



Agenda Item Summary

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Meeting Date: 3/7/2023

PLACEMENT: Departmental

TITLE:

SPECIAL OLYMPICS UPDATE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Special Olympics Florida, Inc. (Special Olympics) is requesting that the Martin County Board of County Commissioners (Board) fund one full-time equivalent (FTE) position within the Parks and Recreation Department for the FY2024 budget.

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

PREPARED BY: **Name:** Kevin V. Abbate

Title: Parks and Recreation Director

REQUESTED BY: Special Olympics Florida

PRESET:

PROCEDURES: None

BACKGROUND/RELATED STRATEGIC GOAL:

On August 16, 2022, Special Olympics provided a presentation to the Board and requested that the Board fund a position within the Parks and Recreation Department. No action was taken.

The proposed FTE position would coordinate all Special Olympic programming along with a Martin County-based team of athletes. In connection with the position, Special Olympics is also requesting access to various Martin County Parks and Recreation facilities for team training and equipment storage, all at no charge.

Special Olympics currently conducts swim practices and hosts swim meets at Sailfish Splash Waterpark's competition pool via a permit for a summer program from June through July of each year. Special Olympics also utilizes other County assets for recreational programming in coordination with other organizations.

The Parks and Recreation Department has determined that the estimated annual cost to fund a specialty FTE position (salary, cell phone stipend, office space, etc.) to manage the program effectively is approximately \$92,000.

ESTIMATED BUDGET: Therapeutic Recreation Coordinator

Regular Salaries: \$55,000
Medicare: \$4,200
Retirement Contributions: \$6,000
Life & Health Insurance: \$17,500
Cell Phone Stipend: \$1,100
Vehicle Maintenance: \$3,000
Education & Training: \$2,000
Office Supplies: \$1,000
Travel & Per Diem: \$2,000

ISSUES:

Martin County Legal Department, Risk Department, and TRICO would evaluate the feasibility and requirements should County staff be requested to transport Special Olympics program participants.

LEGAL SUFFICIENCY REVIEW:

None

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECOMMENDATION

The Board is asked to provide direction on the provided request from Special Olympics Florida.

ALTERNATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

None

FISCAL IMPACT:

RECOMMENDATION

If approved, the Parks and Recreation Department would submit a supplemental budget request which will result in an Ad Valorem impact in preparation for the FY2024 budget.

ALTERNATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

None

DOCUMENT(S) REQUIRING ACTION:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Grant / Application | <input type="checkbox"/> Notice | <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance |
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