



Update on Grant Funding Received by the City of Billings

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Parks and Recreation Coach Training



The City of Billings Parks and Recreation Department received a grant from the National Recreation and Park Association that will fund the training of 50 coaches as part of the NRPA's Million Coaches Challenge initiative.

More About This Project

The Billings Recreation Division

- Organizes recreation activities for youth throughout the year, ranging from swimming to volleyball to tennis, etc. Around 150 coaches and camp counselors are officially assigned to teams (a number of others join teams as assistants during their sport's season).
- Will train around 50 coaches of fall sports through the grant.
- Will focus the training not on the nuances of coaching young people about how to be good, contributing teammates, and how to make team sport an enjoyable experience for all players, no matter their ability, skill, or background.

Training Information

- Training will be provided by the Positive Coaching Alliance through their self-paced online course "Double-Goal Coach: Coaching for Winning and Life Lessons".
- The training module is 60 minutes in length and can be completed at a time most convenient for each coach.
- The Department will determine after this initial training whether to continue with the program after the grant-funded portion is completed this fall.

More About This Funding Source

- The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) is a non-profit network of 60,000+ park and recreation professionals and advocates.
- The NRPA "champions and supports the field of parks and recreation through professional development, advocacy, grants and programs, research, publications," etc.
- The NRPA Million Coaches Challenge is partnering with Million Coaches Challenge (millioncoaches.org) to provide free training to coaches in 30 organizations across the country that run youth recreation programs.
- Positive Coaching Alliance (positivecoach.org) is a national nonprofit that works to "unlock the life changing power of sports for all kids regardless of social or economic circumstance".

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