

Fall 2023 Funding Re-Appropriation Legislation Overview

There is \$53,865 from the 2023-24 youth program funding support that would better serve the community by being reallocated to highly effective programs. These funds are unspent because:

- programs did not spend their entire allocation, and returned unspent dollars
- an approved program was non-compliant, so funding was withheld,
- an organization decided they could not effectively implement the program at this time.

The Parks & Youth Services teams have carefully reviewed the best way to redistribute these funds to make sure the money is working to serve community youth. We considered the following criteria:

- demonstrated impact and reach
- compliance with past allocations
- timing of program offering

We have reached out to each of the following programs asking for how a small increase in funding would be utilized to improve their offering and reach more children in our community. Each responded in compelling ways:

aMAYSing Kids: \$5,000 will enable them to establish a media program experience specifically for autistic children.

Go Tyme Grynd: \$4,865 will support additional coaching hours, which translates into serving kids on their waiting list.

4th & Goal: \$4,500 will support additional students to participate in ongoing football training camps that include significant content around character building.

Believe Center: \$5,000 to expand programming around developing and nurturing life-skills to overcome generational cycles of poverty.

Kool Kat Science: \$3,000 will enable them to fund an additional STEM session each month as part of the Sanger Library's "Teen Meetup" program, as well as a four-day spring break STEM camp experience.

Nature's Nursery: \$4,000 will enable them to offer four additional wildlife education programs in City of Toledo Parks.

Eddie Norrils Basketball: \$3,500 to support Mr. Norrils' basketball program. He had been unaware of the available City support and has been paying for this program out of his own pocket.

American Cultural Exchange program: \$4,500 will support the same program we sponsored last year. The foreign exchange students are placed in local high schools, and spent considerable time learning about our City government. The program coordinator was under the impression the funding would be renewed, therefore neglected to reapply.

Scott High School Entrepreneurs Club: \$8,000 will underwrite some of the expense for club members to travel to New York City and visit the business district and Wall Street. This is an extremely effective program that we discovered last spring.

Mayor's Office on Neighborhood and Safety (MONSE): \$11,500 will be set aside to support direct training needs and program support.