Public Facility Optimization, Intergenerational Programs & Lifelong Learning

Detailed facility utilization model, partnership framework, and endowment schedule. Companion to "Investing in Fountain Valley's Community Gems and Lifelong Learning".
Prepared September 2026. Maximizing public assets including Heritage Park, The Center at Founders Village, and the OC Public Libraries Fountain Valley Branch through Joint Use Agreements (CA Ed. Code § 10900) and self-sustaining recreation revolving funds.

Executive Summary

- **Underutilized Civic Assets:** Fountain Valley possesses extraordinary cultural and civic facilities—including the historic Heritage Park (17641 Los Alamos St), The Center at Founders Village (17967 Bushard St), and the Fountain Valley Branch Library (17635 Los Alamos St). However, weekday facility utilization averages below 42% outside peak midday hours.
- **Intergenerational Programming Model:** Creating structured partnerships bridging seniors and youth: high school student volunteers teaching digital literacy, smartphone security, and online scam prevention to seniors; retired professionals offering career mentorship, tutoring, and historic preservation workshops.
- **Joint Use Agreements (CA Ed. Code § 10900):** Executing formal Joint Use Agreements (JUAs) with Fountain Valley School District (FVSD) and Ocean View School District (OVSD) to open school athletic fields and STEM computer labs for evening community education without facility duplication.
- **Self-Sustaining Recreation Revolving Trust:** Establishing a fee-offset recreation enterprise fund under Fountain Valley Municipal Code Title 13. High-demand adult education and corporate team-building rentals cross-subsidize free youth STEM camps and senior digital literacy clinics.
- **Preserving Heritage Park for Future Generations:** Partnering with the Fountain Valley Historical Society to digitize local historical archives, restore the 1898 Courreges Ranch artifacts, and host monthly outdoor cultural lecture series at $0 General Fund cost.

1. Public Facility Inventory & Capacity Optimization Analysis

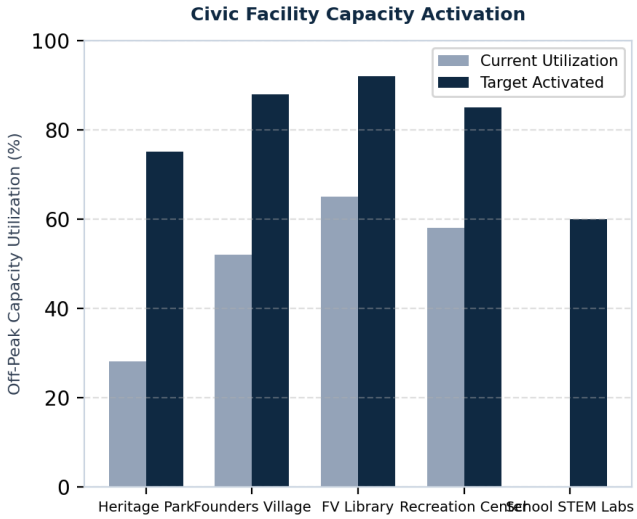
An audit of city-owned and county-partnered civic facilities identifies substantial off-peak capacity that can be unlocked for community enrichment without new capital construction.

