



AMENDING THE UTILITY BILL CONTRIBUTIONS POLICY
RELATED TO THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM

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Background

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- ❑ 2003 - Contributions through utility bills for the Senior Citizen Utility Bill Assistance Program
- ❑ April 17, 2018 – City staff proposed adding Summer Youth Programs and the Animal Services Unit to the Program
- ❑ Recreation Services (RS) never took action to create an operational practice from this resolution and a Summer Youth Program based on financial assistance for children was not established

Proposed change

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- ❑ RS Scholarship Program provides financial assistance for children unable to attend City Recreation Services fee-based programs
- ❑ Scholarships are available for the following:
 - ❑ City Based Programs
 - ❑ Events
 - ❑ Camps
 - ❑ Clinics
 - ❑ Activities
 - ❑ Lessons
 - ❑ Facility Memberships
 - ❑ Summer Pool Passes

Proposed Change Eligibility

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□ Eligibility:

- ▣ Each child and/or applicant may receive up to \$100 with a maximum of \$200 per family per calendar year
- ▣ Provide proof they live in the City of Killeen
- ▣ Between the ages of 4 – 16
- ▣ Show that the applicant receives state or school assistance
- ▣ RS Staff will manage and track these applications through the year to include working to make this application fillable online

Alternatives

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- Option 1 – Not accept the amendments to this policy
- Option 2 – Accept the amendments to this policy but make edits to what is proposed
- Option 3 – Accept the amendments to the summer youth program financial assistance policy

Recommendations

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- Staff recommends that City Council approve the amendment to the financial governance policy related to the Utility Bill Contribution Program and the Recreation Services Scholarship Program.