

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 24, 2002
TO: The Board of Supervisors
FROM: Needham S. Cheely, III, Director of Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT: Recreation Grant-in-Aid Program Awards

During the FY 2002 budget process, the Board of Supervisors approved \$25,000 for the Grant-in-Aid Program administered by the Division of Parks and Recreation. This 50/50 matching program was designed to help nonprofit organizations in James City County acquire parks and recreation equipment for citizen use. Qualifying organizations are eligible to apply for funds to pay for playground equipment, fields, services, buildings, and materials as part of a recreation project. These facilities or programs, once funded by the Division, are then open for the citizens of James City County. Organizations can also acquire a match to money that is donated to the Division for a specific project to be located in a County park.

As a result of the fourth application process, it is recommended that the following three projects be funded. The Williamsburg Youth Football League has requested assistance with a \$3,000 equipment purchase to keep pace with the needs of the growing club. The organization provides all the necessary equipment for football and cheerleading ensuring that every child, regardless of ability to pay, can participate in the League. Clara Byrd Baker PTA is recommended for \$4,000 for assistance with a fitness trail around the school. The finished trail with 13 workout stations will be available for all citizens to use. A grant of \$175 is also recommended for the Williamsburg Area Bicyclists to assist with a bike rack to be placed in a prominent commerce center to encourage cycling for personal fitness.

Staff recommends approval of the attached resolution and appropriation of the funds as described above

Needham S. Cheely

CONCUR:

Anthony Conyers, Jr.

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