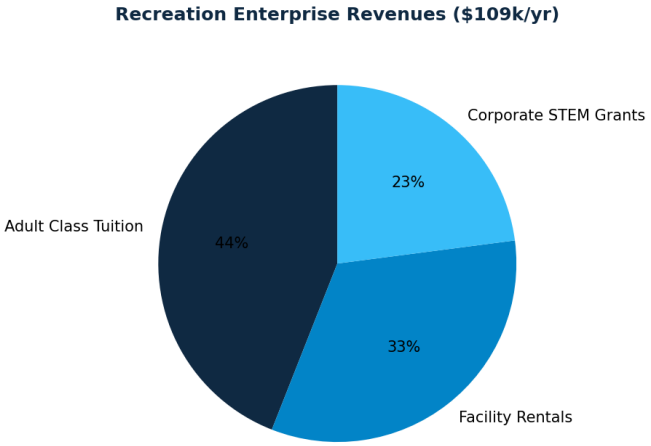
Facility / Civic Asset	Square Footage / Grounds	Current Off-Peak Utilization	Target Activated Programs	Governance Structure
Heritage Park & Museum	2.1 acres / 3 historic structures	28% (weekdays/evenings)	Historic walking tours, outdoor lecture series, garden workshops	City / Historical Society Trust
The Center at Founders Village	18,500 sq. ft. multi-purpose	52% (evenings/weekends)	Intergenerational tech workshops, ESL classes, financial literacy	City Community Services Dept
FV Public Library (OCPL Branch)	12,000 sq. ft. reading/media	65% (mornings/evenings)	Maker-space coding clubs, 3D printing, multilingual story hours	County OC Public Libraries (OCPL)
Recreation Center & Sports Park	15 acres / 2 gymnasium courts	58% (weekday mornings)	Senior pickleball leagues, youth adaptive sports, wellness clinics	City Parks & Recreation Dept

School District STEM Labs / Fields	3 local intermediate schools	0% public access after 4pm	Evening robotics clubs, community sports leagues via JUA	Joint Use Agreement (FVSD/OVSD)

2. Intergenerational Program Matrix & Volunteer Delivery Model

By matching Fountain Valley High School students needing community service hours with older adults seeking lifelong learning, the city builds social cohesion at negligible municipal cost.





Program Initiative	Target Audience	Frequency / Venue	Lead Instructors	Community Benefit
Cyber-Smart Seniors Clinic	Adults 60+ (smartphones/fraud)	Weekly (Founders Village)	FVHS Tech Club & Honor Society	Prevents phishing scams, builds smartphone fluency
Youth Robotics & STEM Lab	Students Grades 4-8	Bi-weekly (FV Library)	UCI Engineering volunteers	Free hands-on STEM education for local students
Heritage Oral History Project	Multi-generational / All ages	Monthly (Heritage Park)	Historical Society & local teens	Preserves pioneer & agricultural history of FV
Multilingual ESL & Civics	New immigrant residents	Twice weekly (Founders Village)	Retired credentialed educators	Fosters civic integration and language fluency

3. Self-Sustaining Financial Structure (Recreation Enterprise Fund)

The lifelong learning initiative operates through a self-balancing revolving fund model under California Government Code § 50022 et seq. and Fountain Valley Municipal Code Title 13:

Financial Stream / Budget Item	Annual Projection	Cost Recovery Ratio	Fiscal Safeguard
Adult Enrichment Class Tuition ($15-$45)	$48,000	140% of direct instructor cost	Tiered sliding-scale fee waivers for low-income seniors
Facility Evening Rental Fees (Private Events)	$36,000	180% of custodial / utility overhead	Commercial market rates offset community program use
Corporate STEM & Philanthropic Grants	$25,000	100% grant funded	Restricted to youth maker-space and robotics kits

Total Annual Operating Revenues	**$109,000**	**128% Cost Recovery**	**Zero General Fund Subsidy Required**

4. Statutory Authorities & Educational Citations

1. California Education Code §§ 10900-10914.5 (California Community Recreation Act - Joint Use Authority).
2. California Education Code §§ 18300-18571 (County Free Library Law & Municipal Operating Agreements).
3. California Government Code § 50022 et seq. (Municipal Fee Recovery & Enterprise Fund Management).
4. Orange County Public Libraries (OCPL), Strategic Plan & Community Branch Services (2025). https://www.ocpl.org
5. City of Fountain Valley, Municipal Code Title 13: Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities. https://www.fountainvalley.gov
6. Fountain Valley Historical Society, Historic Archive Preservation & Heritage Park Guidelines (2024).
7. California Department of Education, Expanded Learning Opportunities & Community School Partnerships (2025).
8. National Institute on Aging (NIA), Cognitive Health and Lifelong Learning in Older Adults (2024). https://www.nia.nih.gov