



FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY

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TO: Chairman and Members
Park Authority Board

VIA: Kirk W. Kincannon, Executive Director

FROM: Cindy Walsh, Director
Park Services Division

DATE: July 11, 2019

Agenda

**Park Services and Golf Committee
(Committee of the Whole)
Wednesday, July 24, 2019 – 5:10 p.m.
Boardroom – Herrity Building
Chairman: Michael Thompson
Vice Chair: Linwood Gorham**

1. Scholarships (with presentation) – Information*

*Enclosures



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Committee Agenda Item
July 24, 2019

INFORMATION (with Presentation)

Scholarships

Park Services Division staff will provide a presentation and overview on the scholarship program. This will contain general background information, including how the program is currently operated, as well as data on the trends/growth of the program. Additionally, staff will present research on other jurisdictions and provide several options for modifications/changes to the scholarship program for the future.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

NONE

STAFF:

Kirk W. Kincannon, Executive Director
Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director/COO
Aimee Vosper, Deputy Director/CBD
Cindy Walsh, Director, Park Services Division
Judy Pedersen, Public Information Officer
Josh Colman, Branch Manager, Business Office

Scholarship Program

BACKGROUND, TRENDS, AND PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE



Agenda

Background

Benchmarking

Next Steps


Questions

Program Background

Program Eligibility

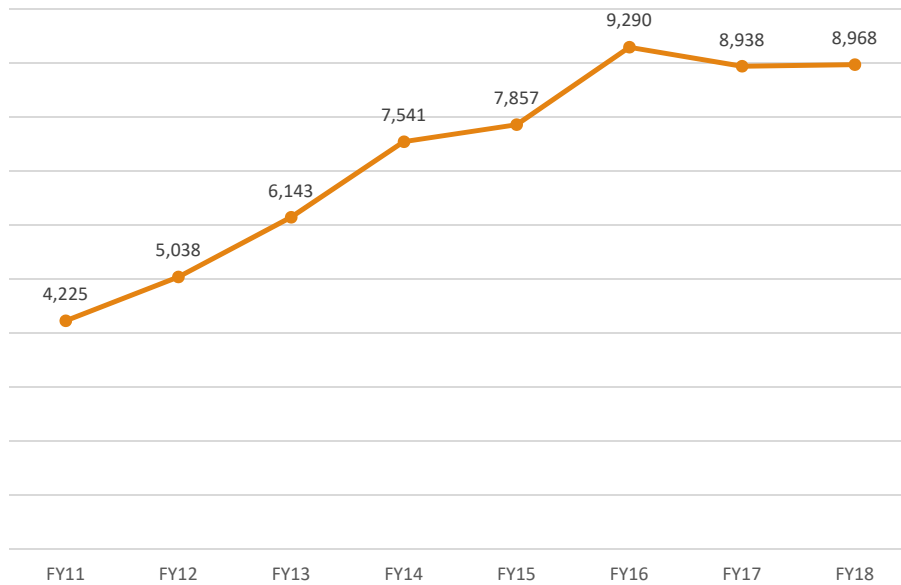
- County Residents Only
 - Youth Dependents of Public Assistance Recipients
 - Senior Adults and Adults with Disabilities

Rules

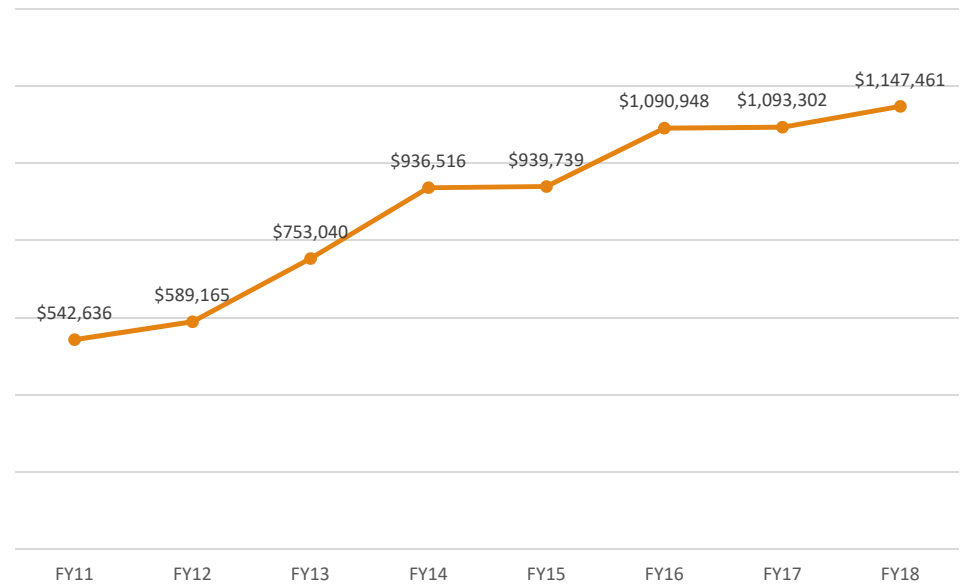
- One class per quarter
 - \$15 processing fee
 - Central Processing
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Growth of Scholarship Registrations

