

## Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department

To: Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission

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Subject: discuss recreation scholarship fund

### Background

The department offers a Recreation Scholarship Fund intended to assist individuals and families who may otherwise be unable to participate in recreation programs due to financial constraints. The scholarship program helps provide equitable access to recreational opportunities by reducing financial barriers for community members. Currently, there is roughly \$1,500 in this fund.

Scholarships may be applied toward eligible recreation programs and activities offered through the department. The program is designed to support participation in youth, family, and community recreation opportunities that promote health, wellness, and community engagement. Currently, recreation programs receive a 50% discount and pool passes & day camp receive a 25% discount.

In order to sustain and potentially expand the Recreation Scholarship Fund, the department is seeking sponsorships or donations from individuals, organizations, and local businesses interested in supporting community access to recreation programs.

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the Committee with an overview of the Recreation Scholarship Fund and discuss potential opportunities to secure sponsorships or donations to help support the program.

### Budget Goal

4. Encourage community growth by assessing opportunities, involving all stakeholders, environmental needs, modern code and policy priorities.

## Financial Impact

The Recreation Scholarship Fund is supported through donations and sponsorships. Additional contributions would increase the department's ability to provide financial assistance to community members participating in recreation programs.

## Recommendation

No recommendations.

No action required.