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### **Parks & Recreation announces new Adult Financial Assistance Program**

**COLUMBIA, MO (February 8, 2005)** -- The Columbia City Council recently approved an Adult Financial Assistance Program for low-income citizens of Columbia. The program defines recreational financial assistance guidelines for the Columbia Parks & Recreation Department. The eligibility guidelines for financial assistance for individuals 18 years and over will be based upon the United States Department of Agriculture's Free/Reduced Lunch program income guidelines (which are based upon household size and household income from all sources). The city of Columbia has allocated \$5,000 for this program for its first year.

If eligible, participants may receive reduced admissions to the Activity & Recreation Center (ARC) in the form of 20 passes or an annual pass if merited by use.

In order to qualify, interested participants need to be a resident of the city of Columbia, complete the application and provide documentation of all forms of income. Applications are available online ([www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com)) or at the downtown Parks & Recreation office located at 7th and Broadway.

The program will begin Feb. 8, 2005. For more information, please contact the Columbia Parks & Recreation Department at 874-7460.