

Supplemental Budget Information – Item 2

Question:

Provide an update on the scholarships offered to youth and seniors in response to services that were cut last year. What did we learn, did it work or not work and what support is needed from Council.

Response:

YPCE currently administers scholarship programs for youth and seniors. The Youth Program Scholarship Fund and Hart Trust Fund pass are designed to provide financial assistance to youth and seniors for programs and services. Services were not cut in FY26. YPCE added or increased fees to some youth and senior programs and increased facility rental rates in FY25. The scholarships allowed programs and facilities to remain accessible for all.

As part of the FY25 budget process and reduction strategies, YPCE implemented fee increases to some youth and senior programs. To ensure fee increases did not create barriers to participation in core service programs, YPCE restructured the Youth Sports Field Usage program to expand eligibility to youth-serving facilities and programs to create the YPCE Youth Program Scholarship Fund (YPSF). Since its implementation in FY25, YPCE has invested \$450K in youth citywide through the YPSF.

The YPSF maintains a healthy fund balance as a selected recipient of the Sacramento Children's Fund. To utilize these scholarships, YPCE must maintain essential resources to continue delivering core programs for youth and seniors at community centers, Hart Senior Center, and pools citywide.

FY25 Key Successes:

- 4,473 youth qualified for scholarships for core programs awarding \$196K
 - Community Centers programs: \$126K
 - Expanded Learning and Sports programs: \$9K
 - Aquatics programs: \$61K
- \$145K waived in community center rental fees for youth organizations
- \$108K waived in athletic field rentals for youth sports organizations
- Increased enrollment in Summer Oasis program, with 965 participants, 48% of total enrollment, supported by the YPSF
- 748 participants, 26% of swim lesson participants supported by the YPSF
- Hart Fun Pass and Triple R scholarship issued a total of \$86,580 in financial assistance to older adults, a 33% increase from FY24
 - \$7K to offset wellness room membership costs in community centers
- YPCE maintained or increased the number of participants served in core service programs through scholarship opportunities

YOUTH PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP FUND



The YPCE Youth Program Scholarship Fund (YPSF) offers scholarships for Youth, Parks, and Community Enrichment programs for Youth (ages 0-24) in households demonstrating financial need. Applicants who qualify receive a scholarship for the current calendar year toward registration and memberships fees for eligible City of Sacramento YPCE programs.

Eligible Programs

Aquatics

Swim Lessons
Junior Lifeguard Camps
Swim Teams

Community Centers

Kids' Night Out
Rec Explorer Camp (R.E.C.)
Teen Scene
Wellness Room Membership

Expanded Learning

Summer Oasis
Kids Camp

Youth Sports

Jr. NBA
NFL Flag Football
Skate Pass

How to qualify for a YPCE Youth Program Scholarship Fund

1. Create or verify you have an active City of Sacramento ActiveNet account.
2. Complete the YPSF Scholarship application on the following pages or online at <http://www.cityofsacramento.gov/YPSF>
3. Attach or upload required documentation to determine scholarship eligibility:
 - Submit a current Notice of Action Letter verifying the household's or applicant's enrollment in one of the following programs: WIC, CalFresh, CalWORKS, TANF, or MediCal
4. Submit your completed application and documentation online or send your completed application with documentation to YPSF@cityofsacramento.org
5. Within 21 days, a staff member will notify you of your households YPSF status and how to register for eligible YPCE programs.

Allow up to 21 days for application processing. Applications must be approved and processed, and applicants must be registered for the eligible program, prior to beginning the activity. Application approval does not guarantee registration in a program. Eligibility for scholarships must be established every year by meeting eligibility and verification requirements.

