

MAMMOTH LAKES TOWN COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

Title: 2025 Youth Sports Funding Award

Council Meeting Date: February 19, 2025

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RECOMMENDATION: Award Town funds to eight local youth sports organizations.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Town of Mammoth Lakes and Mono County provide funding 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.

At the regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission on February 4, 2025, the Commission unanimously (3-0) approved the funding recommendations as presented by Town staff in Table 1.

ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION:

The application period for the 2025 award opened on Monday, January 6 and closed on Friday, January 24, 2025.

A total of eight (8) Youth Sports Funding applications were filed and received by the Parks and Recreation Department. Staff reviewed each application and confirmed their eligibility for funding, with the exception of Mammoth High School (MHS) Boosters. Staff determined that MHS Boosters does not meet the application criteria of being an ‘organized, non-profit youth sports program’. Rather, the MHS Boosters is a ‘parent-teacher-community organization... [that] promotes success in academics, athletics, and the arts’ by providing financial support to MHS programs. The Town broadly supports MHS programs through the extensive TOML/MUSD Joint Use Agreement, providing fully maintained and game-ready athletic fields and facilities at no charge to school students. It is a partnership that provides tremendous value for the youth of Mammoth Lakes and surrounding communities.

Staff would also like to make the Commission aware that Mono County Little League chose not to submit an application this year as they work to regain their non-profit status. They plan to meet all eligibility criteria and apply for funding in 2026. In addition, Mammoth Track Club notified the Department that they will not be hosting a youth camp this summer.

[A summary of 2025 funding applications can be viewed in Table 1 and in detail in Attachment A.](#)

Complete funding applications are posted for public review on the dedicated Youth Sports Funding [page](#).

Tony Colasardo Scholarship Fund

The Tony Colasardo Scholarship Fund provides full and partial scholarships for recreation programs provided, and supported, by the Mammoth Lakes Parks and Recreation Department. Scholarships are awarded on an annual, calendar-year basis, and provide either a 50%, 75%, or 90% discount. During 2023, the Tony Colasardo Scholarship Fund was extended to youth sports participants to help with registration fees. Staff plan to continue working with each Youth Sports Organization during their registration periods to raise awareness of the scholarship program. The purpose is to further promote youth participation and inclusivity throughout Mono County.

Funding Methodology

Based on the fluctuating available funds year over year, the different operating environments that each youth sporting organization experiences, the disparate number of participants that each organization serves and the different types of non-profits and their missions, staff utilize a tiered funding methodology. Each organization is categorized and placed in one of four tiers. Based on the average cost per participant of the varying sports and the associated expenses (i.e. swimming/hockey has a higher facility cost versus soccer or baseball based on Town facility use agreements), staff assigned a set revenue amount per participant.

The Funding Tiers and revenue amount per participant are as follows:

Tier	Definition	Revenue/Participant
One	Youth Sports Organizations that use Town facilities and pay <\$1/year	\$40
Two	Youth Sports Organizations that have facility fees OR staff costs	\$46
Three	Youth Sports Organizations that have facility fees AND staff costs	\$66
Four	A non-profit organization that provides and delivers valuable community youth programming	\$2,000 award

Table 1: Funding Recommendations

2025 Youth Sports Funding Recommendations				
\$45,000 Funding Level				
Organization	2025 Recommendations	2025 Request	2024 Award	2024 Participants
Tier One - Youth Sports Organizations that use Town facilities and pay <\$1/year				
AYSO - Mammoth Lakes Region 316	\$ 16,900.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 13,680.00	418
Mammoth Track Club	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,320.00	0
Mono County Little League	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,680.00	0
Mammoth Lakes Futbol Club	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	32
Tier Two - Youth Sports Organizations that have facility fees OR staff costs				
Eastern Sierra Nordic Ski Association	\$ 6,300.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,810.00	130
Mammoth Lakes Youth Hockey	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,555.00	162
Mammoth Club Volleyball	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,000.00	72
Tier Three - Youth Sports Organizations that have facility fees AND staff costs				
Mammoth Lakes Swim Team	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 6,655.00	109
Tier Four - A non-profit organization that provides valuable community youth programming				
Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,800.00	31
Ineligible Application				
Mammoth High School Boosters	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	195
TOTAL	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 68,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	954

STAFFING CONSIDERATIONS:

The youth sports funding program is part of the department's annual work program.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Funds are approved by the Town Council every year as part of the annual Town Budget process. A total of \$47,000 is available for award, but due to the absence of Mono County Little League and the Mammoth Track Club, \$45,000 is recommended for award with a balance of \$2,000 remaining to supplement an existing eligible youth sports organization's request for additional funding or for a new organized, non-profit, and self-sustaining youth sports program.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. 2025 Youth Sports Funding Recommendations

Attachment A

Organization	2025 Youth Sports Funding Recommendations										% Total Growth Participants	
	2025 Recommendations		2025 Request	2024 Award	2024 Request	2023 Award	2024 Participants	2023 Participants	2024 Request per Participant	2024 Recomm. per Participant		% Total Participants
AYSO - Mammoth Lakes Region 316	\$ 16,940.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 13,680.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 11,290.00	418	456	\$ 35.89	\$ 40.53	43.82%	-8.33%
Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	31	24	\$ 80.65	\$ 80.65	3.25%	29.17%
Eastern Sierra Nordic Ski Association	\$ 6,100.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,810.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,622.00	130	130	\$ 46.15	\$ 46.92	13.63%	0.00%
Mammoth Club Volleyball	\$ 3,350.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,760.00	72	82	\$ 48.61	\$ 46.53	7.55%	-12.20%
Mammoth Lakes Futbol Club	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	32	16	\$ 312.50	\$ 40.63	3.35%	100.00%
Mammoth Lakes Swim Team	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 6,655.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,500.00	109	121	\$ 91.74	\$ 66.06	11.43%	-9.92%
Mammoth Lakes Youth Hockey	\$ 7,610.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,555.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,990.00	162	124	\$ 37.04	\$ 46.98	16.98%	30.65%
Mammoth Track Club	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,320.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,231.00	0	36	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	0.00%
Mono County Little League	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 7,680.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 7,167.00	0	180	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	0.00%
Mammoth High School Boosters	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	195	-	\$ 76.92	\$ -	0.00%	0.00%
TOTAL	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 68,000.00	\$ 61,500.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 61,500.00	\$ 38,000.00	954	1,169	\$ -	\$ -	100.00%	0.00%