RECREATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Subject: 2022 Youth Sports Funding Program

Initiated by: Recreation Commission

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RECOMMENDATION

Review and approve the 2022 Youth Sports Funding allocation, timeline, and application material for award.

BACKGROUND

The Town of Mammoth Lakes annually awards funds to supplement organized, non-profit, and self-sustaining youth sports programs that may be in need of additional funding to *provide enhanced* programming or to foster greater participation from low-income residents.

The sum of \$36,800 is identified in the FY2021/22 Recreation Budget for allocation to the 2022 Youth Sports Funding Program. Mono County has again approved \$8,000 in funding appropriations for programs that benefit youth throughout the county. Town staff would like to recognize and acknowledge the Board of Supervisors for their continuing support of youth sporting programs within Mono County.

ANALYSIS/DISCUSSION

Each year the Recreation Commission receives more requests for financial consideration than is available for allocation. In 2021, a total of \$44,200 was initially requested, with \$36,800 available for appropriation. On April 6, 2021, the Recreation Commission made a recommendation that the youth sports organizations be funded at a 4% increase to the 2021 recommendations, which was a direct result of Eastern Sierra Soccer Club not submitting a request for funding (See Table 1). The Recreation Commission also recommended that, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, only programs that were able to operate a 2021 season should be awarded funds. Due to the hard work and commitment of our youth sports organizers and volunteers, all organizations were able to undertake a 2021 season during.

On April 21, 2021, Town Council approved the recommendations listed in Table 1.

Table 1:

2021 Youth Sports Funding Awards									
\$36,800 Funding Level									
Organization	2021 Award (4% inc.)	2021 Request	2020 Award	2020 Rec.	2020 Request	2019 Award	2019 Participants	Award per Participant	% Total Participants
AYSO - Mammoth Lakes 316	\$ 11,825.00	\$13,000.00	-	\$11,400.00	\$13,000.00	\$12,000.00	450	\$26.67	38.10%
Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra	\$ 1,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$950.00	\$950.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,000.00	17	\$58.82	1.44%
Eastern Sierra Nordic Ski Association	\$ 2,950.00	\$4,000.00	\$2,850.00	\$2,850.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	131	\$22.90	11.09%
Eastern Sierra Soccer Club	-	-	-	\$1,112.50	\$2,500.00	-	-	-	-
Mammoth Club Volleyball	\$ 2,000.00	\$2,000.00	-	\$1,900.00	\$4,000.00	\$2,000.00	57	\$35.09	4.83%
Mammoth Lakes Swim Team	\$ 4,900.00	\$5,000.00	-	\$4,750.00	\$6,400.00	\$5,000.00	60	\$83.33	5.08%
Mammoth Lakes Youth Hockey	\$ 2,225.00	\$5,000.00	\$2,137.50	\$2,137.50	\$2,500.00	\$2,250.00	48	\$46.88	4.06%
Mammoth Track Club	\$ 1,000.00	\$2,000.00	-	\$950.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	78	\$12.82	6.60%
Mono County Little League	\$ 4,900.00	\$6,000.00	-	\$4,750.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	210	\$23.81	17.78%
MUSD Husky Club	\$ 6,000.00	\$6,000.00	-	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	130	\$46.15	11.01%
TOTAL	\$ 36,800.00	\$44,200.00	\$5,937.50	\$36,800.00	\$45,600.00	\$37,250.00	1181		100.00%

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff is requesting that the Recreation Commission take the following action:

1. Review and approve the 2022 Youth Sports Funding timeline, allocation, and application material.

Monday, February 21, 2022	Application period opens at 9:00am					
Friday, March 25, 2022	Application period closes at 5:00pm					
Tuesday, April 5, 2022	Recreation Commission Funding recommendations					
Wednesday, April 20, 2021	Funding recommendations presented to Town Council for consideration and approval by consent					

- 2. Allocate the full \$36,800 to youth sports programs in 2022.
- 3. Approve a date for the Spring Youth Sports Funding Workshop, with staff recommending either March 15 or March 22, 2022.
- 4. Approve a date for the Fall Youth Sports Funding Workshop, with staff recommending either October 11 or October 18, 2022.

Attachment:

A. 2021 Youth Sports Funding Application*