

The Recreation Council of Greater St. Louis St. Charles County Office

~ Personal Care Funding ~

Community Recreation Programs

Parks & Recreation Summer Day Camp

School Break Camp



The Recreation Council of Greater St. Louis with funding from the Developmental Disability Resource Board of St. Charles County provides this voucher program to address the high support, personal care needs of St. Charles County residents attending a municipal park summer day camp, school break camp, or inclusive community recreation programs.

This funding is for individuals of any age who have a developmental disability, live in St. Charles County, require personal care assistance as verified by their case manager, and are enrolled in an inclusive recreation program.

<u>Community Recreation and Overnight Camps</u>: You may request funds to be reimbursed for the cost to hire a person to assist with physical, cognitive, or behavioral support needs when those services are not provided by your program. Maximum request is between \$8 and \$12 per hour to a maximum of \$640 per fiscal year (Oct 1- Sept 30).

<u>Municipal Park Summer Day Camp</u>: Funds may be requested for children ages 5-17 with high personal care needs in toileting, feeding, and dressing who are attending a summer day camp operated by the cities of St. Charles, St. Peters, O'Fallon, Wentzville, and Lake St. Louis. You can request up to 10 hours per day at \$8-\$12 per hour to a maximum of \$640 per fiscal year (Oct 1- Sept 30).

The care giver must be age 16 or older, and may not reside in the same home as the participant. You find, screen, hire, and pay your support person. You are expected to pay your support person additional wages beyond the requested reimbursement amount as your co-pay. Hours paid to a support person for transportation to and from your program location are not reimbursable.

Due to the delicate nature of personal care, and the need to address safety of the participant, we recommend that the personal care provider undergo a security background check through the Missouri Department of Health, Family Care Registry. The family may request funds to cover the cost of doing a background check if needed. Visit www.health.mo.gov/safety/fcsr to get the forms or to complete the check online. Caregivers who have already completed a background check through their employer may request an update and distribution of to their records at no charge.

Hours/units are billed to the Recreation Council, by the family, on a monthly invoice form. The Recreation Council will make payment directly to the family. The family completes a reimbursement request form which is signed by the parent/guardian, the caregiver, and the program supervisor.

This funding does not cover program fees. *In addition to this funding, participants may apply for a Recreation Council Community Program Voucher to assist with the cost of program fees.* Applications for the voucher program are available on our website or by contacting our St. Charles office.

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