

Partner Organization Eligibility and Approval

Organizations requesting designation as a City of Whitewater Parks & Recreation Partner Organization must submit a written request to the Parks & Recreation Director for consideration by the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

Partner Organization status is intended for organizations that demonstrate an established and meaningful commitment to serving the Whitewater community through charitable activities, community services, youth development, volunteer contributions, or programs that directly benefit local residents.

To qualify for consideration, an organization must demonstrate:

1. **Direct Community Benefit:** The organization provides identifiable programs, services, or charitable contributions that directly benefit residents of the City of Whitewater.
2. **Documented Community Involvement:** The organization has an established record of providing services, programs, volunteer activities, or charitable contributions within the Whitewater community.
3. **Measurable Contributions:** The organization can demonstrate its community impact through documented activities, volunteer hours, individuals served, financial contributions, or other measurable benefits.
4. **Community Accessibility:** The programs or services supporting the partnership provide a public benefit and are reasonably accessible to Whitewater residents.
5. **Alignment with City Objectives:** The organization's activities support community recreation, education, youth development, public health, cultural enrichment, community improvement, or other recognized public service objectives.

Designation as a nonprofit organization, including recognition under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, does not automatically qualify an organization for Partner Organization status.

The Parks & Recreation Director shall review each application and provide a recommendation to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. The Board shall consider the organization's demonstrated community benefit, history of service, and the anticipated public benefit associated with granting reduced or waived facility rental fees.

Approval of Partner Organization status shall be at the discretion of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board based on the established eligibility criteria and shall not be guaranteed by submission of an application.

Partner Organization status shall be reviewed every three years to ensure continued eligibility. The City reserves the right to revoke partner status if an organization no longer meets the established criteria or fails to comply with City facility policies.

Partner Organization designation does not guarantee facility availability or exemption from applicable deposits, permits, additional service charges, or other requirements established by City policy.