

Columbus Parks and Recreation FY27 Budget Requests

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Facts about Columbus Parks and Recreation Dept.

- **Over 2000 Acres of Park Space**
- **52 Parks**
- **Over 50 linear miles of trail space**
- **44 public playground systems**
- **80 athletic fields**
 - **14 Adult Softball Fields**
 - **7 Football Fields**
 - **3 Sports Stadiums**
 - **11 Soccer Fields**
 - **45 Youth Baseball/Softball Fields**
- **81 Tennis courts**
- **19 Outdoor Basketball Courts**
- **82 Restrooms**
- **750 Litter Containers**
- **1 Marina**
- **1 Dog Park**
- **1 Museum**
- **14 After School**
- **2 Splash Pads**
- **10 Recreation Centers**
- **3 Senior Centers**
- **1 Cultural Arts Facility**
- **1 Boxing Facility**
- **1 Therapeutic Recreation Facility**
- **1 Natatorium**
- **4 Outdoor Pools**
- **Roughly 238 employees Year-round (129 FT, 109 PT, 100 Seasonal)**

Operational Increases

20 Percent Increase by Area				
Park Services Additional Operating				\$102,501.00
Aquatics Columbus Aquatic Center				\$61,796.00
Memorial Stadium				\$13,506.00
Lake Oliver Marina				\$16,620.00
Cooper Creek Tennis Center				\$15,635.00
Therapeutic Recreation				\$7,601.00
Senior Recreation				\$24,966.00
Recreation Services (Youth)				\$34,207.00
Aquatics Outdoor				\$160,365.00
Community Schools (After School and Camps)				\$62,747.00
Britt David Culural Arts				\$29,229.00
Administrative Division				\$19,362.00
Athletics				\$57,709.00
				\$606,244.00

Positions to Reclass

Reclass Positions		Variance
Pottery Specialist to Recreation Program Specialist III		\$39,501.00
Tennis Specialist I G112 to G116		Budget Neutral
Tennis Specialist II G113 to G116		Budget Neutral
Recreation Specialist III Seniors to Recreation Specialist III		Budget Neutral

New Positions Needed

Additional Positions Needed			
Correctional Officer	1	\$42,925.00	\$42,925.00
Parks Crew Supervisor	4	\$49,691.50	\$198,766
Parks Maintenance Worker I	24	\$34,424.00	\$826,176.00
Pottery Specialists Part time	3	\$26,390.00	\$79,170.00
Recreation Center Leader Seniors Part time	2	\$28,417.00	\$56,833.50
Recreation Specialist II Seniors Full time	2	\$40,898.00	\$81,796.59
Recreation Specialist II Youth Full time	8	\$40,898.00	\$327,187.00
			\$1,612,854.09

Wage Increase

		Rate Now	Rate Requested	
Athletic Chief Part-time		\$13.50	\$18.50	
Athletic Officials Part-time		\$12.50	\$17.50	
Additional amount needed in Wages				\$115,000

Capital Requests

Rank	Item Description	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1	Flat Bed Dump Body	6	\$118,800.00	\$712,800.00
2	Full Size F-250 4WD	6	\$59,400.00	\$356,400.00
3	Correctional Officer Detail Vans	2	\$120,000.00	\$240,000.00
4	Electronic Timing System for NATA	1	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00
5	Ford 150 Crew Cab	3	\$55,000.00	\$165,000.00
6	Dive Blocks NATA	22	\$3,250.00	\$71,500.00
7	BAF Air Circulation	4	\$30,000.00	\$120,000.00
8	Diving Boards	3	\$25,000.00	\$75,000.00
9	Backstroke Flags and Poles	1	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
10	Replace all Carpet in Super Centers	4	\$90,000.00	\$360,000.00
11	Replace Bleachers at Shirley Winston Rec	1	\$90,000.00	\$90,000.00
12	Replace Gym Floor Covering 27oz	36	\$3,000.00	\$108,000.00
13	Electric Power Winder	6	\$2,500.00	\$15,000.00
14	Gym Floor Mobile Storage	6	\$6,000.00	\$36,000.00
15	Illuminated Standing Score Tables	4	\$9,600.00	\$38,400.00
16	Retardant Wall Pads 2'x6'	110	\$600.00	\$66,000.00
17	Gym Floor Rubber Runners	14	\$600.00	\$8,400.00

