academic year.

We are excited to begin this new program, and hope that many residents take advantage of it. If you are interested in organizing a courtyard party and would like more information, please email **vra@berkeley.edu**.