

## Legislation Text

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**SUBJECT:**

Discuss and consider approval of a Fee Assistance Program policy for Das Rec, New Braunfels Recreation Center.

**BACKGROUND / RATIONALE:**

Staff has researched and developed a Fee Assistance Program policy for Das Rec. The Fee Assistance Program will allow residents with a verified financial hardship the opportunity to participate in Das Rec programs and services at a reduced rate. Discounts range from 20% to 75%, depending on the level of need as determined by the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) income guidelines.

DISCOUNT	75% <i>Extremely Low</i>	50% <i>Very Low</i>	20% <i>Low</i>
Household Size	Total Annual Income		
1	\$0 - \$13,350	\$13,351 - \$22,250	\$ 22,251 - \$35,600
2	\$0 - \$16,240	\$16,240 - \$25,400	\$25,400 - \$40,650
3	\$0 - \$20,420	\$20,420 - \$28,600	\$28,600 - \$45,750
4	\$0 - \$24,600	\$24,600 - \$31,750	\$31,750 - \$50,800
5	\$0 - \$28,780	\$28,780 - \$34,300	\$34,300 - \$54,900
6	\$0 - \$32,960	\$32,960 - \$36,850	\$36,850 - \$58,950
7	\$0 - \$37,140	\$37,140 - \$39,400	\$39,400 - \$63,000
8	\$0 - \$41,320	\$41,320 - \$41,950	\$41,950 - \$67,100

The Das Rec Fee Assistance Program can be used to supplement the applicant's and eligible household members' annual membership(s) and/or programs. Fee assistance will not be allowed for facility rentals, birthday party packages, or adult league sports.

To be approved, the applicant must reside within the corporate city limits of New Braunfels and provide proof of residency.

Applicants must re-apply for fee assistance each year. To accurately assess the level of financial assistance each family needs, it is important to have the financial need verified each year with current income and family size information.

Funding for this program is being raised by the New Braunfels Parks Foundation beginning with the Black Ties and Tennies Gala to be held at Das Rec on July 14, 2018. We will also give members the opportunity to donate to the fund through their own memberships.

Staff will work with the City Manager's Office on an annual basis to set the overall funding amount and the maximum family award. The amount of award to each family will be dependent on available funding and Fee Assistance Program participation each year.

**ADDRESSES A NEED/ISSUE IN A CITY PLAN OR COUNCIL PRIORITY:**

N/A

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Fee Assistance Program will be funding through donations through the New Braunfels Parks Foundation. Funding in the amount awarded will be paid to the City of New Braunfels and recognized as revenue for Das Rec programs.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board recommended approval of the Fee Assistance Program at their meeting on June 19, 2018.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of the Fee Assistance Program policy for Das Rec.