

Historical Society Support Across Cities in Santa Clara County

City	Cupertino	Palo Alto	San Jose	Campbell	Los Altos	Los Gatos	Morgan Hill	Gilroy	Mountain View	Saratoga	Sunnyvale
Museum	Cupertino Historical Society and Museum	Palo Alto Junior Museum & Zoom	History San Jose (incl. History Park, Fallon House, Peralta Adobe)	Campbell Historical Museum & Ainsley House	Los Altos History Museum	New Museum of Los Gatos	Morgan Hill Historical Society and Villa Mira Monte	Gilroy Museum	Rengstorff House	Saratoga History Foundation & Museum	Heritage Park & Museum
Annual Budget	\$95,000	\$3,000,000	\$1,457,000	\$344,681	\$773,346	\$476,000	\$50,000	\$29,000	\$3,800	\$50,000	\$80,000 to \$120,000
Financial Support from the City	\$20,000	\$1,500,000	\$825,000	\$344,681	\$65,000	\$20,000+	\$20,000	\$2,200	\$0	\$0	\$0
Percent of Budget	21%	50%	58%	100%	8%	4%	40%	7.50%	0	0	0
Staff Supported by the City	0	All Staff 18 Full-Time	0	1.75 Full-Time with Benefits .11 Part-Time	Partial	0	No Staff	0	No Staff	0	0
Other support from the City	1,000 sq ft Gallery Space (<i>total waived based on similar sq ft rentable space at Quinlan = \$67,980</i>) Facility Maintenance Free Quinlan room rentals for historical society events, meetings, etc. (<i>total fees waived for calendar year 2019 = \$2,405</i>)	Owning and operated by the City	Operating agreement: City assets managed by History San Jose City uses some capital improvement project funding as needed	Museum operations Supplies Utilities Communications Collections storage Archival supplies Exhibit expenses Gardening supplies Books Professional dues IT support and monitoring	Facility owned and operated by the City 12,000 sq ft of facilities Full site one acre	10,800 sq ft facility Facility maintenance		Facility Maintenance Computer, copier, and IT support Volunteers are City of Gilroy volunteers Pays for HR onboarding of museum volunteers Historical society has a lease to operate the museum Bathroom janitorial is provided by City	Facility	3,332 sq ft facility Offsite 240 sq ft storage unit Facility Maintenance	Land owner (City) Facility owner (Historical Society)
Notes/Comments	<p>City/Historical Society partnership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Festival open houses > Quarterly preschool events and crafts > Museum open with booth or activities during city events and festivals > Exhibits in the Baer Blacksmith Shop at McClellan Ranch Preserve > Working on reinstating guided history walks at McClellan Ranch Preserve. <p>Historical Society Offerings to the Cupertino Community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Collection of more than 5,000 artifacts representing Cupertino > Local Historians > Three to five museum exhibits annually > An archive available for historical research, dissemination, and publication > Conservation expertise and managed care of the historical collection > Programming and exhibits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quinlan Community Center - Cupertino Library - Cupertino Schools (traveling trunk program) > Avenue through which the community can highlight and celebrate various ethnic, religious, and international communities that represent contemporary Cupertino > Volunteer and paid staff who provide scholarly support to authors, researchers, and community members > Volunteer and internship opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - High School and College students - local civic organizations > Partnerships with local organizations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cupertino Schools - Walk/Bike Cupertino - Cupertino Chamber - Rotary Cupertino - Eagle Scout Capstone Projects > Quarterly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - newsletter - speaker series - film screenings - book signings > Intergenerational learning opportunities and areas of engagement > Day trips to museums and areas of historical interest > Themed Reading Groups 	<p>Has a formal relationship with a Friend group who in addition to funding about \$200k in programming per year recently funded the a \$25m rebuilding of their facility.</p> <p>Other sources of History San Jose revenue:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > HS's Education Programs > Event Use Fees > Membership Program > Individual, Corporate, Foundation Donations > Grants <p>Throughout the years, History San Jose has invested millions of dollars from County grants and other sources to maintain the City's structures within History Park and the Gonzales Peralta Adobe & Carmel & Thomas Fallon House.</p>	<p>Fluctuating additional support provided by the Campbell Museum Foundation. A non-profit support organization. The Foundation helps to fund preservation, exhibits, and educational programs to offset operational expenses of the City.