

## 8. POLICY GOVERNING APPLICATION PROCESS FOR YOUTH RECREATIONAL FUNDING REQUESTS

As you recall, one of your priorities at last year's strategic planning retreat was to develop a process to screen and evaluate the increasing number of funding requests from youth recreation organizations. The FY 2010 Board of Supervisors operating budget included a new line item, funded at the \$10,000 level, which is presently available for these types of requests.

Attached for your reference, please find a copy of the draft application for funding. I am proposing to make the applications available at the start of the new calendar year and have them returned by February 5, 2010. A review panel comprised of two members of the Board of Supervisors (to be appointed by the Chairman), Assistant County Administrator, Principal Planner and Finance Director will screen and evaluate the applications and offer their recommendations for funding to the Board at the regular March meeting. Funding would be dispersed to the qualifying organizations in April.

Eligible applicants are not-for-profit recreational organizations and must be designated as such by the Internal Revenue Service (this assures that you comply with state statutes). The application is fairly extensive and is intended to provide enough data for the review panel to make fair and objective recommendations.

We will be placing notice of the availability of applications on our website and, hopefully, will gain some coverage in the Tidewater News. However, at least in this initial year, word-of-mouth may be the most effective means of communication. If you're aware of organizations in your respective district that may have an interest in applying, please make sure that they're contacted.

**MOTION REQUIRED:** If the Board is so inclined, a motion is required approving the process and authorizing distribution of the applications.