



## **MAYOR'S YOUTH FUND POLICY**

**Purpose:** The Mayor's Youth Fund was created to provide supplemental financial assistance to students and non-profit groups that provide services to improve the lives of young people living in the City of Seaside. A policy has been developed to standardize the evaluation of contribution requests and ensure that the funds are used appropriately to serve the City's youth.

**Eligible Applicants:** Contributions will only be made to, or on behalf of, students or organized groups, such as schools and non-profit organizations based in Seaside and/or serving a majority of Seaside residents (50%) that are 18 years old or younger or enrolled in high school. Faith based organizations may apply for contributions from the Mayor's Youth Fund if the funding is not used to support religious activities such as worship, Sunday School, or religious instruction. In addition, activities funded by the Mayor's Youth Fund must be open to all persons without regard to their religious affiliation.

**Submittal of Contribution Requests:** In order to request a contribution, the following information must be provided in writing:

- Name of the organization, person(s) benefiting, proposed use of the funds, total amount needed or fundraising goal.
- Description of other methods being used to raise funds and/or other contributors.
- An explanation of how the group, activity, or event will benefit Seaside youth.
- Written description of how the use of the funds will be specifically used for youth group activities/events and/or has a nexus to the goals related to recycle, cleanup, and "green" sustainability to ensure a healthy environment.
- How this request will provide a municipal benefit (ie., benefit the community).
- Proof of non-profit organizations status (not a taxpayer's I.D> number) and a current W-9 form.
- Please go [HERE](#) to fill out the application.

**Evaluation Process and Criteria:** Contributions can only be made if approved by the City Council. Funding requests will be evaluated based on their consistency with this policy, including the following criteria.

- Scholastic, athletic, music, environmental and art activities will be considered for funding based on the quality of the proposed activity.
- Evidence of activities/events related to "reduce, reuse and recycle" to ensure a healthy environment.
- Contributions requests will be accepted from individuals and can be made to an organization on behalf of an individual member or student.
- Contributions are only paid to organizations, such as non-profit groups and schools.
- Contributions are intended to fund actual costs related to an event or activity. (Please see "Payment Process" information provided below.)
- Contributions from the Mayor's Youth Fund are not intended to be the sole source of funds for an organization or program and will only be made to supplement other fundraising activities.
- How this request will provide a municipal benefit (ie., benefit the community).



# SEASIDE CALIFORNIA Mayor's Youth Fund

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**Contribution Limits:** In order to equitably distribute funds available in the Mayor's Youth Fund, the following contribution guidelines have been developed, although all contributions are subject to the discretion of the City Council.

Individuals	25% of total cost of activity (not to exceed \$1,000)
Groups up to 20 people	up to \$1,500
Groups of 21+ people	up to \$3,000

In addition, funding will be limited to one contribution per year (every 12 months).

### **Funding Requirements:**

- Funding is limited to one contribution per year (every 12 months).
- The Mayor's Youth Fund Closing Report Form must be submitted to staff at least 60 days upon completion of the event, activity or program. Applicants that do not furnish the form may not apply for funds for the following year.
- A representative from the organization is required to be at the Council meeting for their application to be heard. If no representative is present then the agenda item will be postponed to another City Council meeting upon notification by the applicant.
- Incomplete applications will not be forwarded for Council consideration; applications not answering the question related to reduce, reuse or recycle are considered incomplete.

**Individual Requests:** Please attach an itemized list of all expenses. Amount of donation may not exceed 25% of the total cost of the activity and not exceed \$1,000. Applications that are incomplete will be returned.

**Payment Process:** If a contribution is approved by the City Council, payment will be made to the authorized organization or directly to the vendor selected by the authorized organization after submittal of a receipt or the presentation of actual invoices. No funding can go directly to an individual. This process is required in order to provide documentation required to meet municipal auditing standards.

To fill out the form, please click [HERE](#)

All requests will be considered before the City Council and you will be notified of the specific date your item is placed on the agenda. Please return this completed form with necessary attachments to:

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