



THE CITY OF KEY WEST

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

TO: Patti McLauchlin, City Manager
FROM: Mark Finigan, Finance Director
DATE: January 26, 2022
SUBJECT: FY2021-2022 Funding Increase for Youth Athletic Leagues

Action Statement:

Staff recommends the City Commission review and consider the FY2021-22 request before them for increased youth athletic league funding as part of the FY2022-23 budget review process, as initially recommended by the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

Background:

The City of Key West provides financial support to several youth athletic leagues in our community in the form of an annual subsidy which is proposed and appropriated, if approved by the City Commission, during our annual budget process. Historically, the leagues complete an application and funds are awarded in the amount of \$71,400. In FY2019-20, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the funding for the youth leagues was suspended, both based on a decreased need as the leagues were not operating and a concerted effort to divert those funds to the community for addressing COVID-19 health and economic related concerns. Going into the FY2020-21 budget cycle, the league funding allocations remained suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

During the budget development process for FY2021-22, the Finance Department asked that the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board be involved in the process of determining the amounts which would be allocated to the youth leagues for the FY2021-22 year with the understanding that the total amount of \$71,400 would not change just the appropriated amounts to each league based on determinations made by the Advisory Board.

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board received the FY2021-22 league funding applications, reviewed them in detail, and developed a
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recommendation to increase league funding. At the September 22, 2021 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting, the board determined that the budget process was almost complete for the FY2021-22 budget and they unanimously voted to recommend increasing the youth athletic league funding budget to \$125,000 for the FY2022-23 year.

On September 23, 2021, the City of Key West held its final budget hearing to adopt the FY2021-22 budget which included \$71,400 in the Parks and Recreation departmental budget allocated for youth athletic leagues.

On January 13, 2022, the Mayor forwarded to the City Manager the recommendation memo from Vice Chair of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board requesting that the funding approved for the FY2022-23 budget cycle be implemented in the FY2021-22 budget cycle.

Financial Impact:

The increase recommended in the amount of \$53,600 has not been budgeted for the FY2021-22 year. City Management and the Finance Staff does not support the awarding of additional FY2021-22 increased funding but rather recommend that any increase in annual funding be incorporated in the FY2022-23 annual budget review process. In the event the City Commission does approve the requested FY2021-22 funding increase, it is not recommended that such funding come from the City Manager's General Fund Contingency account. The use of the City Manager's contingency fund would decrease the funds available to \$23,205. With over half of the year remaining, and other possible unforeseen expenditures on the horizon, it could possibly hamper the operations of the City greatly. The most viable option to cover the expenditure would be to utilize reserves from account 001-1900-519-9803. This would bring our budgeted reserve days from 75 days to 74 days.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the City Commission review and consider the FY2021-22 request before them for increased youth athletic league funding as part of the FY2022-23 budget review process, as initially recommended by the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.