



Quarterly Report October — December 2024

The department looks closely at the services we offer, who benefits and how they benefit from the various services provided. The activities/events have been categorized below with a general definition included. All of these various services can be placed in a continuum that progresses from those that serve the “common good” to those that benefit individuals or serve special interests. As we move up the continuum, the graph illustrates those programs that are offered free of charge and are supported by tax dollars, as opposed to those that have an associated fee that allows for cost recovery.

Service Categories

Beginner Activities: Classes, clinics, workshops, and other led and/or instructed activities which include instruction, and the primary goal is to introduce participants to a skill at a "learn to" level.

Community Events: Annual events planned to be appealing and accessible to a majority of, or the entire community regardless of age, ability/skill, family composition, etc.

Drop-in Activities: Activities which do not require registration, but may require a membership, are self-directed and include staff/volunteer supervision or oversight.

Education & Enrichment: Classes, clinics, workshops, and other led/or supervised activities in which the primary intent is to provide socialization, interaction, and life skills development with a focus on education and lifelong learning.

Human Services: Services which focus on preventing and remediating life challenges and maintaining independence and connection to community by linking and/or providing resources for those in need. These services may be provided in response to climate emergencies.

Intermediate/Advanced Activities: Classes, clinics, workshops, leagues, and other led and/or instructed activities in which the primary intent is to advance or master a skill.

Open Access: Access to parks, park amenities, and/or facilities which does not include supervision or oversight by staff and activity is self-directed by the user or participant.

Private/Semi-Private Activities: Specialized classes, clinics, workshops, and other led and/or instructed activities offered in a private setting to meet the unique needs, interests and/or skill sets of individuals and small groups.

Rentals & Reservations: Space, equipment, and facility reservations for exclusive use by an individual or group.

Resales: Consumable and non-consumable goods available for purchase.

Common Good Services contribute to the common or "greater good" and can be characterized as essential ("must-haves") having community-wide impact. These services intend to influence social and environmental issues and needs. Typically, there are no similar or like services provided by the non-profit/Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) and/or private sectors.

Exclusive Services serve specialized interests benefitting the individual more than the common or "greater good." These services can be characterized as discretionary ("nice to have") with less community-wide impact, and can include constraints or barriers to access. Typically, similar or like services are provided by the non-profit/ Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) and/or private sectors.

