

600 Cregg Lane (Currents Aquatics Center in McCormick Park), Missoula, MT 59801 • Phone: 552-6256 Fax: 552-6275

Thanks to the generous support of many local businesses and individuals, Parks and Recreation offers recreation grants the City of Missoula and Missoula County residents.

Who qualifies for the Parks and Recreation Grant?

- Individuals or families who live in Missoula City or Missoula County and can provide proof of residency.
- Individuals or families who receive any public assistance (SNAP, WIC, SSI, etc.)
- Individuals or families who do not receive public assistance but fall under the income guidelines below.

City and County residents

- **City residents are eligible for an annual grant up to \$260:**
 - \$260 may be used for recreation programs and swim lessons - **OR** -
 - A maximum of \$130 may be used for pool passes and the remaining may be used for recreation programs or swim lessons.
- **County residents are eligible for an annual grant up to \$130:**
 - \$130 may be used for recreation programs or pool passes.

How to Apply For a Grant

Due to high demand for grant funds, please follow the application guidelines carefully.

1. **Make an appointment (552-6256) in order to process your grant application.**
2. Fill out the grant application included in this packet. You need only one application per family.
3. Show proof of residency within the City of Missoula or Missoula County with a utility bill or rental agreement.
4. Show proof of your enrollment in a public assistance program or verification of your income as shown on the next page. Eligible public assistance programs include:

✓ WIC	✓ AFDC	✓ CHIP
✓ SNAP	✓ TANF	✓ Montana Medicaid
✓ Healthy Kids Montana	✓ Montana School Breakfast and Lunch Program	

Other (please provide details.) _____
5. Tell us which recreation program or aquatics pass you are applying for. See attached Aquatics Pass pricing and a current Recreation Guide for details.
6. Submit your grant application to Missoula Parks and Recreation headquarters in Currents Aquatics Center, McCormick Park, 600 Cregg Lane, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Helpful tips and additional information

- Please allow a minimum of 5 working days to process your grant application. Please make an appointment (552-6256) in order to process your application.
- If the price of the program or pass is greater than the grant, the applicant will pay the difference.
- See the seasonal Parks and Recreation Guide featuring the latest swim lessons and recreation programs. The guide is published in March, August and December of each year and is available at Currents Aquatics Center and at www.missoulaparks.org.
- Individuals who show extenuating circumstances will be considered for grants. Missoula Parks and Recreation will review requests on a case-by-case basis. Please schedule an appointment with Recreation Superintendent, Shirley Kinsey at 552-6273.
- **Group Homes:** Youth who are under the guardianship of a group home may apply for a grant if the client is low income. Social Service agencies may send parents/guardians to parks to fill out an application.

City Residents: Lower your fees with a Resident Discount Card!

- Residents living within **City of Missoula** legal limits may apply for a Resident Discount Card.
- Bring a current bill with your physical address (water, power, cable or rental agreement) to Currents Aquatics Center. A staff member will confirm your city residency.
- You may purchase cards for \$2.00 each for as many people in your household as you would like to have benefit from the discounted rates. Cards are good from the time you purchase it until December 31st of the same year.
- The Resident Discount Cards gives customers a 20% discount on most recreation programs, pool passes, memberships and entrance fees.
- You may only purchase Resident Discount Cards for people living in your household.

Please see income guidelines for families who do not receive public assistance on the next page.

Income guidelines for families who do not receive public assistance

Individuals or families who do not receive public assistance may qualify for the 100% of the grant amounts offered if their income is at or below the levels shown below. Please provide the front page of your current federal tax return and a current pay stub as proof of income.

