CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU
ALASKA'S CAPITAL CITY
PARKS & RECREATION

To: Ella Adkison, Chair
Human Resources Committee
From: Tom Rutecki, Chair
Youth Activity Board
Subject: Fiscal Year 2025 (July '24-June'25) Youth Activity Board Annual Report
Date: August 18, 2025

The Youth Activity Board (YAB) had a busy year reviewing and distributing grant money through the Youth Activity Grant and Contingency Grant programs. As budgets get tighter for the non-profit youth programs, these pools of money are becoming more strained.

The YAB is required by ordinance to place a sum equal to five percent of the amount allocated by the City Assembly into a contingency account to fund unanticipated events. $332,500 minus the five-percent contingency ($16,625) leaves the general youth activities fund with **$315,875 to distribute for overall grant funding**.

CBJ share of Youth Activity funding	$332,500
Contingency Fund Reduction (5%)	($16,625)
Total grant funding	$315,875

Grant proposals are divided into three categories: Sports, Arts, and Academic/other for evaluation and ranking. The nine Youth Activity Board members* are each assigned to one of those categories so that three members review all grants in each category. In addition to the many hours spent individually evaluating and scoring each proposal, Board members spend two evenings publicly reviewing the proposals. The second and final meeting consists of the Board reaching an agreement on the groups to be funded and their recommended funding level. Attached are the Fiscal Year 2025 and Fiscal Year 2026 spreadsheets showing the organizations, amounts requested and recommended funding.

Fiscal Year 2025 had 24 proposals totaling $447,469; all 23 of the programs were partially funded. In Fiscal Year 2026 there were 25 proposals totaling $513,283 (up 14% from Fiscal Year 2024) in requests; the board recommended partial funding for all 24 of the proposals.

The board was active during Fiscal Year 2025 in which a total of five meetings were conducted to review contingency grant applications and grant documents. In Fiscal Year 2025, the board reviewed 1 contingency grant application, representing a youth swimmer, totaling $2587.80 (down 84% from FY24) submitted by one program.

During Fiscal Year 2024, the board reviewed 3 contingency grant applications, representing baseball and softball, totaling $16,625.00 (up 94% from Fiscal Year 2023) submitted by two programs.

In May of 2025, the YAB contacted the chair of the assembly HRC, Ella Adkison, and the interim director of Parks & Recreation, Donna Pierce, to request that the seat designated for arts be changed to a seat for the general public. Reasons why the request was made were included in the correspondence to Ms. Adkison and Ms. Pierce.

*** Youth Activity Board Members (attendance record for the year attached)**

Chair*:* Tom Rutecki
General Public representatives: Tom Rutecki, Bonita Nelson, Lindsey Wold, Elizabeth Balstad, Summer Christiansen, Misuri Smyth
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee representative: Josh Anderson
Juneau Arts and Humanities representative: Misuri Smyth
Youth representative: Valerie Peiman

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FY25 YOUTH ACTIVTY GRANT TOTALS

REQUESTING ORGANIZATION	NAME OF PROGRAM	AMOUNT REQUESTED	Recommendation
ACADEMIC			
Discovery Southeast	Nature & Exploration- Discover Juneau	$16,910.00	$12,530.00
SAIL	ORCA Youth Program	$13,000.00	$13,000.00
AWARE, Inc	Girls on the Run	$8,090.00	$5,190.00
Girl Scouts of Alaska	Girl Scouts in Juneau	$15,400.00	$4,850.00
Big Brothers, Big Sisters	Juneau Youth Activities Program	$11,480.00	$11,480.00
Resurrection Lutheran Church	Juneau Live! Studio TV Production Camps	$10,000.00	$5,750.00
	Total Program Amount Requested	**$74,880.00**	$52,800.00
ARTS			
Juneau Dance Theatre	Juneau Fine Arts Camp	$18,200.00	$18,200.00
Juneau Jazz & Classics	JJ&C Education & Outreach	$19,400.00	$14,550.00
Juneau Symphony, Inc.	Juneau Student Symphony	$15,225.00	$9,025.00
Friends of Alaska State Museum	Alaska Art at the APK	$3,332.00	$2,382.00
Perseverance Theatre	Summer Theatre Art Rendezvous-STAR	$25,000.00	$5,000.00
	Total Program Amount Requested	**$81,157.00**	$49,157.00
SPORTS			
Gastineau Channel Little League	Youth Baseball, Softball and tball	$42,000.00	$34,000.00
Juneau Douglas Ice Association	Youth Hockey Program	$18,500.00	$9,000.00
Juneau Soccer Club	JSC Competitive & Developmental Soccer	$35,000.00	$26,000.00
Glacier Swim Club	Youth Competitive Swimming	$16,500.00	$15,000.00
Juneau Youth Football League	Standards & Practices of Safety for Participants	$31,500.00	$26,000.00
Juneau Youth Sailing	Youth on the Water	$22,300.00	$15,000.00
Hooptime Basketball	Hooptime Basketball	$1,882.00	$1,716.00
Juneau Skating Club	Youth Ice Skating	$29,000.00	$21,000.00
Juneau Ski Club	JSC Course, Athlete & Safety Equipment	$9,700.00	$9,000.00
Juneau Trap Team	Juneau Trap Team Season	$11,500.00	$7,202.00
Midnight Suns Baseball Club	Youth Baseball	$41,000.00	$25,000.00
Hoop Rats Basketball Club	Hoop Rats Basketball	$17,350.00	$12,000.00
Juneau Nordic Ski Club	Youth Nordic Ski Program	$15,200.00	$13,000.00
	Total Program Amount Requested	**$291,432.00**	$213,918.00
	Total FY25 Amount Requested	**$447,469.00**	**$315,875.00**

