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**Palmer City Council Meeting**

**Meeting Date:** 04/23/2024  
**Submitted For:** John Moosey, City Manager  
**Department:** City Manager's Office  
**Agenda Category:** Action Memorandum  
**Legislation Number:** AM 24-023  **Approved**

**Subject**

**Action Memorandum No. 24-023:** Approving a Council Community Grant Request from Palmer Little League in the Staff Recommended Amount of \$1,380 for Scoreboard Replacement

**Summary Statement/Background**

Since 1967, Palmer Little League has been serving athletes in the Greater Palmer area each and every summer. Last year, over 650 players were enrolled in our baseball and softball programs, from age 4 to 18, spread across a record forty-nine teams through ten divisions. Our organization is 100% volunteer-run and depends on the support of the community and sponsors to make each season happen.

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In February 2014, the City Council adopted Ordinance NO. 14-043, which established the Council Community Grant Program. The City Council approved \$12,000.00 in the Community Council Grants line item for 2024.

Legislation #	Organization	Amount Requested	Remaining	Date Approved
Res 24-005	Beginning Balance-2024 Budget		\$12,000.00	
AM 24-002	2024 I Heart Hockey 8U Tournament	\$1,500	\$10,500.00	1/9/2024
AM 24-010	49th State Street Rodders	\$1,500	\$9,000.00	3/12/2024

**Administration's Recommendation:**  
Approve Action Memorandum No. 24-023

**Fiscal Impact**

**Total Amount of funds listed in this legislation:** \$1,380.00  
**Legislation creates expenditure in the amount of:** \$1,380.00  
**Budgeted Y/N?:** Y  
**Line Item(s):** 01-02-10-6068 Council Community Grants

**Attachments**

Palmer Little League Scoreboard

Project Name: Palmer Little League Scoreboard Replace Date Received: 3.27.24

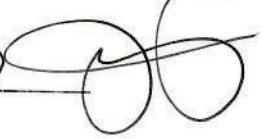
Reviewer Name: Jotta Moosey Date Reviewed: 3.29.24

Has the event previously received City funding? Y  N  List Years/Amounts:  
 If yes, was the Post Event Report completed? Y  N

Required Elements:

- Accessible to all members of the community
- Takes place in/within one mile of Palmer City Limits

		Expectations			Points
		10 pts	7 pts.	3-0 pts	
Accessibility & Strategic Priorities	The application clearly states the economic benefits, and the reader/evaluator easily understands the benefits to the community and residents of the city.	The application states the benefits; however, it is not clear and/or the reviewer/evaluator must assume or use reason to determine the benefits to the community and residents of the city.	The application does not clearly demonstrate the benefits and/or the reader/evaluator cannot determine through reasoning the benefits to the community or residents of the city.		10
	The application clearly addresses how the project meets one or more of the City's Economic Development Strategic Priorities.	The application attempts to address how the project meets one or more of the City's Economic Development Strategic Priorities; however, the reviewer/evaluator must assume or use reason to determine how the project is addressing a strategic priority(s).	The application does not clearly demonstrate how the project is addressing a strategic priority and/or the reader/evaluator cannot determine through reasoning how the project is addressing a strategic priority.		10
Fiscal	The application clearly states how much financial or in-kind services are being requested for the project.	The application contains information regarding financial and/or in-kind services as part of the project; however, it is not clear, and the reviewer/evaluator must assume or use reason to determine what is being requested.	The application does not clearly state what is being requested and/or the reviewer/evaluator cannot determine through reasoning.		10
	The application includes a project budget which demonstrates sound fiscal practices and reviewer/evaluator can easily understand.	The application includes a project budget; however, the reviewer/evaluator has questions or must use reason to understand the overall budget for the project.	The application does not include a project budget, or the reviewer/evaluator cannot understand and/or has significant concerns about the budget as presented.		10
Benefit	The application clearly states how the community will benefit because of the event.	The application states the degree of benefits; however, it is not clear, and the reviewer/evaluator must assume or use reason to determine the how the community will benefit because of this grant.	The application does not clearly demonstrate the degree of benefits and/or the reviewer/evaluator cannot determine the how the community will benefit because of this grant.		10
Reporting	The application clearly states how and when the city will receive a post event report on this project.	The application attempts to address how a post event report will be given to the city; however, it is unclear, and the reviewer/evaluator must assume or use reason to determine how and when the report will be presented.	The application does not attempt to address how a post event report will be given to the city or the reviewer/evaluator cannot determine how the report will be presented.		10
				<b>Total:</b>	<b>60</b>

Staff Recommendation: \$1380 





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## Council Community Grant Application

### Program Information

Program, service, project, or event title: Palmer Little League Scoreboard Replacement  
Date(s) of program, service, project, or event: Summer 2024

