

**Columbia Parks and Recreation Department**  
**Financial Assistance Program**  
**Non-Profit Youth Groups**

**Goal:** The Financial Assistance Program for Youth Groups was created to provide financial grants for qualifying non-profit youth group organizations (ie: special needs, low-income, group homes, etc.) to provide access to the Activity and Recreation Center (ARC) and/or outdoor swimming facilities.

**I. Financial Assistance for Youth Groups Program Policies:**

- a. Funds appropriated by Columbia's City Council with additional funding provided by Columbia's Utility Bill Check Off program. Awards will not exceed funding made available through these sources.
- b. Awarded funds can be used to cover admission into the ARC or any public outdoor swimming pool, or a combination of both. Applicant will request how to utilize awarded funds.
- c. Applicants must be located within the city limits of Columbia and be a federal non-profit organization, with a primary focus of assisting youth.
- d. The award amount will be determined based on need and size of the applying organization. Organizations can reapply annually.
- e. Awards are made on a first come, first serve basis based on fund availability, and fund allotment is reviewed annually by the department. Subject to change.

**II. How to apply:**

- a. Fill out the application completely and provide a copy of your non-profit status letter.
- b. Other documentation may be requested such as proof of address within city limits, organization mission statement or clientele make-up to determine that funds are awarded within program goals.

**To submit:**

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**COLUMBIA PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION  
NON-PROFIT YOUTH GROUPS**

Name of Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name and Title \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Contact (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

(\*Must be within Columbia city limits. No PO boxes.)

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Contact's phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Has your organization received financial assistance through Parks and Recreation previously?

☐ Yes

☐ No

(check one)

Federal Non-Profit ID Number \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of youth and adults that will receive assistance:

\_\_\_\_\_ youth (under 18 yrs old) \_\_\_\_\_ adults (18 and up)

Please express what you intend to use assistance for:

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*I affirm that the above information is true and complete. I agree to provide documentation as requested for review and determination of eligibility.*

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Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**\*Send in a copy of your Federal Non-Profit status letter with this application.**