



Sunnyvale

Recreation Fee Waiver Program Modification and Amend Council Policy 7.1.1

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Fee Waiver Program

Background

Program Analysis

Program Modifications

Background

- From 1981 to 2006 – served all ages
- "Bundle of services" approach
- Since 2007 – youth only
- Amount established and reviewed administratively



Current Program

- \$234 per youth with \$53K annual budget
- \$100K annual budget allocation 2022/23
- Complete application + documents



Income Eligibility

2022 Annual Family Income	
Family Size	Maximum Income
2	\$33,874
3	\$42,606
4	\$51,338

Minimum Wage Workers Don't Qualify

A single parent with one child, working full-time (40 hrs./week), earning minimum wage makes approximately \$35,600/year.

Free or Reduced-Price Meals

2021/22		
District	FRPM Student Count (Ages 5-11) Elem Schools	FRPM Student Count (Ages 11-17) Mid & High Schools
Fremont Union	N/A	477
Sunnyvale	925	384
Santa Clara Unified	210	132
Cupertino Union	261	105
Total:	1,396	1,098

Fee Waiver Program Usage

Year	Funds Expended
2017/18	\$47,305.71
2018/19	\$32,787.00
2019/20	\$26,910.01
2020/21	\$27,760.32

Benchmarking

Agency	Program Eligibility
City of Campbell	Youth & Seniors - \$200 max. Family - \$400 max.
City of Cupertino	\$150 for educational class or \$100 for recreational class for youth
City of Mountain View	Level 1 - 90% subsidy; \$500 per child max. Level 2 - 75% subsidy; \$400 per child max.
City of Palo Alto	25%-50% Discount on Registration Youth, Seniors (60+) & Therapeutic Recreation - \$300 max. Adults - \$150 max.
City of Santa Clara	\$200 per youth; max. of 2 youth per family
City of San Jose	Residents 0-49 years old and a qualified active adult age 50+ 75% off registration fees
City of San Francisco	Available for all SF residents Level 1 - 50% subsidy Level 2 - 75% subsidy Level 3 - 100% subsidy (youth and seniors only) Maximum 2 programs per season Unlimited summer day camps access

Program Modifications

- 2006 Council policy direction (RTC 06-290)
- Council Priority – Equity, Access & Inclusion
- Current program doesn't meet resident needs

Program Name

Program Eligibility

Subsidy Level

Update Council Policy

Program Name

Current:

**Recreation Fee Waiver
Program**



Proposed:

**Recreation Scholarship
Program**

Program Eligibility

Current:
185% of Federal Poverty Level



Proposed:
80% of area median income determined by HUD

Family Size	Max. Income (185% Federal Poverty Level)	Max. Income (80% Median)
2	\$33,874	\$105,400
3	\$42,606	\$118,600
4	\$51,338	\$131,750

Subsidy Level

Current: \$234

Proposed: \$500

Program goal:
250-300 participants

Activity	Fee
Music Together (11 Classes)	\$248
Gymnastics (16 Classes)	\$348
Basketball (6 Classes)	\$189
Musical Theater Camp (1 Week)	\$400

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Eligibility Criteria:

Eligibility for the Recreation Scholarship Program will apply to resident youth (17 and under) who are at or below 80% of area median income established by Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The criteria for eligibility in this system shall be established by Council policy.

Subsidy Level:

The annual maximum per person scholarship amount will use “a bundle of services” approach, equivalent to four representative activities or one camp per year. The specific amount is reviewed annually and updated administratively by the Director of Library and Recreation Services.

Options for Consideration

- Option #1 – Approve modifying the Recreation Fee Waiver Program and amend Council Policy 7.1.1 to reflect the modifications proposed by staff.
- Option #2 - Take other action as determined by Council

Questions?