



MEETING OF OCTOBER 3, 2023

TO: Mayor Jordan and City Council

THRU: Susan Norton, Chief of Staff
Alison Jumper, Director of Parks, Natural Resources and Cultural Affairs
Lee Farmer, Recreation Superintendent

FROM: Joshua Lainfiesta, YRCC Director

DATE:

SUBJECT: Swim Lessons Grant Acceptance in the amount of \$500 from the Pool and Hot Tub Alliance – YRCC Summer Camp Participants at Wilson Park Pool

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended by staff to accept a non-matching grant in the amount of \$500 from the Step into Swim grant program through the Pool and Hot Tub Alliance to pay for the enrollment fees for swim lessons of ten YRCC summer camp participants at Wilson Park Pool that were hosted June 19 - June 30, 2023 and July 17 - July 27, 2023 and to approve the attached budget adjustment.

BACKGROUND:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that there are an estimated 4,000 fatal drownings every year in the United States, roughly 11 a day. The CDC also reported that the State of Arkansas ranked 6th in the nation from 2018 – 2012 with 1.88 drowning deaths per 100,000 people. To combat these statistics, the YRCC provided the opportunity for ten YRCC summer camp participants to attend swimming lessons through the Parks, Natural Resources, and Cultural Affairs Department at Wilson Park Pool. The goal of this program was for children to learn skills to prevent drownings and help spread the importance of water safety.

DISCUSSION:

This grant allowed 10 children from the YRCC's summer camp program to participate in swim lessons at Wilson Pool free of charge. Participants of the program were transported from the YRCC to and from Wilson Park Pool during summer camp hours to learn basic swim skills and water safety practices from an American Red Cross certified lifeguard.

BUDGET/STAFF IMPACT:

The Step into Swim grant is a non-match grant. The funds of the grant will be used to provide scholarships for 10 individuals' swim lessons that are priced at \$50.00 per participant.

ATTACHMENTS: SRF - Step Into Swim Grant (#3), BA - YRCC Step into Swim Grant (#4), Step Into Swim Grant Agreement (#5)

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