



Memo

To: Mayor and Hayden City Council
From: Suzanne Cano, Recreation and Community Events Director
Date: August 18, 2026
Agenda Item: Special Needs Recreation Contribution Increase Request for FY2027

Agenda Item Location

Unfinished Business

Recommended Action or Motion

For City Council to discuss and act upon the request made by Specialized Needs Recreation (SNR) to increase the City's annual contribution at the August 11 City Council meeting. Also, in this discussion would be whether the City would want to require an MOU or agreement with SNR.

Functional Impact of Authorizing

Specialized Needs Recreation is asking for an increase of \$3,000.00 to match Hayden's contribution with its equitable share of 16%, based on the number of Hayden residents reported to participate in SNR programs. Currently, Hayden contributes \$3,000.00, which represents about 8% of the total.

SNR also presented this information to the Parks, Recreation and Community Forestry Commission on July 15, and the members unanimously recommended an increase of \$3,500.00 per year, which exceeds SNR's request of \$3,000.00.

Functional Impact of Not Authorizing

By not supporting the increase, the City would not be paying its equitable share for its residents utilizing SNR programs, resulting in approximately an 8% gap, according to SNR's presentation.

Fiscal Impact

The total being requested from SNR for FY2027 is \$6,000.00, which would include the \$3,000.00 that has already been budgeted.

Budget Funding Source/Transfer Request

The contribution expense for SNR would be paid from Specialized Needs Recreation GL#110-721-58006. There is no revenue GL account to offset this expense.

Attachment

Special Needs Recreation Contribution Increase Request Letter for FY2027



August 17, 2026

Dear Hayden City Council,

On behalf of Specialized Needs Recreation (SNR), I respectfully request that the City of Hayden increase its annual contribution from \$3,000 to \$6,000 for the FY 2027 budget cycle to better reflect the number of Hayden residents participating in SNR's year-round recreation and social programs.

For more than 40 years, SNR has provided specialized recreation for children and adults with disabilities throughout our region. Our year-round programs promote healthy movement, independence, friendships, confidence, and community connection through Adult Life Group, Camp All-Stars, sports and fitness, evening activities, and community-based recreation.

Approximately 16% of SNR participants are Hayden residents, while Hayden's current \$3,000 contribution represents approximately 8% of total municipal contributions. Increasing the City's contribution to \$6,000 would bring that investment closer to 16%, creating a more equitable contribution based on the number of Hayden residents we serve.

Through this partnership, Hayden residents have access to specialized, inclusive recreation without the City having to independently develop, staff, transport, and operate these programs. SNR provides the experienced staff, transportation, programming, and infrastructure necessary to deliver these services year-round.

As participation continues to grow, we also propose reviewing and annualizing Hayden participation data each year. This will help ensure a fair and sustainable contribution structure is in place and allow future municipal contributions to appropriately reflect actual participation.

We are grateful for the City of Hayden's continued partnership and respectfully request that \$6,000 be included in the City's FY 2027 budget for Specialized Needs Recreation, along with an annual review of Hayden participation data to help guide future contributions.

Thank you for your continued investment in accessible recreation and in creating a community where Hayden residents with disabilities have opportunities to move, connect, grow, and belong.

With gratitude,
Lindsay Patterson
Executive Director
Specialized Needs Recreation (SNR)