100% GRANT: ANNUAL INCOME GUIDELINES*		
# IN FAMILY	ANNUAL INCOME	GRANT AMOUNT
1	\$23,107	\$260 City residents, \$130 County residents
2	\$31,284	\$260 City residents, \$130 County residents
3	\$39,461	\$260 City residents, \$130 County residents
4	\$47,638	\$260 City residents, \$130 County residents
5	\$55,815	\$260 City residents, \$130 County residents
6	\$63,992	\$260 City residents, \$130 County residents
7	\$72,169	\$260 City residents, \$130 County residents
8	\$80,346	\$260 City residents, \$130 County residents

**Based on Missoula County Public Schools Free and Reduced School Meals Program.*

50% GRANT: ANNUAL INCOME GUIDELINES*		
# IN FAMILY	ANNUAL INCOME	GRANT AMOUNT
1	\$28,710	\$130 City residents, \$65 County residents
2	\$38,790	\$130 City residents, \$65 County residents
3	\$48,870	\$130 City residents, \$65 County residents
4	\$58,950	\$130 City residents, \$65 County residents
5	\$69,030	\$130 City residents, \$65 County residents
6	\$79,110	\$130 City residents, \$65 County residents
7	\$89,190	\$130 City residents, \$65 County residents
8	\$99,270	\$130 City residents, \$65 County residents

**Based on an income 225% above current Federal Poverty level*

Individuals or families who do not receive public assistance may qualify for the 50% of the grant amounts offered if their income is at or below the levels shown above. Please provide the front page of your current federal tax return and a current pay stub proof of income.

Grants at the 50% level are capped at a total allocation of \$7,500 per fiscal year and may be applied to any eligible program or pass.

Recreation Grant Application Complete form online, save and email to fisherp@ci.missoula.mt.us or bring to Currents.

Provide proof you live in the City of Missoula or Missoula County.

Please provide utility bill or rental agreement. County resident grants are partially funded by Missoula County.

Provide proof of financial need.

Please provide proof of public assistance through AFDC, WIC, CHIP, SNAP, Medicaid or other program, or proof of income if you do not receive public assistance. Income guidelines are in the "Share The Fun" info packet.

Documents provided _____

Call Missoula Parks & Recreation at 552-6256 for a grant appointment.

Bring your proof of residence and proof of financial need. Review the attached "Share The Fun" information packet and a current Recreation Guide to choose your aquatics passes and/or recreation programs. The Recreation Guide is available at Currents and at www.missoulaparks.org.

★**IMPORTANT: Amount you can contribute towards your aquatics passes or recreation programs: \$_____**
(No amount is too small...thank you!)

Parent/Guardian/Adult: _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone (Home) _____ (Work) _____ Email _____

Child's Name _____ Birthdate _____

x _____
Parent/Guardian/Adult Signature _____ Date _____

Please check the grant you are applying for:

City Resident 100% Grant - up to \$260 (max. \$130 for pool passes)

County Resident 100% Grant - up to \$130

OR

OR

City Resident 50% Grant - up to \$130

County resident 50% Grant - up to \$65

Office Use Only

Residency:	County	City	Program Rec'd:
Proof of Need:	Total Fees:		
Scholarship Amount	Staff:	Date:	

Recreation Grant Agreement

This agreement applies to all scholarship applicants. Your initials and signature mean you agree to the following conditions.

Please read carefully, initial each item and sign at the bottom.

- Grants may not exceed \$130 in pool passes for City and County residents.
- Your grant is available for use during the following dates: _____.
(Office use only)
- **You must register for a recreation program or purchase an aquatics pass to use grant funds.**
- Grant funds are not left on a customer's account as a credit.
- If you have not used or are unsure if you have used your full grant amount for the year, please contact Parks and Recreation in order to access those funds.
- Canceling or changing programs and lessons may lead to the loss of scholarship funds. No changes or refunds will be issued without a minimum of 14 working days' notice prior to the class or program start date. A client is allowed only one cancelation or change during the time period stated above.
- Grant funds may not be used for the following Parks and Recreation programs: daily entrance fees to the Currents or Splash Montana, concession food, birthday parties and picnic shelters and permits.
- You must use at least 1/2 of your Aquatics Pass punches before you can apply to add more punches to an existing pass.
- Payment plans are available for six month and annual passes issued under the Aquatics Pass Grants.

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Parent/Guardian/Adult Signature

Date

**Share the Fun Recreation Grants are administered by
Paula Fisher, Recreation Support Specialist, 552-6256.**

We will contact you within 5 working days to advise you of your grant status.

Parks & Recreation

City of Missoula • 600 Cregg Lane • 721-PARK

In Currents Aquatics Center at McCormick Park

Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm 406-552-6256