YPCE Youth Program Scholarship Fund (YPSF) Application

ActiveNet Account Verification

Do you have a City of Sacramento ActiveNet account?
Yes – continue this application
No – go to http://www.cityofsacramento.gov/YPSF to setup your household account with all Family Members listed, then return to this form
<i>Need help creating an ActiveNet account? Contact Sac Recreation at 916-808-6060 or visit your nearest Community Center for assistance.</i>

Contact & Household Information

Head of Household			
First Name:		Last Name:	
Gender:	Birthdate:	Contact Phone:	
Address:		City:	Zip:
Email Address:			

Family Member(s) Information

Family Member #1	
First Name:	Last Name:
Gender:	Birthdate:

Family Member #2	
First Name:	Last Name:
Gender:	Birthdate:

Family Member #3	
First Name:	Last Name:
Gender:	Birthdate:

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Family Member #4	
First Name:	Last Name:
Gender:	Birthdate:

Family Member #5	
First Name:	Last Name:
Gender:	Birthdate:

Family Member #6	
First Name:	Last Name:
Gender:	Birthdate:

Family Member #7	
First Name:	Last Name:
Gender:	Birthdate:

Family Member #8	
First Name:	Last Name:
Gender:	Birthdate:

Authorized Signature	
I attest that all information in this application is true and correct.	
Signature of Head of Household:	Date:



Hart Senior **Fun Pass**

If you are 50+ and a resident of the City of Sacramento and are having trouble fitting recreation program fees into your budget...

...the Hart Senior Fun Pass is for you!

The Hart Senior Fun Pass is an income-based, fee-waiver supported by the Hart Trust Fund for Older Adults. Complete the application below and, if determined eligible, you will receive a \$100 credit toward classes and programs offered by the City of Sacramento's Community Enrichment Division.

What fun opportunities await you?

Fitness, art, writing classes, computer instruction, day trips, camp in the Sierras, & much more!

To see all of our recreational offerings, check out our "Come Out & Play" catalog at

<https://www.cityofsacramento.org/ParksandRec>

How to qualify for a Hart Senior Fun Pass:

- 1. Complete information below and send it to address indicated.**
Please write your home address on the application. (We reserve the right to verify applicant's residency.)
- 2. Wait 7-10 days for an email or letter from Hart Senior Center notifying you of your Senior Fun Pass status and how to use it to register for a recreation program.**

Questions? Call (916) 808-5462

I, _____, am age 50 or above and need assistance paying for City of Sacramento recreational programs due to financial hardship.*

**By signing, I certify that the supplied information is true and correct.*

Home Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Birthdate: _____ Signature: _____

Submit this form to:

Hart Senior Fun Pass Program
915 27th Street
Sacramento, CA 95816

Community Center YPSF Programs

Summer Oasis

Community Centers, in partnership with Expanded Learning, offers an eight-week summer camp experience called Summer Oasis for youth and teens aged 6-17 at 10 Community Center and select park locations. In 2024, Summer Oasis was provided to participants at no cost. However, in 2025, we increased the fee to \$115 per four-week session. This change led to an increase in enrollment from 1,854 to 2,016 participants. The Youth Program Scholarship Fund awarded full scholarships to 965 participants (\$129,168 value) which covered approximately 48% of all participants.

Programs	2024 Fee	2025 Fee
Kids Camp and Teen Scene (4-week session)	\$0.00	
Summer Oasis (4-week session)		\$115.00
Wellness Rooms (year membership)	\$0.00	\$50.00

Community Center Summer Enrollment

Summer Program	2024	2025	YPSF Registrations	% of YPSF
Coloma CC	120	188	18	10%
Clunie CC	123	193	38	20%
George Sim CC	289	249	206	83%
Hagginwood CC	251	170	152	89%
North Natomas Park*	191	222	16	7%
Oak Park CC	152	227	200	88%
Pannell Meadowview CC	243	253	178	70%
South Natomas CC	217	263	137	52%
Southside Clubhouse	69	33	7	21%
William Land Park*	199	218	13	6%
Total	1,854	2,016	965	

*The Summer Oasis Park locations are included in the summer program data.

Wellness Room

Community Centers operates four Wellness Rooms at Oak Park, Pannell, George Sim, and South Natomas, each featuring cardio machines, exercise machines, and free weights. In 2024, memberships were provided at no cost. Starting in 2025, the cost for a Wellness Room Membership was \$50 for the calendar year. The Hart Fun Pass awarded \$7,605 to offset membership costs for 153 older adult participants; and the YPSF scholarship awarded \$100 for youth Wellness Room memberships.

