

Mecklenburg County

Legislation Text

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Title:

Grant Application - Charlotte Observer Summer Camp Fund Grant (Park and Recreation)

Summary

ACTION:

- 1. Affirm submission of a grant application of up to \$20,000 for a Charlotte Observer Summer Camp Grant
- If awarded, recognize, receive and appropriate such funds for the grant period

Staff Contact: Chris Matthews, Park and Recreation

Presentation: No

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:

The Charlotte Observer Summer Camp Fund awards grants to summer camps to provide scholarships to low-income children in grades K-12 to experience the outdoors during the summer months. Grants must be used to expand the opportunities available to low-income campers. The goals of the Charlotte Observer Summer Camp Fund are to help children develop a love of the outdoors, encourage continued learning throughout the summer, and expand children's visions of what could be. The Charlotte Observer Summer Camp Fund is grounded in the belief that low-income youth should have the opportunity to enjoy a summer outdoor camp experience that mirrors enrichment programs accessed by their middle- and upper-income peers. This grant will allow Park and Recreation staff to provide twenty-nine (29) 100% scholarships to low-income children for 4 weeks of Nature Based Summer Camp. Summer camp location will be based out of Sugaw Creek Recreation Center.

In 2016 Park and Recreation received a much smaller grant which funded scholarships for twelve (12) kids to each participate in 4 weeks of camp.

The grant submission deadline was January 31, 2018.

PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:

N/A

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POLICY IMPACT:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

If the grant is awarded, increase in revenues and expenses of \$20,000 in the General Fund for FY2018 for summer camp scholarships.