Carver County Parks and Recreation <u>"Recquity" Fund</u>

Overview and Purpose:

The goal of the Recquity Fund is to provide an opportunity for equitable recreation programming. The program achieves this by further reducing the barrier of cost for organized groups that have been determined to meet program requirements.

Qualifying Applicants:

The program is intended for organized groups booking recreation programming. The program does not address individuals.

In order to qualify, a group must meet one of the below requirements. If an applicant does not meet one of the qualifiers below, Park staff will further assess the applicant and can approve on a case by case basis.

- **1.** Group is associated with an organization who serves individuals with physical or cognitive disabilities.
- 2. Group is associated with an organization who serves older adults (60+).
- **3.** Group is associated with a scouting organization.
- **4.** Group has more than 16% Free and Reduced school lunch program participation or is coming from a school with more than 16% Free and Reduced lunch participation.
 - a. (Carver County average is 16% in 2019 according to MN Dept. of Health).
- **5.** Group is associated with a low-income community as determined by median household income in the area.
 - a. Carver County median household income: \$93,095

Fee Reduction Amounts & Annual Caps:

Applicants approved by the Carver County Parks Department will receive a discount of 50% per program booking with an annual cap of \$250.00 per group/agency. Between January and August of the year, successful applicants will be awarded funds as described above. Any remaining funds will be available on a first-come, first-served basis to qualifying applicants allowing for the capacities above to be exceeded.

Recquity Fund Process:

- 1. Review application requirements to ensure group eligibility
- 2. Submit application to <u>parks@co.carver.mn.us</u> at least 14 days before program date
- 3. Parks staff will reach out to confirm eligibility, plan programming, and give price quote
- 4. Parks staff will send the reduced invoice after programming is delivered

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Name of School or Organization:	
Contact Name:	Phone #:
Email:	Application Date:
Briefly describe your group and programmir	ng interest.
Briefly describe what conditions make your	group eligible for the Recquity Fund.
How did you hear about the Recquity Fund?	
Please describe how this discounted programinfluence approval process).	mming will benefit your group (answer does not
Do you have any suggestions for improving	the Recquity Fund process?
	uments and email completed application to co.carver.mn.us