FY26 YOUTH ACTIVTY GRANT TOTALS

REQUESTING ORGANIZATION	NAME OF PROGRAM	AMOUNT REQUESTED	Recommendation
Academic			
SAIL	ORCA	$15,000.00	$14,000.00
Discovery Southeast	Nature & Exploration: Discovering Juneau!	$25,170.00	$14,875.00
AWARE	Girls on the Run	$7,655.00	$3,400.00
Big Brothers, Big Sisters	Juneau Youth Activities Program 2026	$10,786.00	$9,000.00
Friends of the Marie Drake Planetarium	Immersive Planetarium Experiences	$8,192.00	$5,600.00
Girls Scouts of Alaska	Girl Scouts of Alaska	$10,760.00	$3,000.00
Resurrection Lutheran	Juneau Live	$5,700.00	$0.00
	Total Program Amount Requeste	$77,563.00	$49,875.00
ARTS			
Juneau Symphony	Juneau Symphony Youth Activities 2025-2026 Season	$13,700.00	$9,900.00
Juneau Jazz & Classics	JJ&C Education & Community Engagement Program	$19,000.00	$8,576.00
Juneau Dance Theatre	Juneau Fine Arts Camp	$19,000.00	$17,054.00
Perseverance Theatre	STAR Program	$20,000.00	$14,940.00
Theater Alaska	Theater Alaska Summer Camp	$19,200.00	$9,380.00
	Total Program Amount Requeste	**$90,900.00**	$59,850.00
SPORTS			
Midnight Suns Baseball	Youth Baseball	$45,000.00	$24,000.00
Juneau Ski Club	Course, Athlete & Safety Equipment	$11,600.00	$7,500.00
Glacier Swim Club	Youth Competitive Swimming	$14,500.00	$14,500.00
GCLL	Youth Baseball, Softball, Tball	$42,000.00	$31,805.00
JYFL	Mental Health, Safety & Character Development for Juneay's Youth Through Football & Heerleading	$31,500.00	$23,200.00
Juneau Nordic Ski Club	Juneau Nordic Youth Ski Program Expansion	$15,800.00	$14,200.00
Juneau Trap Team	Trap Team Season	$11,500.00	$6,250.00
Midnight Suns Fastpitch Softball Association	Midnight Suns Fastpitch Softball Association	$30,000.00	$18,000.00
SheJumps	Outdoor Recreation & Mentorship for Girls in Juneau	$15,000.00	$5,000.00
Juneau Douglas Ice Association	JDIA Youth Hockey	$15,500.00	$7,970.00
Juneau Skating Club	Youth Ice Skating	$34,950.00	$22,000.00
Hoop Rats	Hoop Rats Basketball	$16,750.00	$12,350.00
Juneau Soccer Club	Juneau Soccer Club	$45,000.00	$26,000.00
Juneau Youth Wresting	Juneau Youth Wrestling	$15,720.00	$10,000.00
	Total Program Amount Requeste	**$344,820.00**	$222,775.00
	Total FY26 Amount Requested	**$513,283.00**	**$332,500.00**

Youth Activities Contingency Fund Balance FY25
July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

	Amount Requested		(+)	Amount Awarded(-)	**Total Available Funding**
Beginning Balance (5% of $332,500)		**$**	**16,625.00**		**$ 16,625.00**
Amy Liddle	$2,587.80				**$ 14038.00**

Youth Activities Contingency Fund Balance FY24
July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

		Amount Requested	(+)	Amount Awarded(-)	**Total Available Funding**
Beginning Balance (5% of $332,500)			**$ 16,625.00**		**$ 16,625.00**
August	GCLL Majors Softball Western Regional Tournament (San Bernardino, CA) (11 youth)	$4,600.00		$4,600.00	**$ 12,025.00**
	GCLL Juniors Baseball Western Regional Tournament (Bend, OR) (12 youth)	$14,750.00		$9,025.00	**$ 3,000.00**
	Mila Hargrave - The Cup NL 2024 - youth softball tournament in NL (1 youth)	$3,000.00		$3,000.00	**$ -**
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	Totals	**$22,350.00**		**$16,625.00**	$0.00

FY 25

Youth Activities Board Attendance

Member	term expiration	8/13/2024	10/8/2024	1/14/2025	4/15/2025	4/16/2025
Tom Rutecki	8/31/2026		x	x	x	x
Bonita Nelson	8/31/2025		x	x	x	x
Elizabeth Balstad	8/31/2026		A	A	x	A
Josh Anderson	8/31/2025		x	x	x	A
Valerie Peimann	8/31/2027		x	x	x	x
Phil Huebschen	8/31/2025		x	x	x	A
Kristin Hochstoeger	8/31/2027		x	x	x	x
Lindsey Wold	8/31/2026				x	x
Misuri Smyth	8/31/2025				x	x