

**To: David Creery, Chief Administrative Officer**

**From: Brian Connors, Director of Parks & Recreation**

**Re: 2026 FAIR Report**

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**AIM**

To increase the number of Woodstock residents who are eligible for Fee Assistance in Recreation (F.A.I.R) program by increasing the cut off limits by 5 or 10 percent.

**BACKGROUND**

The F.A.I.R. program is currently funded with \$35,000 allocated to Recreation and Culture Programs and \$60,000 to Transit Services. All of these funds are derived from slot machine revenues. These funds are designated for people and families who fall below the Low-Income Cut-Off (L.I.C.O.).

Current practices mandate that funds are provided to individuals or families meeting the LICO criteria. A credit is then applied to the relevant City Recreation account for use by the individual or family, valid for one calendar year, in any recreational or cultural city program or to be used for City Transit Services. These funds have not been fully used. The 2025 Recreation and Culture portion only had \$10,258 of the \$35,000 allocated. While in transit only \$20,108.5 dollars were used of the \$60,000.

**COMMENTS**

To further increase the availability of funds for qualified individuals and families, a 5 percent or 10 percent increase from the L.I.C.O. standard would be recommended:

Family Size	L.I.C.O.	L.I.C.O. +5%	L.I.C.O. +10%
1 Person	\$26,620	\$27,951	\$29,282
2 Persons	\$33,140	\$34,797	\$36,140
3 Persons	\$40,742	\$42,779	\$44,816
4 Persons	\$49,466	\$51,939	\$54,412
5 Persons	\$56,104	\$58,909	\$61,714
6 Persons	\$63,276	\$66,440	\$69,603
7 Persons	\$70,448	\$73,970	\$77,492

These changes aim to optimize fund usage by increasing the low-income qualification.

**ATTACHMENTS**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Woodstock City Council adopts a 5% increase to the L.I.C.O. standard in order to qualify for assistance fees.

Or

That Woodstock City Council adopts a 10% increase to the L.I.C.O. standard in order to qualify for assistance fees.

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