

FY 2026-2027 BUDGET QUESTION
Response to Request for Information

DEPARTMENT(S): Austin Parks & Recreation;

CBQ NO.: 80

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REQUEST:

On the service prioritization list, \$114,420 is reduced from the elimination of specific recreation programs. Could you please breakdown what these programs are and where these programs are offered currently?

RESPONSE:

The programs referenced in the service-prioritization list are those identified as having consistently low participation or minimal registration across multiple sites. Based on the program review and the accompanying table, these activities are recommended for sunsetting because they no longer demonstrate sufficient community demand and require ongoing staffing and operational support that outweigh their utilization.

The table outlines each program and the specific recreation centers where they are currently offered. These include a mix of specialty classes, drop-in activities, and age-specific programs that have shown declining enrollment over the past several cycles. By discontinuing these low-participation offerings, the department reduces a total of \$114,420 from the budget, reflecting the elimination of staffing, materials, and operational costs tied directly to these programs.

Site Name	Program Name
Hancock Recreation Center	Kids Night Out
Hancock Recreation Center	Ultimate Frisbee
Hancock Recreation Center	Tweens Night Out - Escape Room (Keep Tweens Night Out Game On)
Hancock Recreation Center	Ready Set Play - Cancel
Hancock Recreation Center	Tween Time - Cancel Sessions 8&9
Virginia L Brown Recreation Center	Special Events- Autumn Carnival
Virginia L Brown Recreation Center	Soulful Rhythms
Gus Garcia Recreation Center	Kite Day
Gus Garcia Recreation Center	Turkey Loteria
Gus Garcia Recreation Center	Master Chef take it down to one session

Gus Garcia Recreation Center	Run Club - cancel
Northwest Recreation Center	Climb on Fall
Northwest Recreation Center	Fall Fest
Northwest Recreation Center	Movie Night
Delores Duffie Recreation Center	Varsity Generation
Delores Duffie Recreation Center	Varsity Ceramics
Delores Duffie Recreation Center	Swimming with Dad
Delores Duffie Recreation Center	Courtside Craze
Mendez Recreation Center	Toddler Nature Play (Saturday 10AM-12PM Program)
Mendez Recreation Center	Zumba
Givens Recreation Center	Movie night
Givens Recreation Center	Pickleball
Givens Recreation Center	Silence in the club
Turner Roberts Recreation Center	Get Groovin (Non Core Out of School Time)
Turner Roberts Recreation Center	Boys Club - Spring
Turner Roberts Recreation Center	Girls Club - Fall
Turner Roberts Recreation Center	Girls Club - Spring
Turner Roberts Recreation Center	Lego Club (Non Core Out of School Time)
Turner Roberts Recreation Center	Snapshots Photo Club (Non Core Out of School Time) - Fall
Turner Roberts Recreation Center	Snapshots Photo Club (Non Core Out of School Time) - Summer
Turner Roberts Recreation Center	Tiny Hands, Big Heart (Non Core Out of School Time)
Turner Roberts Recreation Center	Chess Club
Turner Roberts Recreation Center	Guitar Club
Turner Roberts Recreation Center	Set to Spike
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Cantu Pan Am Recreation Center	This is Art (Non Core Out of School Time)
Cantu Pan Am Recreation Center	What is Food? (Non Core Out of School Time)
Dittmar Recreation Center	National Night Out
Dittmar Recreation Center	Parents Night Out
Dove Springs Recreation Center	Tiny Wood Masters
Dove Springs Recreation Center	Parent's Night Out

Dove Springs Recreation Center	Family Movie Nights (Decrease sessions)
South Austin Recreation Center	Gingerbread Workshop
South Austin Recreation Center	Pumpkin Chunkin
South Austin Recreation Center	Tough Run
South Austin Recreation Center	Pre-K Sports
South Austin Recreation Center	Crafty Tots
Montopolis Recreation Center	Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)