



PARKS, TREE & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

AGENDA COVER SHEET

Meeting Date:	May 11, 2022	Division:	Recreation Division	Item:	Resolution
Title:	Consideration of Resolution 2022-XX authorizing discounts for Recreation Center Memberships and Activity Scholarships.				

**Recommended Board Motion:**

I Move that the Parks, Tree and Recreation Advisory Board approve of the Recreation Center Needs Based Income Guidelines, and recommend that the Laramie City Council approve Resolution 2022-XX authorizing discounts for Recreation Center Memberships and Activity Scholarships.

**Administrative or Policy Goal:**

To enable wide access to the Laramie Recreation Center and youth Recreation Programs for community members in need.

**Background Information:**

The Laramie Recreation Center was established with a philosophy that the community should be able to access the facility as much as possible despite financial need. Scholarship funds were set up to enable fees to be off-set for those individuals meeting income guidelines to access programs and multi-use passes.

In the summer of 2021, Barker, Rinker Seacat conducted a Facility Performance Analysis with the purpose of helping revise our fee structure and reinvigorate the use of the Laramie Recreation Center as the effects of the pandemic ease. They recommended that we consider instituting income guidelines that would enable a needs-based discount on memberships. Previously, no discounts were available for memberships based on need.

Median income in Albany County is reported by the US Census at \$51,362/year and \$29,644 per capita, making our income levels generally low when compared to the Federal Poverty Level. Many agencies serving individuals with lower incomes use 200% of the Federal Poverty Level as the threshold for incomes.

The attached Income Guidelines utilize the 200% FPL as the threshold for discounted memberships and scholarships for youth programs. You can see that the income threshold for a household with four individuals to access a discount is slightly above our local median income. Discounts on memberships are recommended at 30% of the face value and the attached discount information calculates the use per visit using a visit rate of eleven visits per month. The number of visits is one that we have tracked historically based on actual use.

Scholarships would continue to be offered to members of the community with the same 50% discount per activity and a \$150 per person cap each year.

**Legal/Code/Statutory Authority:** N/A

**Fiscal Information:**

**Revenue** N/A

**Expense** N/A

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**Attachments:**

Needs Based Income Resolution

Income Guidelines

Membership discount calculations