



**TO:** Christine Woll, Assembly Finance Committee Chair

**THROUGH:** Angie Flick, Finance Director

**FROM:** Tom Rutecki, Youth Activity Board Chair

**DATE:** April 22, 2024

**RE:** FY25 Youth Activity Grant Funding

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### Program Background

The Youth Advisory Board (YAB) program operates within the framework of the Assembly's commitment to supporting youth programs in our community. The Assembly's Resolution 2820 dictates the allocation of a portion of sales tax funds annually are used to bolster youth activities across various local programs and non-profit organizations, including artistic, cultural, athletic, and academic pursuits. This allocation aims to enrich the lives of young individuals in our community by providing opportunities for personal and skill development.

### FY25 Funding

The City Manager has submitted a balanced budget that recommends allocating \$332,500 of the 1% Sales Tax for youth activity grants in Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25). 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. \$332,500 minus the five-percent contingency (\$16,625) leaves the general youth activities fund with **\$315,875 to distribute for FY25 overall grant funding.**

CBJ share of Youth Activity funding	\$332,500
Contingency Fund (5%)	<u>(\$16,625)</u>
Total grant funding	\$315,875

### FY25 Grant Process

This year the YAB reviewed 24 proposals totaling **\$447,469.00** in requests and is recommending funding for all 24 of the programs. In FY24, the YAB reviewed 26 proposals totaling \$499,291.00 and funded all 26 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 an agreement on the groups to be funded and their recommended funding level. The attached list contains the Board's recommendations for FY25.

### **FY25 Recommendation**

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

### **FY25/26 Funding Request**

Lastly, the Youth Activity Board is requesting the restoration of the original funding amount of \$350,000 annually. In FY15, there was a 5% reduction across all City functions directed by the Assembly, decreasing the YAB funding to \$332,500, which has remained unchanged ever since. The restoration of this funding level is crucial to ensure that the YAB can continue to effectively support youth programs and provide necessary resources for the development and enrichment of our community's young individuals.

If the Assembly approves this request in FY25, the funding increase of \$17,500 would be deposited into the contingency fund, as the youth activity grant competitive funding award process has already been completed, with recommendations listed in the following table. This fund is earmarked for various youth activity programs, providing support for unexpected expenses such as unanticipated events, purchases, or travel. It specifically aids qualified youth who compete at advanced levels and need assistance to attend competitions. Starting in FY26, the youth activity grant competitive award process would allocate \$332,500 in total funding (vs. \$315,875 currently) with \$17,500 (5%) held aside for contingency.

### **\* Youth Activity Board Members**

*Chair: Tom Rutecki*

*General Public representatives: Bonita Nelson, Samantha Schwarting, Summer Christiansen, Misuri Smyth, Elizabeth Balstad*

*Youth representative: Jack Lovejoy*

*Juneau Arts and Humanities representative: Phil Huebschen*

*Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee representative: Josh Anderson*

**FY25 YOUTH ACTIVITY GRANT TOTALS**

<b>REQUESTING ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>NAME OF PROGRAM</b>	<b>AMOUNT REQUESTED</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
<b>ACADEMIC</b>			
Discovery Southeast	Nature & Exploration- Discover Juneau	\$16,910.00	\$12,530.00
SAIL	ORCA Youth Program	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00
AWARE, Inc	Girls on the Run	\$8,090.00	\$5,190.00
Girl Scouts of Alaska	Girl Scouts in Juneau	\$15,400.00	\$4,850.00
Big Brothers, Big Sisters	Juneau Youth Activities Program	\$11,480.00	\$11,480.00
Resurrection Lutheran Church	Juneau Live! Studio TV Production Camps	\$10,000.00	\$5,750.00
	<b>Total Program Amount Requested</b>	<b>\$74,880.00</b>	<b>\$52,800.00</b>
<b>ARTS</b>			
Juneau Dance Theatre	Juneau Fine Arts Camp	\$18,200.00	\$18,200.00
Juneau Jazz & Classics	JJ&C Education & Outreach	\$19,400.00	\$14,550.00
Juneau Symphony, Inc.	Juneau Student Symphony	\$15,225.00	\$9,025.00
Friends of Alaska State Museum	Alaska Art at the APK	\$3,332.00	\$2,382.00
Perseverance Theatre	Summer Theatre Art Rendezvous-STAR	\$25,000.00	\$5,000.00
	<b>Total Program Amount Requested</b>	<b>\$81,157.00</b>	<b>\$49,157.00</b>
<b>SPORTS</b>			
Gastineau Channel Little League	Youth Baseball, Softball and tball	\$42,000.00	\$34,000.00
Juneau Douglas Ice Association	Youth Hockey Program	\$18,500.00	\$9,000.00
Juneau Soccer Club	JSC Competitive & Developmental Soccer	\$35,000.00	\$26,000.00
Glacier Swim Club	Youth Competitive Swimming	\$16,500.00	\$15,000.00
Juneau Youth Football League	Standards & Practices of Safety for Participants	\$31,500.00	\$26,000.00
Juneau Youth Sailing	Youth on the Water	\$22,300.00	\$15,000.00
Hooptime Basketball	Hooptime Basketball	\$1,882.00	\$1,716.00
Juneau Skating Club	Youth Ice Skating	\$29,000.00	\$21,000.00
Juneau Ski Club	JSC Course, Athlete & Safety Equipment	\$9,700.00	\$9,000.00
Juneau Trap Team	Juneau Trap Team Season	\$11,500.00	\$7,202.00
Midnight Suns Baseball Club	Youth Baseball	\$41,000.00	\$25,000.00
Hoop Rats Basketball Club	Hoop Rats Basketball	\$17,350.00	\$12,000.00
Juneau Nordic Ski Club	Youth Nordic Ski Program	\$15,200.00	\$13,000.00
	<b>Total Program Amount Requested</b>	<b>\$291,432.00</b>	<b>\$213,918.00</b>
	<b>Total FY25 Amount Requested</b>	<b>\$447,469.00</b>	<b>\$315,875.00</b>