

Why should City taxpayers fund youth leagues?

Youth Leagues are very important to our community for many reasons.

Those reasons include:

- Providing enriching extra-curricular activities after school
- Promoting healthy lifestyles
- Providing opportunities for mentoring our youth
- Development of important skills like sportsmanship, teamwork, respect for others, integrity, discipline, and pursuit of excellence at the individual and team level

The goal of the review of Youth League funding by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is to provide a fair and transparent process for determining the recommended level of City taxpayer funded support. Support by the City includes these annual subsidies and the provision of well-maintained fields and facilities.

Considerations that may be considered in determining the Board's recommendation include the following:

- Completeness of funding application including trends and outcomes
- Amount of funding requested
- Number and diversity of participants
- Purpose and use of funds
- Relative cost of sport, equipment in comparison to registration fees
- Offering of scholarships, waived registration fees to qualifying individuals
- Opportunity for concession and sponsorship revenues
- Cost of maintaining fields and facilities and relative field/facility time necessary for each league's use