



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-1560, **Agenda Item #:** 32.

4/13/2023

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance waiving or reimbursing certain fees for adults with disabilities participating in the Parks and Recreation Therapeutic Recreation Programs between March 1, 2023 and October 1, 2023.

Lead Department

Parks and Recreation Department.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The total estimated amount of unrealized revenue for Parks and Recreation Department is estimated to be \$53,000.

Austin Parks and Recreation currently provides Therapeutic Recreation programs for adults with disabilities. Some of the participants utilize Medicaid Dayhab funding to pay for these services; however, the Federal Government and State of Texas Health and Human Services will be discontinuing Dayhab funding and moving to funding through the Individualized Skills and Socialization (ISS) program starting March 1, 2023. The Austin Parks and Recreation Department will continue to provide our Therapeutic Recreation programming but will no longer be able to accept the Medicaid funding due to this new change. Approving a fee waiver to provide Therapeutic Recreation programs for adults for free until October 1, 2023, will allow families an opportunity to adjust and/or make alternative plans for their family member.

Waiving fees for this item results in unrealized revenue for General Fund. Although budgeted revenue for fees is based upon historical data and not necessarily upon specific events, the waiver of these fees reduces potential revenues that could be realized.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment, Culture and Lifelong Learning, Government that Works for All.