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Mayor and Members of the City Council  
**STAFF REPORT**  
For the Meeting of July 11, 2022

**Title/Subject**

Award Funding through the Transient Room Tax (TRT) Recreation Projects Grants

**Summary and Background**

The Recreation Project Fund Advisory Committee met on June 30<sup>th</sup> to review six proposals submitted for the 2022-23 allocation. Present at the meeting were Committee members Val Hoxie, Jeffrey Kelso, James Whalley, Roy Barron, and Lydia Raath; staff present was Brandon Artz and Kelly Schwirse. Available for distribution is \$40,000 and the total application amount was \$37,675. Application packets were sent to prior applicants and known parties of interest and made available on the City's website. The distribution criteria for applicants is as follows.

**TRT Funding Criteria and Eligibility:**

- Total project fund allocation for 2022 is approximately \$40,000.
- 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 mins 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.

<b>2022 TRT Recommended Awards</b>					
<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Presentation</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Committee Award</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Hermiston Youth Wrestling	4:10	Tournament Awards	\$3,500	\$3,500	
Hermiston Basketball Club	4:25	Tournament Awards	\$7,500	\$7,000	
Made to Thrive	4:45	General Operations	\$5,000	\$5,000	
Campus Life	5:00	Sound System	\$5,000	\$6,500	Total amount for Sound System was \$6,500. Committee approved matching that amount.
Hermiston Downtown	5:15	Downtown Flower Baskets	\$6,875	\$6,875	
Hermiston Little League	5:30	Roll-Up Door Replacement at LL Fields	\$9,800	\$9,800	
			Total Requested \$37,675	Total Recommended to be Awarded \$38,675	

### **Tie-In to Council Goals**

2022 Safe & Healthy: Hermiston ensures a healthy and safe environment for all through abundant recreation and wellness opportunities, high-quality health care, collaboration with community partners, and a healthy and attractive built environment.

### **Fiscal Information**

The Recreation Projects Funds project is identified in the 2022 – 2023 City Budget.

### **Alternatives and Recommendation**

#### Alternatives

1. Award the funding allocations as recommended by the Committee.
2. Reject the funding allocations as recommended by the Committee.
3. Modify the funding allocations as recommended by the Committee.

Recommended Action/Motion

Motion to approve the TRT Recreation Projects funding allocations as recommended by the Committee.

**Submitted By:**

Brandon Artz, Parks and Recreation Director