Wellness Rooms	FY24	FY25
George Sim CC	3,263	5,456
Oak Park CC	4,350	7,015
Pannell Meadowview CC	5,019	10,260
South Natomas CC	5,642	9,137
Total Visits	18,274	31,868

Community Center Youth Fee Waivers

Community Centers offer discounts for room rentals to youth serving non-profit organizations.

Youth Fee Waivers	2024		2025	
% of Fee Waiver	50%	100%	50%	100%
# of Fee Waivers	2	9	6	6
Amount Waived	\$4,360	\$35,816.80	\$40,567.40	\$105,006.25

Youth Sports

Youth sports programs are offered citywide and include Jr. NBA and Basketball Camps.

Program	Total Registrations	YPSF Registrations	% YPSF
Jr. NBA	197	16	8.1%
Basketball Camp	86	29	33%
Total	283	45	16%

Sports Field Fee Reduction

Youth non-profit sports organizations qualify for sport field permit fee reductions based on qualifying criteria.

	FY 24	FY 25
# of Fee Waivers Granted	10	25
Amount Waived	\$7,246.75	\$108,236.50

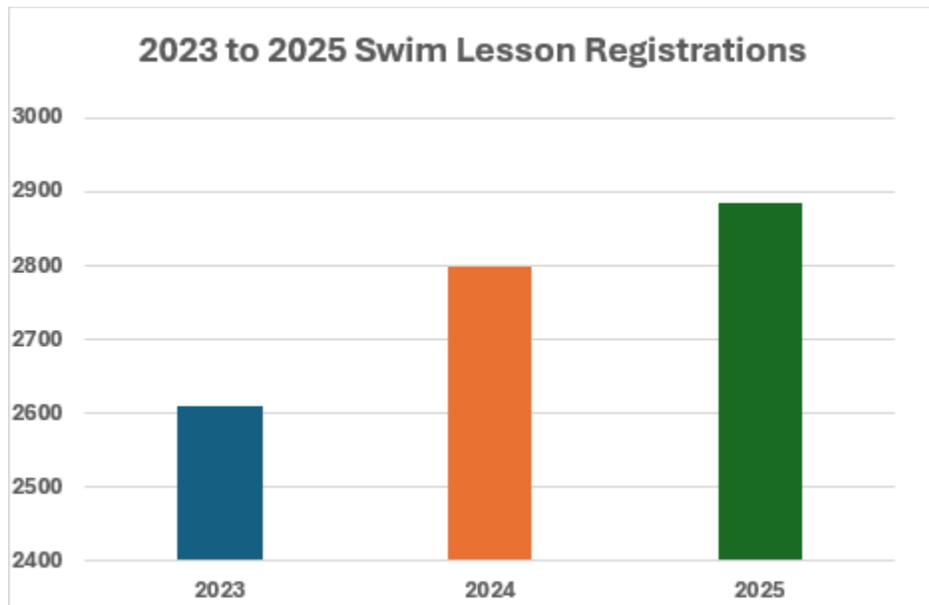
Aquatics Youth Programs

Programs	Summer 2024 Fee	Summer 2025 Fee
Swim Lessons per 6-lesson session	\$69.00	\$72.00
Swim Lessons per lesson	\$11.50	\$12.00
Jr Guard	\$39.00	\$79.00
Swim Team	\$149.00	\$149.00

Aquatic program registration remains strong even with slight increases in some programs. The Youth Program Scholarship Fund has helped increase participation and accessibility 806 participants, \$61,765 in value, received free aquatics programs for the summer of 2025.

Swim Lessons

The Aquatics section provides equitable access to swim lessons to ensure learn-to-swim programming is available to learners of all ages, city-wide. Swim lesson programming was offered at all 13 pools during Summer 2025, and programming was offered in the Spring and Fall at Clunie Pool and NNAC. 2,884 registrants attended swim lesson programming in 2025. Swim lesson fees increased by \$0.50 per class meeting, or \$3 for the typical class set of six lessons. Despite a modest price increase, swim lesson registrations increased.