</p>		<p>The Town charges the museum \$2,000 per month for rent. During Covid they have forgiven the rent. Rent to resume in July 2022.</p> <p>The Town charges the museum \$2,000 per month for rent.</p> <p>Museum is lobbying to renegotiate the rent. The museum applies for a competitive grant each year that ranges from \$7,500 to \$10,000 which they usually receive for restricted funding.</p>	<p>The City of Morgan Hill has \$2M in Villa Mira Monte improvements budgeted in the 5-year CIP.</p> <p>The City also allocated one-time funds of \$206,000 in 2017 (park improvement and maintenance funds) for paint, security cameras, and miscellaneous maintenance projects.</p> <p>Villa Mira Monte is a 2.5-acre site with two historical buildings. The main house, referred to as the Hiram Morgan Hill House, was built in 1884 and is used as an event venue with upstairs storage for the Historical Society. A second building that was built in 1911 and brought onto the site, is used as the Morgan Hill Museum. The site was entered into the National Registry of Historic Landmarks in 1978 and the Morgan Hill Historical Society took title of the property in 1993 under an Owner Participation Agreement with the City. The covenants, conditions, restrictions, and easements dictate that the site must be maintained as a public educational and recreational park and will revert to the City's ownership if that purpose is not fulfilled. In 2017, the City entered into partnership with the Historical Society to preserve the site and support the operation as a park facility.</p> <p>The Morgan Hill Historical Society began in 1971 as a 501(c)(3) corporation and has devoted its resources to site preservation, maintenance, and operation. The organization has no paid staff and relies exclusively on volunteers to support its board and operations.</p> <p>In 2017, the Morgan Hill Historical Society entered into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Morgan Hill where the Historical Society committed to operate and maintain Villa Mira Monte as a community resource in exchange for City funding (a minimum of \$20,000 per year), marketing, and limited administrative functions. Since then, the City of Morgan Hill has provided funds for site maintenance and improvements.</p> <p>TLDR: The Historical Society owns the property, but ownership reverts to the City should the Society become insolvent. The Historical Society is fully responsible for management of the Villa Mira Monte Historical site.</p>	<p>> Other museum janitorial is the responsibility of the museum staff and volunteers</p> <p>> Historical Society is responsible for recruiting volunteers</p> <p>> Museum volunteers are managed by Historical Society staff.</p> <p>The Gilroy Museum was operated by part-time City staff until 2009. City of Gilroy volunteers under the supervision of the Gilroy Historical Society kept the Museum doors open for the next ten years on a limited basis while the Gilroy Historical Society raised a fund large enough to support a part-time manager. The City of Gilroy then signed a lease with the Gilroy Historical Society to operate the Museum, and a part-time (25 hours/week) Museum Manager was hired in March 2020.</p>	<p>The City grants use of the property for housing the museum exhibit, holding special events/programming, board meetings, and storing inventory.</p> <p>Friends of the "R" House is the non-profit organization that conducts activities, such as educational events and community outreach to promote the awareness of Rengstorff House, the Rengstorff Family, and the history of Mountain View. The Friends purchase items, accept donations, and deaccession items, for use at the House.</p> <p>City requires insurance that costs approximately \$2000/yr.</p>	<p>Director and staff are volunteers</p> <p>The Historical Society is raising funds to build an extension to the current museum building. The City is not contributing to this.</p>		

Cities contacted multiple times with no response: Santa Clara, Milpitas

Palo Alto Museum	Palo Alto Museum not yet open. The Palo Alto Museum, a nonprofit organization, established a public-private partnership with the City of Palo Alto to transform the Roth Building as a home for the Palo Alto Museum. The Museum will be the permanent home of the City of Palo Alto Archives. It will feature interactive exhibits, hands-on activities, thought-provoking programs and be a central resource for local history and research. Sustainability best practice will underlie the renovation of the Roth Building into a modern museum while preserving its historic features. Community spaces will include meeting rooms, a small café, a gift shop, and lounge.
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