



TO: Christine Woll, Assembly Finance Committee Chair
THROUGH: Angie Flick, Finance Director
FROM: Tom Rutecki, Youth Activity Board Chair
DATE: April 17, 2025
RE: FY26 Youth Activity Grant Funding

FY26 Funding

The City Manager has submitted a balanced budget that recommends allocating \$350,000 of the 1% Sales Tax for youth activity grants in Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26). The Youth Activity Board (YAB) is tasked with allocating these funds amongst various community non-profit organizations serving the youth of Juneau.

The YAB is required by Resolution 2820 to place a sum equal to five percent of the amount allocated into a contingency account to fund unanticipated events. \$350,000 minus the five-percent contingency (\$17,500) leaves the general youth activities fund with **\$332,500 to distribute for FY26 overall grant funding.**

CBJ share of Youth Activity funding	\$350,000
Contingency Fund (5%)	<u>(\$17,500)</u>
Total grant funding	\$332,500

FY26 Grant Process

This year the YAB received 26 proposals totaling **\$518,983** in requests and is recommending funding for 25 of the programs. In FY25, the YAB reviewed 24 proposals totaling \$447,469 and funded all 24 of those programs.

Grant proposals are divided into three categories: Sports, Arts, and Academic/Other for evaluation and ranking. The nine Youth Activity Board members* are each assigned to one of those categories so that three members review all grants in each category. In addition to the many hours spent individually evaluating and scoring each proposal, Board members spend two evenings publicly reviewing the proposals. The second and final meeting consists of the Board reaching agreement on the groups to be funded and their recommended funding level. The attached list contains the Board's recommendations for FY26.

Recommendation

The Youth Activity Board recommends that the Finance Committee approve the funding recommendations on the attached list.

*** Youth Activity Board Members**

Chair: Tom Rutecki

General Public representatives: Bonita Nelson, Lindsey Wold, Misuri Smyth, Elizabeth Balstad, Kristin Hochstoeger

Youth representative: Valerie Piemann

Juneau Arts and Humanities representative: Phil Huebschen

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee representative: Josh Anderson

Requesting Organization	Name of Program	Average Score	Amount Requested	Recommendation
Academic				
Discovery Southeast	Nature Exploration, Discovering Juneau	146.67	\$25,170.00	\$14,875.00
SAIL	ORCA	146	\$15,000.00	\$14,000.00
AWARE	Girls on the Run	142	\$7,655.00	\$3,400.00
Big Brothers, Big Sisters	Juneau Youth Activity Program	139	\$10,786.00	\$9,000.00
Friends of the MD Planetarium	Immersive Planetarium Experience	135.67	\$8,192.00	\$5,600.00
Girl Scouts of Alaska	Girl Scouts in Juneau	134.67	\$10,760.00	\$3,000.00
Resurrection Lutheran Church	Studio Live		\$5,700.00	\$0.00
Total Amount			\$83,263.00	\$49,875.00

Art				
Juneau Dance Theatre	Fine Arts Camp	138	\$19,000.00	\$17,054.00
Perseverance Theatre	STAR Program	128	\$20,000.00	\$14,940.00
Juneau Symphony	J2025-2026 Season	120	\$13,700.00	\$9,900.00
Juneau Jazz & Classics	Juneau Community Engagement	117.67	\$19,000.00	\$8,576.00
Theater Alaska	TA Summer Camp	112.67	\$19,200.00	\$9,380.00
Total Amount			\$90,900.00	\$59,850.00

Sports				
Glacier Swim Club	Youth Competitive Swim	146.67	\$14,500.00	\$14,500.00
Gastineau Channel LL	Youth baseball & Softball	141	\$42,000.00	\$31,805.00
Juneau Youth Football	Supporting & Promoting Physical fitness, mental health, safety & character development	141	\$31,500.00	\$23,200.00
Midnight Suns Baseball	Youth Baseball	137	\$45,000.00	\$24,000.00
Juneau Soccer Club	Soccer	136	\$45,000.00	\$26,000.00
Midnight Suns Fastpitch Softball Association	Youth Softball	134.67	\$30,000.00	\$18,000.00
Juneau Nordic Ski Club	Nordic Youth Ski Programs Expansion	134.33	\$15,800.00	\$14,200.00
Juneau Skating Club	Youth Ice Skating	133.33	\$34,950.00	\$22,000.00
Juneau Ski Club	JSC Course, Athlete & Safety	131.67	\$11,600.00	\$7,500.00
Juneau Youth Wrestling	Youth Wrestling	130.33	\$15,720.00	\$10,000.00
Hoop Rats	Hoop Rats Basketball	126	\$16,750.00	\$12,350.00
Juneau Douglas Ice Association	Youth Hockey	114	\$15,500.00	\$7,970.00
Juneau Trap Team	Trap Team Season	113	\$11,500.00	\$6,250.00
She Jumps	Outdoor Recreation & Mentorship	112	\$15,000.00	\$5,000.00
Total Amount			\$344,820.00	\$222,775.00

Total \$518,983.00 \$332,500.00

Contingency Grant	\$350000 x 5%	\$17,500.00
Grant Funding Available	\$350000 - \$17500	\$332,500.00
funding needing to be allocated		\$0.00