MAMMOTH LAKES TOWN COUNCIL
STAFF REPORT

Council Meeting Date: March 4, 2026

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Title: 2026 Youth Sports Funding Award

RECOMMENDATION: Award $49,000 of Town and Mono County funds to nine non-profit, and self-sustaining youth sports organizations to provide enhanced programing or to foster greater participation from low-income residents.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Town of Mammoth Lakes annually awards funds to supplement organized, non-profit, and self-sustaining youth sports programs that may be in need of additional funding to *provide enhanced programing or to foster greater participation from low-income residents.* The sum of $49,000 is identified in the FY2025/26 Parks and Recreation Department budget for allocation to the 2026 Youth Sports Funding Program. This sum includes $10,000 of funds from Mono County in support of county-wide youth sports programs.

At the regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission on February 3, 2026, the Commission unanimously approved the funding recommendations as presented by Town staff in Table 1.

ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION:

The application period for the 2026 award opened on Monday, January 5 and closed on Friday, January 23, 2026. A total of nine (9) Youth Sports Funding applications were filed and received by the Parks and Recreation Department. Staff have reviewed each application and confirmed their eligibility for funding.

Staff would also like to make the Town Council aware that *Mammoth Post 476 Mountaineers* is a newly formed travel baseball team that is submitting a funding application for the first time. Mono County Little League has also regained their non-profit status and now meets all eligibility criteria.

2026 funding requests exceeded available funds by $16,000.

A summary of 2026 funding applications can be viewed in Table 1 and in detail in Attachment A.

Complete funding applications are posted for public review on the dedicated Youth Sports Funding page: https://www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov/1402/2026-Youth-Sports-Funding-Applications

Tony Colasardo Scholarship Fund

The Tony Colasardo Scholarship Fund provides full and partial scholarships for recreation programs provided, and supported, by the Mammoth Lakes Parks and Recreation Department. **In 2025, 106 children were awarded scholarships encompassing 172 programs valued at over $14,000.** Scholarships are awarded on an annual, calendar-year basis, and provide either a 25%, 50%, 75%, or 90% discount. The Tony Colasardo Scholarship Fund is available to youth sports participants to assist with registration fees, with a limit of **$300 per program**. Staff plan to continue working with each Youth Sports Organization during their registration periods to raise awareness of the scholarship program.

2026 Funding Applications

The Parks and Recreation Commission recommended 2026 Youth Sports Funding awards are highlighted below in Table 1. Historical funding requests and allocations can also be viewed in Attachment A.

Funding Methodology

Based on the fluctuating available funds year over year, the different operating environments that each youth sporting organization experiences, the disparate number of participants that each organization serves and the different types of non-profits and their respective missions, staff are proposing the funding methodology applied the past three years be utilized for the 2026 awards. To ensure organizational equity, each organization is categorized and placed in a Tier. Based on the average cost per participant of the varying sports and the associated expenses (i.e. swimming/hockey has a higher facility cost versus soccer or baseball based on Town facility use agreements), staff assigned an approximate revenue amount per participant.

The Tiers and revenue amount per participant are as follows:

Tier	Definition	Revenue/Participant
One	Youth Sports Organizations that use Town facilities and pays <$1/year	**Approx. $35**
Two	Youth Sports Organizations that have facility fees OR staff costs	**Approx. $45**
Three	Youth Sports Organizations that have facility fees AND staff costs	**Approx. $70**
Four	A non-profit organization that provides valuable community youth programming	**$2,500 award**

Table 1: Funding Recommendations

2026 Youth Sports Funding Recommendations					
$49,000 Funding Level					
Organization	2026 Recommendations	2026 Request	2025 Award	2025 Participants	
Tier One - Youth Sports Organizations that use Town facilities and pay <$1/year					
AYSO - Mammoth Lakes Region 316	$ 16,750.00	$ 18,000.00	$ 16,940.00	466	
Mono County Little League	$ 8,500.00	$ 10,000.00	$ -	240	
Mammoth Post 476 Mountaineers	$ 1,500.00	$ 3,000.00	$ -	18	
Mammoth Lakes Futbol Club	$ 1,300.00	$ 5,000.00	$ 1,300.00	36	
Tier Two - Youth Sports Organizations that have facility fees OR staff costs					
Eastern Sierra Nordic Ski Association	$ 1,000.00	$ 7,500.00	$ 6,100.00	19	
Mammoth Lakes Youth Hockey	$ 7,500.00	$ 5,000.00	$ 7,610.00	162	
Mammoth Club Volleyball	$ 3,200.00	$ 3,500.00	$ 3,350.00	70	
Tier Three - Youth Sports Organizations that have facility fees AND staff costs					
Mammoth Lakes Swim Team	$ 6,750.00	$ 10,000.00	$ 7,200.00	96	
Tier Four - A non-profit organization that provides valuable community youth programming					
Access Mammoth	$ 2,500.00	$ 3,000.00	$ 2,500.00	30	
TOTAL	$ 49,000.00	$ 65,000.00	$ 45,000.00	1,137	

STAFFING CONSIDERATIONS:

The youth sports funding program is part of the department's annual work program.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Funds are approved by the Town Council every year as part of the annual Town Budget process. A total of $49,000 is available for award.

ATTACHMENTS:

A. 2026 Youth Sports Funding Recommendations

Attachment A

2026 Youth Sports Funding Recommendations

2025 Youth Sports Funding Recommendations

Organization	2026 Recommendations	2026 Request	2025 Award	2025 Request	2024 Award	2025 Participants	2024 Participants	2026 Request per Participant	2026 Recomm. per Participant	% Total Participants	% Total Growth Participants
AYSO - Mammoth Lakes Region 316	$ 16,750.00	$ 18,000.00	$ 16,940.00	$ 15,000.00	$ 13,680.00	466	418	$ 38.63		40.99%	11.48%
Access Mammoth	$ 2,500.00	$ 3,000.00	$ 2,500.00	$ 2,500.00	$ 1,800.00	30	31	$ 100.00		2.64%	-3.23%
Eastern Sierra Nordic Ski Association	$ 1,000.00	$ 7,500.00	$ 6,100.00	$ 6,000.00	$ 4,810.00	19	130	$ 394.74		1.67%	-85.38%
Mammoth Club Volleyball	$ 3,200.00	$ 3,500.00	$ 3,350.00	$ 3,500.00	$ 3,000.00	70	72	$ 50.00		6.16%	-2.78%
Mammoth Lakes Football Club	$ 1,300.00	$ 5,000.00	$ 1,300.00	$ 10,000.00	$ 1,500.00	36	32	$ 138.89		3.17%	12.50%
Mammoth Lakes Swim Team	$ 6,750.00	$ 10,000.00	$ 7,200.00	$ 10,000.00	$ 6,655.00	96	109	$ 104.17		8.44%	-11.93%
Mammoth Lakes Youth Hockey	$ 7,500.00	$ 5,000.00	$ 7,610.00	$ 6,000.00	$ 4,555.00	162	162	$ 30.86		14.25%	0.00%
Mono County Little League	$ 8,500.00	$ 10,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ 7,680.00	240	-	$ 41.67		21.11%	0.00%
Mammoth Post 476 Mountaineers	$ 1,500.00	$ 3,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	18	-	$ 166.67		1.58%	0.00%
Mammoth Track Club		$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 1,320.00	0	-				
Mammoth High School Boosters		$ -	$ -	$ 15,000.00	$ -	0	195				
TOTAL	**$ 49,000.00**	**$ 65,000.00**	**$ 45,000.00**	**$ 68,000.00**	**$ 45,000.00**	**1137**	**1,149**			**100.00%**	