

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Presentation of Alumni Recognition Award from Raikes Foundation to City of Shoreline Youth and Teen Development Program		
DEPARTMENT:	Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services		
PRESENTED BY:	Mary K. Reidy, Recreation Superintendent		
ACTION:	<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance	<input type="checkbox"/> Resolution	<input type="checkbox"/> Motion
	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Presentation

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

In 2008 the City of Shoreline's Youth and Teen Development Program became one of three pilot programs in the state trained on the Youth Program Quality Initiative (YPQI) assessment tool. City staff embraced the cutting edge tool, implementing it with very little outside support and virtually no peer organizations in the state. Over the next two years, YPQI quickly became recognized on a national level as a standard for ensuring youth program quality. Since 2009 the Raikes Foundation's Youth Program Quality Strategy has adopted the YPQI as a model for investing in strengthening 'out-of-school time' programs that serve adolescents in Washington State. The YPQI focuses on building the capacity of youth-serving organizations to deliver the best possible programs.

Over the past four years, the City's Youth and Teen Development Program received two grants from the Raikes Foundation to fund the implementation and integration of the YPQI into our program. Staff has worked closely with the Raikes Foundation over the past three years to train staff and modify programs within the YPQI framework. At this time the YPQI is being extended beyond Youth and Teen Development programs into Camp Shoreline and our breakdance and skateboard classes. The longer term goal for the Recreation Division is to use the YPQI framework as a guide to develop division standards. As a result of this ongoing commitment to the YPQI the City of Shoreline has been recognized by the Raikes Foundation as one of four grantees to receive a special award – the Alumni Recognition Award.

Jody Rosentswieg, Raikes Foundation Program Officer, on behalf of the Raikes Foundation would like to thank the City Council for their support of youth and teen development programs in our community. Because of this ongoing Council support staff are able to offer one of the highest quality youth and teen programs in the region. The Raikes foundation recognizes Shoreline's outstanding efforts in the pursuit of quality programming for all youth in the community.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council receive the recognition award from the Raikes Foundation, presented by Jody Rosentswieg, Raikes Foundation Program Officer.

Approved By: City Manager ***DT*** City Attorney ***IS***