



Parks & Recreation

June 18, 2024

City of Hermiston 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 Schwirase

CALL TO ORDER

Committee members assembled and called to order by Jeff Kelso at 4:00pm with presentations beginning at 4:10pm.

MINUTES

The Recreation Project Fund Advisory Committee met on June 18 to review 12 proposals submitted for the 2024-25 allocation. Amount budgeted in FY 24/25 for distribution is \$85,000* and the combined amount requested for all applicants is \$148,993.

Application packets were sent to prior applicants and known parties of interest and made available on the City's website April 1 – May 31.

The distribution criteria for applicants is as follows.

TRT Funding Criteria and Eligibility

- *Total budgeted project fund allocation for 2024/2025 is \$85,000.*
- *Projects must be within the City of Hermiston.*
- *Applicants must have a non-profit tax status.*
- *Projects that benefit Hermiston through enhanced tourism, promotion, marketing, and lodging will be given highest consideration.*
- *Projects that benefit the greatest number of participants will be given greater consideration.*
- *Projects that represent a broad base of other support shall be given greater consideration.*
- *Funded projects are required to submit a breakdown of expenditures on how the funds were spent including receipts prior to reimbursement.*

Applicants were allowed 10 minutes to describe their project proposals and answer questions from the Committee. After review of the applications, the Committee discussed each proposal in detail and through consensus, settled on the award amounts in the following table.

A motion was made by Val Hoxie to recommend the amounts listed below, seconded by Roy Barron. Motion passed unanimously.



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The TRT Recreation Projects Grants Committee officially recommends the following allocation of grant awards:

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Committee Award Recommendation</u>
Hermiston Parks & Recreation <i>Description: Annual Free Community Events</i>	\$20,000	\$13,000
Cinco de Mayo <i>Description: 2025 Cinco de Mayo Event</i>	\$15,000	\$9,750
Hermiston Basketball Club <i>Description: Tournament Awards</i>	\$10,000	\$6,500
Campus Life <i>Description: Cargo Trailer</i>	\$5,000	\$3,250
Cultural Awareness Coalition <i>Description: 2025 Juneteenth Celebration</i>	\$5,000	\$3,250
Masonic Lodge <i>Description: Oregon Masonic Celebration</i>	\$3,500	\$2,275
Greater Hermiston Community Foundation <i>Description: Pickleball Courts</i>	\$15,000	\$9,750
Made to Thrive/HEROS <i>Description: HEROS Sports Complex</i>	\$50,000	\$32,500
AYSO Youth Soccer <i>Description: Equipment</i>	\$5,393	\$3,505
Community Counseling Solutions <i>Description: Summer Skills Group</i>	\$4,950	\$3,218
Hermiston Downtown District <i>Description: Melon Fest</i>	\$8,000	\$5,200
Hermiston Downtown District <i>Description: Downtown Flowers</i>	\$7,150	\$4,648

Total Requested: \$148,993

Total Recommended to be Awarded: \$96,845

Award recommendations are pending approval of City Council.

ADJOURNED

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

*Total amount in the TRT/Tourism reserve account is \$195,000 with a budgeted proposed revenue of \$90,000 for 24/25. Council can approve the recommended amount over the amount budgeted.