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Board of County Commissioners
Leon County, Florida

Policy No. 99-1

Title:	Youth Sports Teams - Funding
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Reference:	Institutional Practice for Dissemination of Sports Teams Funding
Policy Superseded:	N/A

It shall be the policy of the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida, that a program to recognize Leon County's youth sports teams is hereby established, and that funding may be available to such teams provided that they qualify as a "youth sports team." The program will be administered by the County Administrator or his designee and will be funded at the $5000 level annually.

A. Objective

1. This Policy is established to provide the following:
   a. Funding on an annual basis for 10 (ten) youth sports teams at the $500 funding level per team; and
   b. Temporary and nonrecurring funding for youth sporting events, i.e. tournaments.

B. Procedures

1. Youth sports teams requesting funding from the Board of County Commissioners at any time during the fiscal year shall first submit their requests in writing to the County Administrator or his designee for full review and evaluation. The request must include certified documentation establishing the legitimacy of the organization.

2. The County Administrator or his designee is authorized to develop forms and procedures to be used by youth sports teams, or individuals representing such teams, when submitting requests for funding.

3. In carrying out the provisions of this Policy, the County Administrator or his designee will establish a process for evaluating requests, including the criteria described below.

4. Funding will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. In the event that more than one (1) request is received concurrently when the fund's balance is reduced to $500, the remaining $500 will be divided equally among the applicants meeting the evaluation criteria.

5. The Board of County Commissioners will be informed regarding programmatic activity by way of the County's Quarterly Report.

C. Evaluation Criteria

Evaluation of funding requests shall include, but not be limited to, a review of the following:

1. Applicants must have participated in a City, County, or School Athletic Program during the year in which funding is sought.

2. Applicants must document the legitimacy of the team.

3. Team participants must be 19 years of age or younger.

4. The requested funding must support post season activity, e.g. tournament play, awards banquets associated with extraordinary performance.

5. Analysis of the impacts to the team and/or community if the funding is not approved.

6. Availability of funds.