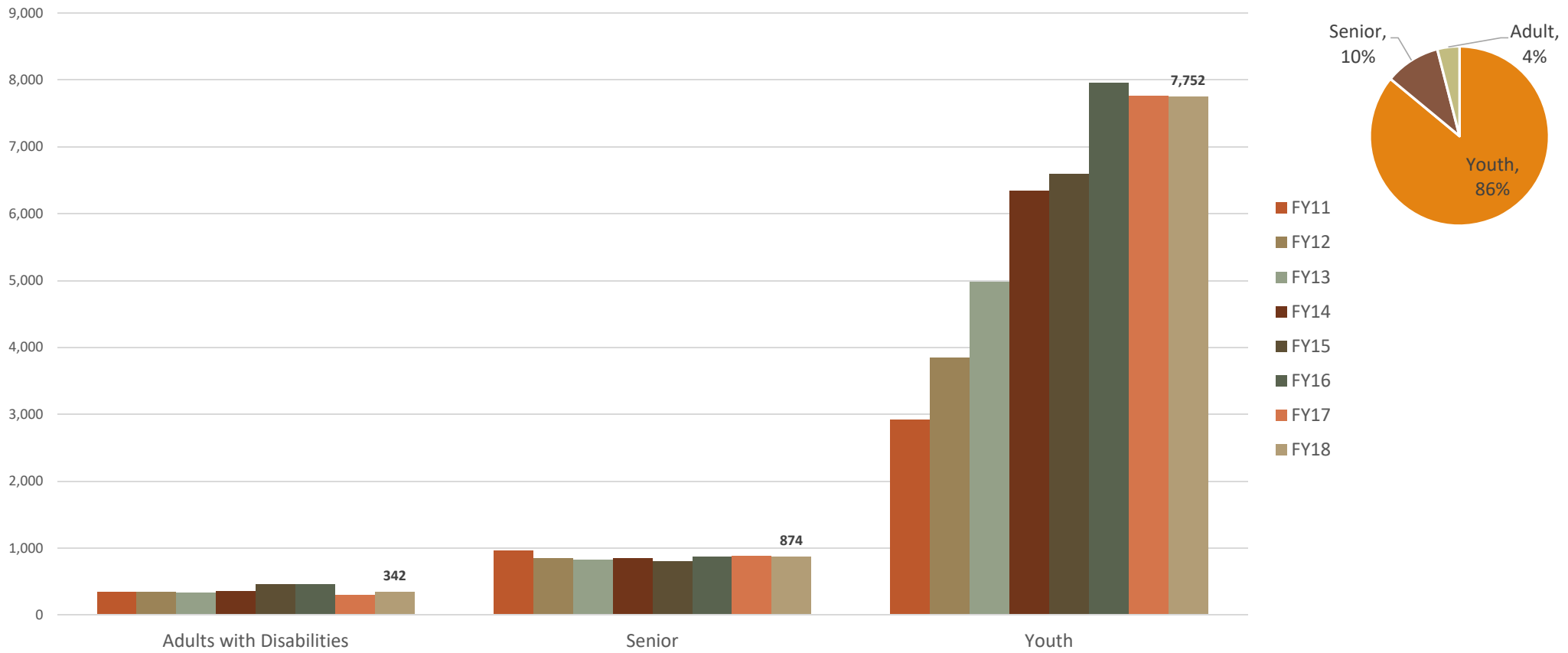
Number of Scholarship Registrations by FY



