

**Bus Purchase for Recreation Department Childcare Programs**

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**Specific results/outcomes identified** – There is a strong desire to bring back a historically successful program that was discontinued when the original bus was beyond repair. A new bus will allow Recreation to increase classroom sizes (currently the number is limited to how many children can be transported with the existing fleet of only two vans), allow for longer trips outside of city limits, increase safety, and free up space on lengthy wait lists. Simply put, this request will allow more children in our community to participate in summer programs and provide more childcare for parents.

**Demographic considerations**

- Not neighborhood specific but specific to Fort Collins.
- Can provide solid data on program utilization, wait list numbers and historical data to support the project.
- The community hasn't voiced concerns per se, but they have provided feedback that they would like to see the classroom sizes increase so that more children can participate.
- Increased inclusion for youth with disabilities to participate in the summer programs with a professional driver. Giving parents more peace of mind that their children are in good hands.

**Communication Considerations**

- Recreation has strong communication channels in the community and with partner agencies. Always keeping in mind resources for translation/interpretation services needed for participating families.
- All documents currently provided in Spanish.
- Consider Mandarin as possible translation/interpretation needs.

**Childcare Transportation Bus**  
Full size diesel bus for Recreation's licensed childcare programs to support enrichment activities.

**Priority Areas:** quality, spots

**Viability:** procedural - procurement with Purchasing

**Timeframe:** spring 2024

**Leverage:** no

**L-T Impacts:** extend life of REC's van fleet, safety, logistical simplicity, expand spots at sites

**Partners:** no

**Low-Income/HUG:** high % reduced-fee eligible families

**Prior BFO Support:** Offers not funded for bus purchase. Many REC offers awarded 23-24 BFO/ARPA for childcare: scholarships, ARO FTE, NACC Remodel. Est. \$1.1M