Junior Lifeguard Camps

Junior Lifeguard Camps provide youth ages 12-15 years old with a foundation in water rescue skills and help participants prepare for enrollment in an American Red Cross Lifeguard course. In 2025, Junior Lifeguard Camps were held during the summer at Clunie Pool, McClatchy Pool, Pannell Meadowview Pool, and NNAC. 82 youth participated in the Junior Lifeguarding program in 2025, close to the summer 2024 enrollment of 88 youth. In the summer of 2025 Junior Lifeguard Camps increased in prices from \$39 to \$79, but maintained an enrollment level close to the total of summer of 2024.

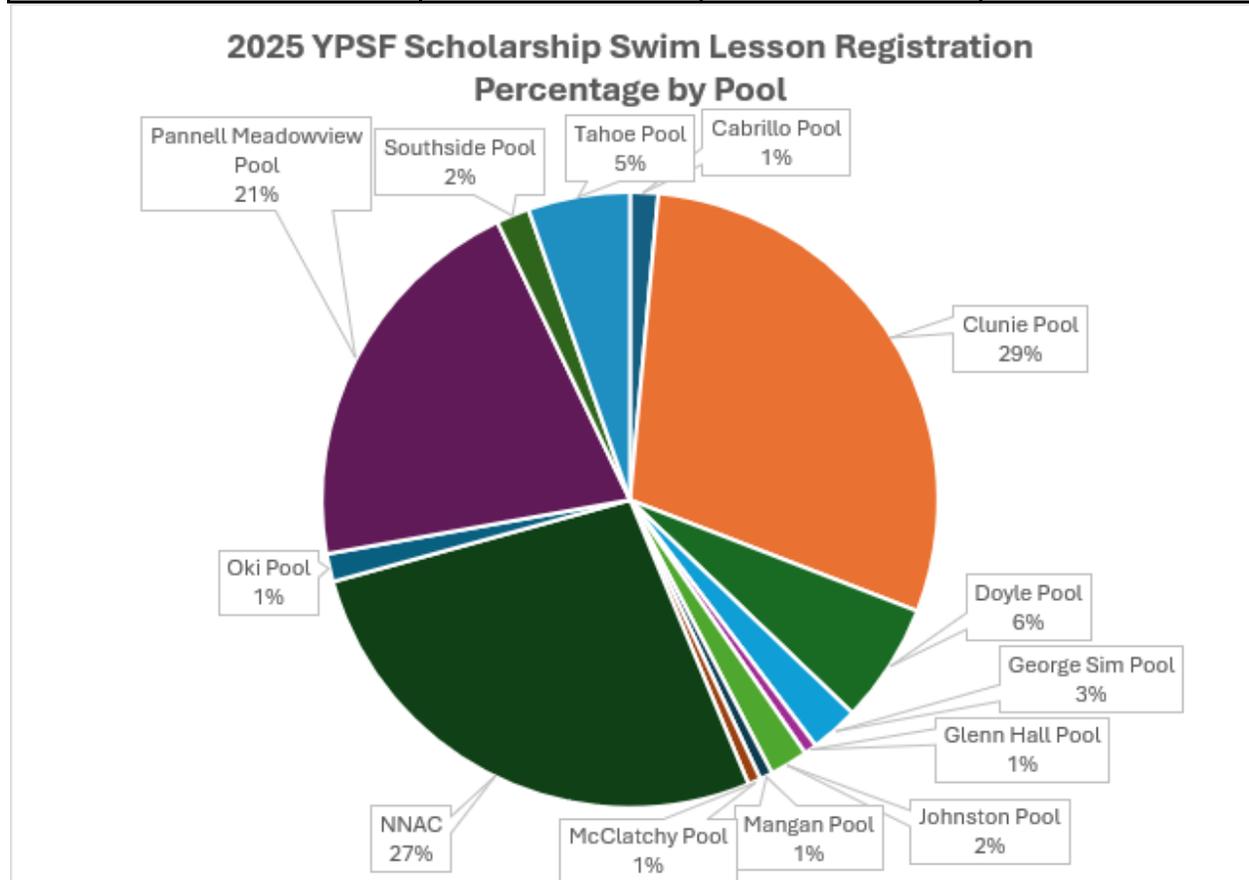
Swim Team

The Aquatics section offers summer season recreational swim teams that focus on swim training and pre-competitive instruction. The City offers swim teams at Clunie Pool, Glenn Hall Pool, Pannell Meadowview Pool, and NNAC. Throughout the summer, participants are offered the opportunity to compete in swim meets at Pannell Meadowview Pool and NNAC. In Summer 2025, 347 swimmers participated in swim team programs, close to the summer 2024 enrollment of 354 swimmers. Of note, there was no price change for swim team between the summer of 2024 and summer of 2025.

Youth Program Scholarship Fund – Aquatics Totals

The YPCE Youth Program Scholarship Fund (YPSF) ensures youth ages 0-24 and families with financial need have access to quality aquatics programs throughout the City of Sacramento. Eligible Aquatics programs include Swim Lessons, Swim Team, and Junior Lifeguard Camps. A total of \$61,765 was awarded to 806 youth in aquatics programs.

YPSF Swim Lesson Registration Summer 2025			
Pool	Total Swim Lesson Registrations	YPSF Registrations	% YPSF
Cabrillo Pool	36	11	31%
Clunie Pool	662	220	33%
Doyle Pool	144	47	33%
George Sim Pool	31	19	61%
Glenn Hall Pool	73	5	7%
Johnston Pool	37	15	41%