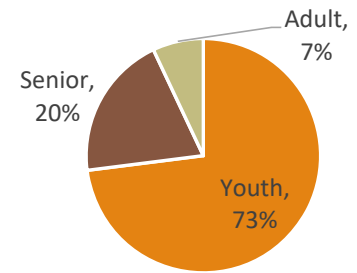
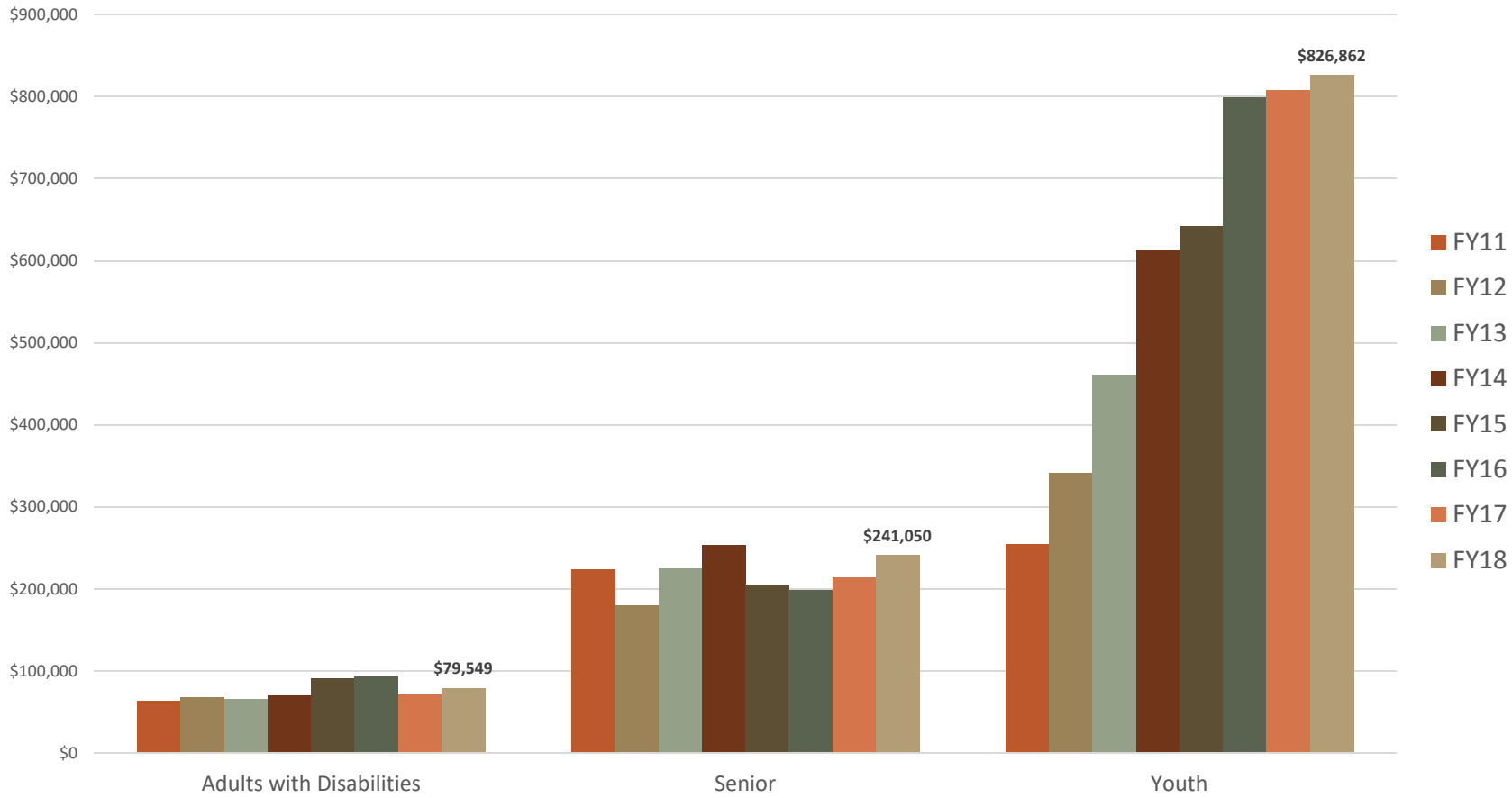
Value of Registrations by FY



Number of Scholarships by Age Group



Value by Age Group




Verification- How Do We Handle?

For Youth Participants:

- Form and Verification Required
 - Medicaid, Free School Lunch, SNAP, TANF, WIC, Head Start, FAMIS

For Senior Adults and Adults with Disabilities:

- Self-Declare
 - Individual must certify their income
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Benchmarking Local Jurisdictions

Common Themes:

- General Fund/Tax Support for Program
- Verification process
- Percentage reduction is standard
- Sliding scales


Arlington County:

- Reduction of 50% or 75% discount depending on qualification.

City of Alexandria:

- Reduction of 40%, 50%, or 70% depending on qualification.

Montgomery County:

- 20% co-payment per class or program.
 - “RecAssist” Fund used on a first come, first serve basis by all participants.
 - When funds are used up, programs are full-priced.
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Factors to Consider

Current Program

Growth will require new/additional resources

Inequity in program

Lack of access to RECenters

Future Considerations

Support One Fairfax and ensure all have opportunity to participate

Develop programs and procedures consistent with revenue fund obligations

Follow best practices for comparable programs in neighboring jurisdictions

Next Steps

Analyze individual scholarship costs

Identify additional data needs

Provide long-term options for program

Questions?
