



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

## MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 17, 2022

TO: Honorable Councilmember Chris Cate, Budget Review Committee Chair, and  
Honorable Budget Review Committee Members

FROM: Rolando Charvel, Department of Finance Director and City Comptroller

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Review Committee Referral Responses for the May 5, 2022,  
Morning Session

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This memorandum provides responses and/or follow up information to unanswered questions asked at the Budget Review Committee meeting held on the morning of May 5, 2022. The Department of Finance has worked with the appropriate department(s) to obtain answers to these questions and provide a consolidated response. The responses are listed by department in the order that they were reviewed by the Committee.

### **Cultural Affairs**

#### **COUNCIL DISTRICT 4**

##### **QUESTION:**

Please provide details on the application process for awarding the Organizational Support and Creative Communities allocations to outside organizations.

##### **RESPONSE:**

The City's arts and culture funding through the Organizational Support Program (OSP) and Creative Communities San Diego (CCSD) funding categories are awarded to nonprofits, through competitive application processes, that make meaningful impacts in communities and expand access to arts and culture throughout the city. The source of the funding for Organizational Support Program (OSP) and Creative Communities San Diego (CCSD) is Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) and is governed by [Council Policy 100-03](#) and the specific funding category guidelines.

Organizational Support Program - Provides general operating support for arts and culture nonprofit organizations for delivery of activities that positively impact San Diego's quality of life and tourism and provide direct access and increased opportunities for excellence in culture and the arts. Details for the recent application process can be found in the FY 2023 OSP Guidelines available here: <https://www.sandiego.gov/arts-culture/funding/osp>.

Creative Communities San Diego – Provides project support for tax-exempt nonprofit organizations (and organizations via fiscal sponsors) to deliver dynamic projects in San Diego neighborhoods that engage diverse communities in arts, culture, and creativity; and contribute to a more accessible and sustainable creative ecosystem. Projects can take a variety of artistic and cultural forms, from film and video screenings, art exhibitions and performances to festivals, parades, and other activities in a similar vein. Details for the recent application process can be found in the FY 2023 CCSD Guidelines here: <https://www.sandiego.gov/arts-culture/funding/ccsdapplying>.

## **Parks and Recreation**

### **COUNCIL DISTRICT 1**

#### **QUESTION:**

Regarding allocated funding for equity and recreational programs, specifically \$550,000 that has been requested, how much does the city invest in the northern recreation centers versus the southern recreation centers? Please provide a summary of annual recreational program funding, separated by parks north of I-8 and south of I-8.

#### **RESPONSE:**

The Parks and Recreation Department has two sources of funding recreation programs: general fund budget and sixty recreation center funds (RCF). RCFs stemmed from what was previously Recreation Council, independent non-profit organizations, managed funds. When the city attorney opined in 2017 that the Recreation Councils were collecting city funds, the Recreation Councils turned those funds over to the city and established 60 separate funds in 2018 as part of Council resolution R-311478 to support recreation programs and enhanced maintenance. There are more contractual programs north of the I-8 which is primarily why there are higher balances as roughly 78% of the RCF balances come from program registrations. South of the I-8 locations have not typically acquired contractual recreation programs as their programs are typically free to low cost, resulting in lower revenues for their respective RCFs.

The FY 2022 general fund recreation budget for Community Parks I (recreation centers north of I-8) is just under \$8.4 million and Community Parks II, Developed Regional Parks, and Open Space (recreation centers south of I-8) is just over \$9.8 million. In addition to the \$9.8 million, an additional \$1.6 million is budgeted for Therapeutic and Age Well Services, an additional \$5.4 million is budgeted for Aquatics, and an additional \$250,000 was budgeted for Back to Work SD. The Non-Personnel Expenditures (NPE) for recreation centers north of I-8 is \$287,000 and the NPE for sites south of I-8 is \$1.3 million. Part of the \$1.3 million budgeted for NPE is the receipt of Come Play Outside funding that was a one-time budget for FY 2022 in the amount of \$400,000. For the FY 2023 Proposed budget, there is \$664,000 allocated for Come Play Outside and Back to Work SD, with \$78,000 allocated for recreation centers north of I-8 and the remainder allocated for recreation centers south of I-8.

The RCF budgets for sites north of the I-8 for FY 2022 total \$3.4 million and sites south of the I-8 total \$419,809. The proposed FY 2023 RCF budgets include \$3,566,239 for recreation center funds north of I-8 and \$533,153 for recreation centers south of I-8. The FY 2023 proposed RCF Budgets will be presented to City Council on May 24, 2022.

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The table below represents a summary of these budgets:

<b>FY 2022 Funding Source*</b>	<b>North I-8</b>	<b>South I-8</b>
General Fund	\$8,386,954	\$9,838,119
Recreation Center Funds	\$3,449,643	\$419,809
Grants and Donations**	\$72,500	\$1,087,500
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$11,909,097</b>	<b>\$11,345,428</b>

\*Table does not include Aquatics and Therapeutic /Age Well Services budgets since those programs are Department-wide.

\*\*Grants and donations for FY 2022 include \$750,000 from the County of San Diego and \$410,000 from the San Diego Parks Foundation.

Sincerely,

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