



City of Hermiston

June 20, 2023

## Recreation Project Fund Advisory Committee

Committee members present: Val Hoxie, Jeffrey Kelso, James Whalley, Roy Barron, and Helen Nevin  
Staff members present: Brandon Artz and Kelly Schwirse.

### CALL TO ORDER

Committee members assembled at 4:00pm with presentations beginning at 4:10pm

### MINUTES

The Recreation Project Fund Advisory Committee met on June 20<sup>th</sup> to review eight proposals submitted for the 2023-24 allocation. Available for distribution is \$65,000\*, and the total application amount was \$72,338. Application packets were sent to prior applicants and known parties of interest and made available on the City's website.

- **Hermiston Downtown District**, presented by Judy Pederson, Kari Christiansen, and Brandi Howard  
Requesting \$6,875 for Downtown Flowerpots  
Plant, fertilize and application of insect control for the 55 concrete flowerpots along Main Street in the Downtown District. Service provided by Bennet Gardens four times per year.
- **Made to Thrive**, presented by Josh Burns  
Requesting \$15,000 for HEROS Sportsplex  
Lighting project at the HEROS Sportsplex.
- **Made to Thrive**, presented by Mitch Boylan  
Requesting \$15,000 for Sports & Safety at Harrison Park  
Installation of three full basketball courts with six hoops, new permanent soccer goals for existing fields, security cameras, lighting, and restrooms.
- **Campus Life**, presented by Ashly and Jeff Umbarger and Bennett Christianson  
Requesting \$5,963 for industrial kitchen appliances for Drop-in Center  
Plan to be available to feed kids every school day at the new Drop-in Center.
- **Hermiston Food Pod**, presentation by Patrick Hunt.  
Requesting \$10,000 for Shade Structures and Tables at Food Pod  
Provide shade and seating for customers of the Food Pod as well as more garbage cans to keep area clean.
- **Inland Northwest Musicians**, presentation by Lee Friese and Raniel Dunn  
Requesting \$3,000 for 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert  
Concert and dinner in celebration the \$25 year relationship between Hermiston and Inland Northwest Musicians.
- **Hermiston Parks & Recreation**, presented by Brandon Artz  
Requesting \$9,000 for Hermiston Teen Adventure Skate Park Amenities  
Benches, drinking fountain and a 24'x14' shade covering added to skate park upon completion of Phase 1

Committee discussed allowing the Hermiston Basketball Club's late request for consideration. Motion made by Val Hoxie, seconded by Helen Nevin. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Consideration for Hermiston Basketball Club**  
Requesting \$7,500 for Tournament Awards  
Custom embroidered backpacks for first place teams in each division at tournaments hosted in Hermiston.

Discussion by the committee followed the presentations. Motion made by Val Hoxie to award all applicants their full requested amount, seconded by Roy Barron. Motion passed unanimously.



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| • Hermiston Downtown District    | Award Recommendation: \$ 6,875 |
| • Made to Thrive/HEROS Sportplex | Award Recommendation: \$15,000 |
| • Made to Thrive/Harrison Park   | Award Recommendation: \$15,000 |
| • Campus Life                    | Award Recommendation: \$ 5,963 |
| • Hermiston Food Pod             | Award Recommendation: \$10,000 |
| • Inland Northwest Musicians     | Award Recommendation: \$ 3,000 |
| • Hermiston Parks & Recreation   | Award Recommendation: \$ 9,000 |
| • Hermiston Basketball Club      | Award Recommendation: \$ 7,500 |

**Total amount recommended: \$72,338**

Award recommendations are pending approval of City Council on July 10, 2023

**ADJOURNED**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm. No future meetings scheduled.

\*2023/2024 approved City of Hermiston budget allocates \$65,000 for grants. The committee can request additional funding over that amount. Total amount in the TRT/Tourism Reserve fund = \$230,354.89