### Applicant Information

Name: David Combs  
Address: PO Box 3878  
City: Palmer State: AK Zip: 99645  
Phone: 907-841-6638 Email: pllinfomanager@gmail.com

### Organization Information

Name of organization/group: PLL  
Type of organization/group:  Non-profit  Volunteer group  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### Funding Request

Amount of Request: \$ 1380  
Matching funds provided by applicant: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of funds requesting:  Cash  In-Kind In-Kind Type: \_\_\_\_\_

### Remittance Information

Remit Payment to: Palmer Little League  
Address mail check to: PO Box 3878  
City: Palmer State: AK Zip: 99645  
Phone: 907-841-6638 Email: pllinfomanager@gmail

### **Eligibility**

Describe how your program, service, project or event meets the eligibility guidelines.

Palmer Little League is a baseball/softball organization sanctioned until Little League International. Since 1967, Palmer Little League has been serving athletes in the Greater Palmer area each and every summer. Last year, over 650 players were enrolled in our baseball and softball programs, from age 4 to 18, spread across a record forty-nine teams through ten divisions. Our organization is 100% volunteer-run and depends on the support of the community and sponsors to make each season happen.

To refurbish the fields (Busby and Soule Fields in downtown Palmer behind the Borough building), we have relied on volunteers to help with manual labor, we have received donations and discounts for the heavy equipment work, we have received some grants to help shoulder the costs associated with the projects. Now we just need the scoreboards to finish out the project.

### **Project Summary Information**

In the space below, provide a concise, one paragraph summary of your proposed program, service, project or event and how it benefits the community as well as how this supports the Council's strategic priorities.

The scoreboards at our Sherrod Complex are aging - they need to be replaced. We have used them for over 20 years and they've lasted us well. We have also added additional fields to our program and those now need electronic scoreboards. Palmer Little League will also be hosting four state-wide All-Star tournaments in June and July, bringing hundreds of athletes, families, volunteers, and spectators to our small town. We'd like to have the best equipment to showcase our town and organization. The softball program has been exponentially growing each year and we have two completely refurbished fields for the young women to play on. Those fields need working score boards.

Palmer Little League is a community partner - we help teach youth that volunteerism matters and that programs can only exist and succeed if people step up to help and persevere through challenges to be successful. Our players become volunteer umpires, coaches and board members as they grow. I myself was a Palmer Little League player growing up and now I have spent over a decade as the President of this league, ensuring continued success. My son, who has played since he was 4 in the League, is now 13 and will not only be playing this year, but also umpiring games. This cycle of leadership and volunteerism aligns with PCF by showing we can only be as great as the people who work to keep us going.



### **Project Scope of Work**

Please list the steps to be taken to conduct the program, service, project or event. Be sure to address issues such as: beginning and ending date, who will work to conduct the event/project, clean-up team, where is the project going to occur (location).

We hope to have new scoreboards in place prior to the start of the 2024 season on May 11. We just need to purchase them and have them at the field.

### **Community Benefit**

Please indicate how the results of your program, service, project or event will enhance economic development or generally benefit the city of Palmer. Describe the expected number of participants to be attracted by the event or project. Please explain how your organization will evaluate the community benefit of your event. Examples might include surveys, registrations, sign-in sheets, number of people served, etc.

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### Detailed Budget

**Revenue:**

Source:	Cash	In-Kind	Total
City of Palmer Community Grant	\$ <b>\$1380</b>	\$ _____	\$ <b>\$1380</b>
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
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<b>Totals</b>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

**Expenditures:**

Item/Service:	Cash	In-Kind	Total
New Scoreboard	\$ <b>\$1380</b>	\$ _____	\$ <b>\$1380</b>
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<b>Totals</b>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

### Matching Funding Source

Describe source of matching funding. Have alternate sources of funding been explored?

We have also applied for a Palmer Community Foundation grant to assist with purchasing additional scoreboards. Should we not obtain the desired funds, we will work on additional fundraising opportunities to complete the project.

### Post Event Report

Describe how you propose to provide a post-event report with details on the economic impact, how funding was spent on the sole purpose for which it was awarded, and if any unspent money is to be returned to the city (provide an expected date).

We will put City of Palmer logo on the scoreboard if it is donated. We will also recognize the donation at our opening ceremonies on May 11.

Applications may be submitted at any time to the address listed above. Please allow at least six weeks lead time for application review and City Council agenda scheduling.

Applicant signature: David Combs

Date: 03/27/2024

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Date received by City Clerk's Office: \_\_\_\_\_

City Council agenda date: \_\_\_\_\_

Action Memorandum No.: \_\_\_\_\_

City Council:

Approved

Denied

Amount Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

\$

Date applicant notified of request outcome: \_\_\_\_\_

I-9 Form Submitted (for taxable organizations only): \_\_\_\_\_