Capital Requests continued

18	Two Tier Folding Chair Dolly	9	\$600.00	\$5,400.00
19	6 passenger Golf Cart gas	1	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00
20	Elliptical Machine	3	\$3,500.00	\$10,500.00
21	Dumbbells and Storage Racks	3	\$2,500.00	\$7,500.00
22	Exercise Balls and Rack	3	\$2,000.00	\$6,000.00
23	Steps, Benches, Risers and Rack	3	\$4,000.00	\$12,000.00
24	Two-Tier Folding Chair Dolly	3	\$600.00	\$1,800.00
25	John Deere Zero Turn Mowers	9	\$13,200.00	\$118,800.00
26	Smithco Ballfield Groomer	2	\$26,997.00	\$53,994.00
27	ABI Force w/lazer system	1	\$52,349.00	\$52,349.00
28	Bush Hog w/stump jumper	3	\$3,494.00	\$10,482.00
29	John Deere Zero Turn Mowers w/bagger	8	\$35,096.00	\$280,768.00
30	Toro Boom Sprayer	1	\$27,418.00	\$27,418.00
31	Graco Line Lazer	2	\$7,468.00	\$14,936.00
32	Toro Sidewinder Reel Mower	2	\$59,871.00	\$119,742.00
33	Track Loader Compact JD325G with angle	1	\$146,428.00	\$146,428.00
34	Ventrac tractor w/attachments	1	\$99,000.00	\$99,000.00
35	Buffalo Blower	1	\$12,733.00	\$12,733.00

Capital Requests continued

36	Forklift	1	\$66,227.00	\$66,227.00
37	4x4 Service truck with tool body	1	\$71,500.00	\$71,500.00
38	Altoz TRX Track Mower	4	\$25,058.00	\$100,232.00
39	John Deere Gator TX 4x2	3	\$11,386.00	\$34,158.00
40	Lincoln Electric Welder	1	\$17,032.00	\$17,032.00
41	Shirley Winston Infield Renovations	1	\$49,423.00	\$49,423.00
42	Edgewood Infield Renovations	1	\$54,940.00	\$54,940.00
43	Rigdon Park Infield Renovations	1	\$47,553.00	\$47,553.00
44	Replace 4 playgrounds	4	\$200,000.00	\$800,000.00
45	John Deere Gator TX 4x2	1	\$11,386.00	\$11,386.00
46	Refuse Truck 16' Rear Loader	1	\$380,600.00	\$380,600.00
47	John Deere Gator TX 4x2	1	\$11,386.00	\$11,386.00
48	Vaptr Roller	4	\$3,100.00	\$12,400.00
49	15 passenger Wheelchair Assessible Bus	1	\$168,000.00	\$168,000.00
50	12 x 12 Outdoor Storage Shed with Floor	1	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
51	Two-Tier Folding Chair Dolly	1	\$600.00	\$600.00
52	15 Passenger Van	1	\$58,000.00	\$58,000.00

Capital Requests continued

53	Replace tile floor in Britt David	1	\$120,000.00	\$120,000.00
54	Digital Pottery Kilns	3	\$7,000.00	\$21,000.00
55	Ceramic Clay	1	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
56	Ceramic Glazes	1	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
57	Laptops, Monitors and Docking Station	3	\$5,000.00	\$15,000.00
58	Printers and Supplies	3	\$500.00	\$1,500.00
59	Full-Size F150 Crew Cab 2 WD	1	\$43,000.00	\$43,000.00
60	Replacement 15 passenger vans	2	\$58,000.00	\$116,000.00
61	Replacement vehicle Exepdition	1	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00
62	Hood Installation Comer Gym	1	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
63	Pool Tables Senior and Recreation Centers	8	\$5,000.00	\$40,000.00
64	Furniture Senior Centers and Recreation Centers		\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
65	Food Warmer 3 Senior Centers	3	\$5,000.00	\$15,000.00
	Total Capital			\$6,031,787.00