Mangan Pool	31	5	16%
McClatchy Pool	26	5	19%
NNAC	961	202	21%
Oki Pool	28	11	39%
Pannell Meadowview Pool	425	155	36%
Southside Pool	76	13	17%
Tahoe Pool	314	40	13%
Total	2,844	748	26%



YPSF Junior Guard Camp Registration Summer 2025			
Pool	Total Junior Guard Registrations	YPSF Registrations	% YPSF
Clunie	34	7	21%
McClatchy	6	4	67%
NNAC	31	6	19%
Pannell Meadowview	11	8	73%
Total	82	25	30%

YPSF Swim Team Registration Summer 2025			
Pool	Total Swim Team Registrations	YPSF Registrations	% YPSF
Clunie Pool	81	5	6%
Glenn Hall Pool	85	3	4%
NNAC	100	8	8%
Pannell Meadowview Pool	81	17	21%
Total	347	33	10%

Hart Trust Fund

The Ethel MacLeod Hart Trust Fund provides funding for Older Service initiatives across the city and currently funds two scholarship opportunities: the Hart Fun Pass and the Triple R scholarships. The Hart Fun Pass provides \$100 per year for seniors experiencing financial hardship that can be used towards any city program. The Triple R scholarship provides financial assistance on a sliding scale for the city's licensed adult day program supporting residents with dementia. Both scholarships are funded solely by the Hart Trust Fund and receives no General Fund support.

Hart Fun Pass Comparison – FY24 to Current

Program Area	FY24	FY25
HART	\$1,378.50	\$1,093.00
AQUATICS	\$3,041.00	\$5,575.00
TRIPS	\$10,571.00	\$13,709.00
CC	\$ 2,245.00	\$9,279.00
AL	\$122.00	\$72.00
Total	\$17,357.50	\$29,728.00

Triple R Sliding Scale Comparison – FY24 to Current

Site	FY24 Amount	FY25 Amount
Club Refresh	\$13,010.00	\$16,975.00
Midtown	\$15,705.00	\$19,454.00
SLP	\$18,980.00	\$20,423.00
Total	\$47,695.00	\$56,852.00

The Older Adult scholarship programs saw an increase in usage, specifically in aquatics, trips and tours, and community center activities and wellness rooms memberships due to the small fee increase implemented in FY24.