

**The Recreation Council of Greater St. Louis**  
**St. Charles County Office**  
**Personal Care Funding for Community Recreation Programs**

The Recreation Council of Greater St. Louis with funding from the Developmental Disability Resource Board of St. Charles County provides this aspect of the community recreation support voucher program to address the high support, personal care needs of St. Charles County residents attending an ***inclusive community recreation program***. Personal care includes toileting, changing diapers, feeding and/or dressing needs such as changing into and out of swim wear.

This funding is for participants of all ages who have a developmental disability, live in St. Charles County, require personal care assistance as verified by their case manager, and are enrolled in an ***inclusive recreation program*** in the St. Charles metro service area.

The family selects, screens, hires, and trains the personal care support provider of their choice. The family pays the support provider they have selected and submits a request to The Recreation Council for reimbursement. Hours/units are billed to the Recreation Council, by the family, on a monthly invoice form. The Recreation Council will make payment directly to the family. The Recreation Council is not responsible for the provision of services provided by the selected personal care support person. Due to the delicate nature of personal care, and the need to address safety of the participant, the the Recreation Council strongly suggests that families complete a background check on the support person they are hiring. Contact the Department of Health, Family Care Safety Registry at 573-526-1974, or Missouri Department of Health, Fee Receipts Unit, PO Box 570, Jefferson City, MO 65102. The Council will reimburse up to \$10 for the cost of the background screening.

Because this funding is part of the recreation voucher program, participants are eligible for up to a maximum annual amount of \$300 per fiscal year of *combined program fees and personal care wages*. To request program fees, complete the current fiscal year's voucher application *in addition* to this form. The reimbursement rate for personal care hours is \$6 per hour. Families are responsible for wages that exceed this amount.

*Example Request: \$100 toward program fees for tumbling class at "St. Charles Gymnastics Academy  
(Requested on VOUCHER APPLICATION funding request form)  
\$90 for 15 hours of personal care services  
(Requested on the PERSONAL CARE REQUEST form below)*

The *VOUCHER APPLICATION* is found on our website at:  
<http://www.recreationcouncil.org/applications.html>

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